

High school senior sustains injuries in one-car accident

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

An early morning automobile accident in Ossineke last week put an Alcona High School senior in the hospital and on a long road to recovery from injuries sustained in the accident.

According to the Alpena County Sheriff's Department, the accident occurred shortly before 7 a.m. on US-23 near Scott Road on Wednesday, April 4.

The driver, Alexis "Lexi" Cook, 17, of Harrisville was transported to Alpena Regional Medical Center and then airlifted to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich. later that afternoon.

"She swerved to avoid deer that ran into her path and lost control of the vehicle," said Terry King, Alpena County undersheriff. "The accident was so severe it broke the back axle of the vehicle."

According to Lexi's father, David Cook, she was on her way to a calculus class at Alpena Community College. The Class of 2012 valedictorian is taking college courses in addition to her senior year course schedule. "She doesn't remember what happened," David Cook said.

He said witnesses have told him the car rolled over seven or eight times before it came to rest in the ditch. "The seatbelt saved her life," David Cook said. "The car rolled and it kept her in the car...I've been told the driver's door was gone... but, it (seat belt) also strangled her. She wasn't breathing."

Cook was told the first responder who was first on the scene found the car upside down and thought she was dead. The first responder cut the seatbelt and Lexi began breathing again. "If he'd been a minute or two later she wouldn't have made it..."

He explained Lexi's most

serious injuries are to her lower extremities. On Thursday, April 5 Lexi had surgery on her right leg and knee. Another surgery is scheduled for her left knee on April 30. In the meantime, Cook said, they hope to get Lexi home. "We are hoping she will be home by the time this week's paper comes out."

Lexi Cook is the daughter of David and Patty Cook of Harrisville and the granddaughter of Jim and Nancy Cook also of Harrisville. She has three older sisters, Samantha, Rachel and Nicole. Up until Sunday, the entire family has been staying in Traverse City. "Patty hasn't left her side," Cook said.

"Her spirits are better than her mom and dad's," Cook said Monday. "She's a glass is half full kind of girl. It helps that she's getting all kinds of caring thoughts and well wishes. These kind thoughts and prayers have been instrumental in her recovery. She's a positive person and it's definitely helped her."

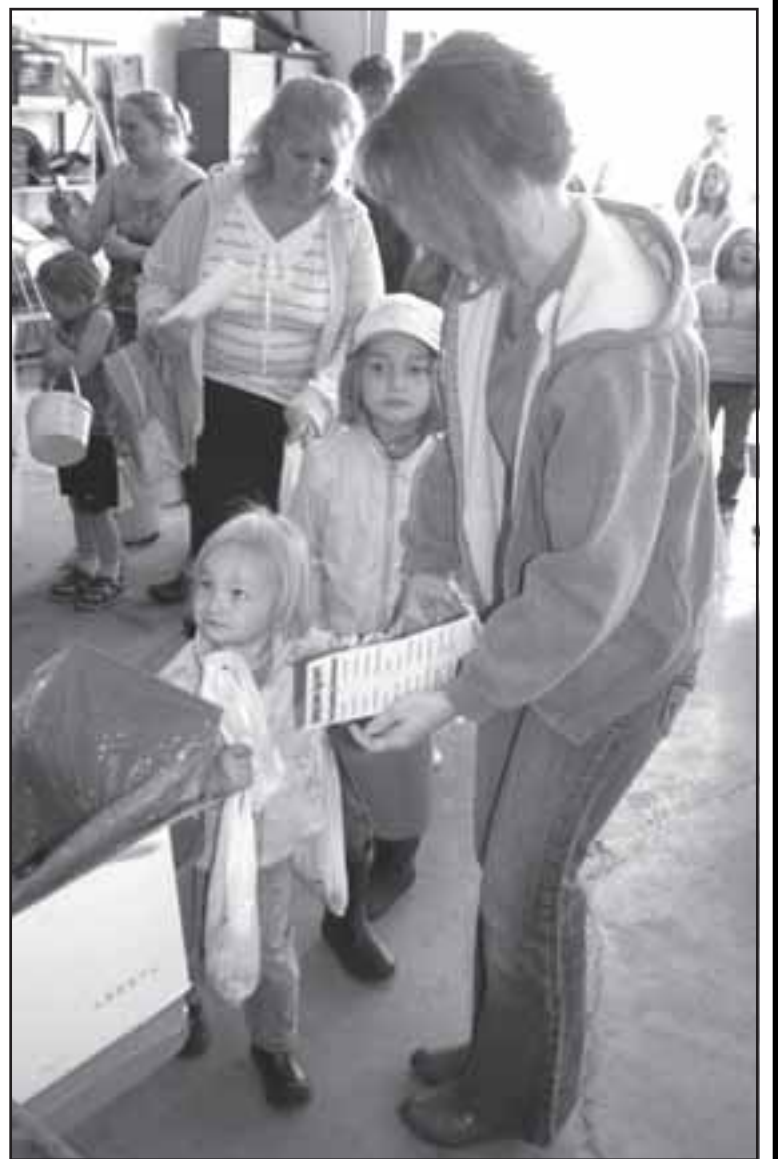
"The support has been overwhelming...It's been wonderful. We don't know what to say when people ask what they can do to help... We are so thankful to everyone who helped her. It could have been so much worse...She's had people up above watching over her. The Lord has a project for her, we don't know what it is yet but she will figure it out."

Anyone interested in sending cards or letters may send them to 4385 M-72, Harrisville.

The accident is under investigation by the Alpena County Sheriff's Department. Sanborn Township first responders were first on the scene.

Brookelynn and Elizabeth Halbert (with their mom, Betty Jo Travis-Halbert) are given a bag and list of businesses to collect Easter eggs from in Lincoln on Saturday.

According to activities director Teresa Hart, 242 children participated in the event on Saturday. This is the fourth year the event has been held and it keeps growing, Hart said, thanks to the support of local businesses and groups. "All of the businesses participate and it's wonderful. They've been very supportive. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is also very supportive," Hart said. She works with Naomi Potter to put on the event where each child receives a prize in addition to items given away by area businesses that children visit during the "egg hunt." Prizes are either donated by or funds are provided by area businesses and the DDA. The Lincoln Lions also donated money for food and the fire department volunteered to serve



Forest experts: Avoid unnecessary tree pruning, cutting

Due to the unseasonably warmer temperatures this spring, the window for the transmission of oak wilt from diseased to healthy red oak trees has already started, According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

According to Dr. Robert Heyd, forest pest management program manager for the DNR's Forest Resources Division, oak wilt is a serious disease of oak trees - mainly red oaks, including northern red oak, black oak and pin oak - in Michigan and seven other neighboring Midwestern states. Red oaks will die within a few weeks after be-

coming infected, though white oaks are more resistant and the disease progresses more slowly. This year the disease risk for trees is especially high and ahead of schedule.

"The normal time-tested advice is to prevent oak wilt by not pruning or otherwise 'injuring' oaks from April 15 to July 15," said Dr. Heyd. He said the spread of oak wilt occurs during this time of year as beetles move spores from fungal fruiting structures on last year's oak wilt-killed trees to wounds on healthy oaks. Because of the warmer weather, the beetles that move oak wilt - and the

oak wilt inoculum - are present in many areas.

"Anyone who has lost trees to oak wilt knows not to cut trees from mid-April to mid-June," Heyd said. "But, with the warmer weather and the higher risk, the time frame has moved up much earlier. Prevention efforts - not cutting and pruning - really need to start now."

Heyd said although oak wilt hasn't been detected in every Michigan county, the need for vigilance is present statewide. "With the transport of firewood and other tree-related activities, you have to assume the risk is present, whether you live in

metro Detroit or Menominee."

Oak wilt has already been detected in the following counties: Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Barry, Benzie, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Cheboygan, Clinton, Crawford, Dickinson, Genesee, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iron, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Kent, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Manistee, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Monroe, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Ottawa, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, Van Buren,

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Obituaries

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
This is in regard to the Puttin' on the Fritz column, "Tea and Skittles" in the April 4 issue.

This quote really got to me -- "I remember warning her, when the bill became law. "You have to be careful," I told her. "Under this law, mouthing off to someone on the street could give them the right to shoot you."

A page right out of the liberal talking points, clearly, Mrs. Kniep, you have not read the law, so here is the part that you refer to: Florida Statute § 776.012. Use of force in defense of person: A person is justified in using force, except deadly force, against

another when and to the extent that the person reasonably believes that such conduct is necessary to defend himself or herself or another against the other's imminent use of unlawful force. However, a person is justified in the use of deadly force and does not have a duty to retreat if:

(1) He or she reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony; or

This law, simply permits a person to defend him/herself from imminent death or

great bodily harm, without a requirement to retreat. Where does it say, that if you mouth off to someone you can/do have a right to shoot them?

That's right, it doesn't and you're purposely misrepresenting the law to those that look to you as an informed contributor to the media.

Was it a legal shooting under this law, this time? I guess we'll find out, but that's for the courts to decide and I'm sure they will.

There is nothing wrong with the law, as you imply.

Jim Ferguson
Dickson, Tenn.
and Harrisville

Betty P. Frickey

Betty P. Frickey, 83, of Streamwood, Ill. died on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012.

She was born August 6, 1928 in Cresson, Pa. to Sheridan and Mae E. (Black) Keith.

She worked at Alcona High School for over 20 years.

Mrs. Frickey is survived by four daughters, Diann Taylor of Streamwood, Ill., Sandra LaVigne of Eastport, Mich., Donna (Russ) Abbott of Central Lake, Mich. and Brenda (fiancé Bruce Bussiere) Frickey of Madison Heights, Mich.; one son Bill (Debra) Frickey of Medina, Ohio; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister.



A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 21 at 11 a.m. at Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 E. Main Street, Lincoln.

Arrangements were handled by Countryside Funeral Home.

Michael D. Glore

Michael D. Glore, 58, of Mikado, died on Monday, April 9, 2012 at his home.

He was born September 9, 1953 to James and Alice (Drudge) Glore in Garden City, Mich. He was raised in Taylor, Mich.

On November 11, 1977 he married Ann LaVigne in Wyandotte, Mich. They were residents of Taylor, Mich.

In 1983 they moved to Mikado and opened the Mikado Market.

He was retired from the Alcona County Road Commission. He also worked as a carpenter, most recently with his son at E&M Builders. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was also a skilled woodworker. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with this family.

Mr. Glore is survived by his wife, Ann; one daughter, Erin Glore of Plymouth, Mich.; one son, Edward (Melissa) Glore of Mikado; one grandson, Avery Glore of Mikado; one brother, Brian



(Delores) Glore of Taylor, Mich.; his mother-in-law, Mona (Rick) Rozanek of Lincoln; one sister-in-law, Terrie (Jim) Hamm of Arizona; one brother-in-law, Joe (Kathy) LaVigne of Harrisville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Evan on March 14, 1997; and by his parents.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 11 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado from 11 a.m. until the funeral at noon. The Rev. Tim Steiner will officiate. Burial will be in Mikado Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Mikado Goodfellows or to Hospice of Michigan, northeastern unit.

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Wash-tenaw, Wayne and Wexford.

Springtime is a popular time for people to move firewood to vacation properties and other locations. During this April-to-June period, Heyd said it's vital not to move wood from oak wilt-killed trees. These trees are often cut into firewood and moved, sometimes many miles from their original locations. Any

wounding of oaks in this new area can result in new oak wilt infections as beetles move spores from the diseased firewood to fresh wounds on otherwise healthy trees.

The DNR recommends that anyone who suspects they have oak wilt-tainted firewood should cover it with a plastic tarp all the way to the ground, leaving no openings.

This keeps the beetles away and generates heat inside the tarp, helping to destroy the fungus. Once the bark loosens on the firewood, the disease can no longer be spread.

New oak wilt sites have been traced to spring and early summer wounding from tree-climbing spikes, rights-of-way pruning, nailing signs on trees, and accidental tree-barking. If an oak is wounded during this critical time, the DNR advises residents to cover the wound immediately with either a tree-wound paint or a latex paint to help keep the beetles away.

Once an oak is infected, the fungus moves to neighboring red oaks through root grafts. Oaks within approximately 100 feet of each other - depending on the size of the trees - have connected or grafted root systems. Left untreated, oak wilt will continue to move from tree to tree, progressively killing more red oak over an increasingly larger area. These untreated pockets also serve as a source of inoculum for the overland spread of the disease.

Get more information on the background, symptoms and prevention of oak wilt at <http://michigansaf.org/forestinfo/Health/E2764-OakWilt.pdf>.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2011-2012

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
April 1	48	36	0.01	3.9	26	SW
April 2	47	30	0.00	2.9	27	NE
April 3	49	29	0.01	2.1	36	NE
April 4	50	33	0.00	7.6	24	NNE
April 5	40	30	0.00	11.0	20	NNE
April 6	43	29	0.00	4.1	23	ENE
April 7	52	27	0.00	2.4	23	ENE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2011-2012			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.02	T	0.49
April to Date	0.02	T	0.49
Year/Season to Date	4.84	31.7	5.78

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

Calendar of Events

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

the cost to operate the different systems will be held at 7 p.m. at Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Rd., Glennie. For more information, call (989) 735-2601.

Community walking club for everyone meets at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 8:30 a.m.

There will be a free seminar for those interested in online safety, especially for seniors at 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m., meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. Call, (989) 739-4483 or (989) 736-8022 for more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

There will be a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and free for age five and under. Everyone is welcome.

Two computers available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

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

Family carnival and book fair from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Alcona Elementary gymnasium for the students, staff and families that attend Alcona Elementary School.

Beauty and the Beast play presentation by the Alcona High School Drama Club at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School auditorium, Barlow Rd., Lincoln. Tickets available at the door.

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

Registration deadline for the "Soil to the Skillet" program offered by MSU Extension and the Alcona County Master Gardener volunteers. To be held Saturday, April 21. Cost is \$30, call (989) 724-6478 or e-mail zeimendi@-anr.msu.edu for more information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

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.

Blood drive and spaghetti dinner benefit for Ray Eberhardt from noon to 4 p.m. at Woodland Pines Resort, US-23 south of Oscoda. For more information, call Sally Webster (989) 739-1854.

Food, fellowship, fun and music at the V.F.W. Post No. 6466, 311 N. Lake St., Harrisville. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12, everyone is invited.

Beauty and the Beast play presentation by the Alcona High School Drama Club at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School auditorium, Barlow Rd., Lincoln. Tickets available at the door.

Friends of Sprinkler Lake Education Center, 1700 Adams Rd., Glennie, will holding a spring work session beginning at 9 a.m. Work will include raking, hauling brush, cleaning the buildings and other projects. A light lunch will be provided. Call, (989) 724-5053 or (989) 724-

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11
Sewing with Jennie Anderson from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

The Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce will meet at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No charge. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Two computers available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Free community workshop "Service in a Tourism Community" will be held at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the EMS building, 2600 E. M-72, Harrisville. Space is limited. Pre-register by e-mailing zeimendi@anr.msu.edu or call, (989) 724-6478.

The Barton City Improvement Association will hold its monthly meeting at the VFW Hall located on Trask Lake Rd. at 7 p.m. all Barton City residents are invited to participate.

Spaghetti dinner and bake sale to benefit the Alcona Varsity Track team from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School Cafeteria. Cost is \$7. Take out available. For more information, call (989) 335-0706.


THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No charge. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Two computers available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Mail and phone scams will be the subject covered by a guest speaker from the attorney general's office at the Lincoln Senior Center at 4:15 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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Local Notes

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Your Township Hall is in need of some major repair and before doing anything, the Township Board would like your input. We have scheduled an open house meeting for Saturday, April 21st from 6 till 8 p.m. at the Township Hall. The Board has some plans and ideas and would value your input also. Please try and attend and if you are unable, contact a board member for information.
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Farm Market Meeting

The ARA Farm Market invites all Alcona produce growers to a vendors' meeting on Saturday, April 14 at 3 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room in the Alcona County Building, corner of US-23 and M-72, Harrisville. It is time to get ready for a new market season beginning the last Saturday of April at the ARA site (fairgrounds) in Lincoln. Participants who are already a market vendor or who would like to find out about becoming a new vendor are welcome to attend. Call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-8229 for more information.

Skywarn Training

The Alcona County Emergency Management and Amateur Radio Group are sponsoring a free Skywarn Training Severe Weather Program presented by the National Weather Service of Gaylord, Mich. on Thursday, April 26 starting at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held at the Al-



cona County EMS/EOC building located at 2600 East M-72. Attendees will have a chance to win a free Weather Alert Radio. This event is open to the public - no registration required. For additional information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550.

Earth Day Trees

Celebrate Earth Day with a free white pine tree giveaway at the Harrisville and Lincoln branches of the Alcona County Library on Thursday, April 19 and Friday, April 20, while supplies last. Trees are donated by the Alcona Conservation District. Learn more about environmental issues by checking out the new DVDs and books with an Alcona County Library card. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Spring Tree Sale

The Alcona Conservation District will conduct its 2012 Spring Tree Sale on Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the garage behind the Alcona ANR Building, 320 S. State Street (US-23), Harrisville. Fruit trees, conifers, hardwoods and flowering shrubs are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call (989) 724-8229 for more information.

New Arrival

Savannah Misty Raymond is the new daughter of Alex and Ravienne (Wade) Raymond. She was born January 13, 2012 in Texas. She weighed seven pounds. She is the granddaughter of Dawn Kihn-Wade of New Orleans, La. and Zachary Wade of Louisiana. She is the great-granddaughter of Keith and Donna Kihn of Herron, Mich. and Barb Wade of Wayne, Mich.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 or (989) 735-5191 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, April 16—Breaded pork chop, scalloped potatoes, sugar snap peas,

tropical fruit salad and fruit.

- Tuesday, April 17—Pepper steak over rice, Prince Charles blend vegetables, tossed salad and fruit cobbler.

- Wednesday, April 18—Chicken Parmesan over spaghetti, mixed vegetables, coleslaw and fruit.

- Thursday, April 19—Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruited Jell-O and fruit.

- Friday, April 20—Baked fish, garden rice, cooked carrots, orange pineapple salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Business Award

Bikergarage101 has been recognized as one of the 2012 "Michigan 50 Companies to Watch," at an awards program sponsored by the Edward Lowe Foundation and presented by Michigan Celebrates Small Business. Bikergarage101 will be honored at an awards ceremony during the eighth annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business event, May 3 in Lansing, Mich.

Bikergarage101, located in Oscoda, started as a motorcycle parts and accessory website in 2008. It has expanded beyond motorcycle parts and accessories to include scooters and outdoor equipment. It is also the mid-west distributor of scooters for all dealers east of the Mississippi River and recently became authorized dealer for several lines of outdoor power equipment, including Husquvarna and Badboy mowers. It is also home to Michigan's only motorcycle museum.

According to the owner and CEO of Bikergarage101, Chad Faszczewski, the secret to Bikergarage101's success is, "a company that continues to evolve and adapt to the ever changing consumer market. We utilize several avenues such as the Internet, auctions, retail store front, mobile devices, trade shows, mechanical services, diversified products and more to achieve financial growth and profitability."

Winners were selected by Michigan-based judges from the banking, economic development, entrepreneurship development, industrial and venture capital communities.



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MEETING NOTICE

What: Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Boundary Expansion Scoping Meeting

When: Thursday, April 19, 2012
5:30 p.m.

Where: Alcona County EMS Building,
2600 E. M-72, Harrisville, Mich.

Why (Agenda): NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has announced it will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to consider possible expansion of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Lake Huron. This scoping meeting (1 of 3) is for the public to learn more about the proposal and submit comments. The initial scoping period for the draft EIS ends on May 25, 2012 and all comments must be submitted to NOAA by close of business on that date.

Boys basketball ends with awards banquet

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

The Alcona High School boys basketball season came to an end Tuesday, April 3 with an awards banquet held in the gym at the Lincoln Baptist Church. A potluck dinner was followed by speeches and presentations by junior varsity coach Brad Cole and varsity coach Seth Coffing.

The on-court season came to an end after the regional semi-final game between Alcona and Clare. It was a hard fought game and the Alcona boys basketball varsity team can be proud of itself, despite a 58-43 loss. The Tigers fell behind 16-10, after one quarter against the taller Clare team that had lost only one game all year. Jared Steiner kept Alcona in the game with seven points.

Alcona battled back in the second period, outscoring Clair 14-9 and trailed by one point -- 25-24 -- at halftime. However, the Clair Pioneers increased their lead to 42-35 in the third quarter and the Tigers were unable to get any closer the rest of the game.

Brock LaVergne played one of his better games of the year, winning the battle with Clare's six foot, eight inch tall center. LaVergne led the Tigers with 17 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. Steiner hit for 14 points and had four steals. Bryan Layton scored seven points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

The six seniors graduating this year have left quite a legacy. They won back-to-back district titles for the first time in school history. They went undefeated for two years in the newly formed Huron Shores League while winning back-to-back league championships and league tournaments.

The six seniors -- Brock LaVergne, Bryan Layton, Brandon Gibson, Andrew Chamberlain, Nick Garner and William Bates will be missed but remembered as a team that made us all proud.

Steiner, LaVergne and Layton were named to the All Huron Shores League first team. Steiner and Layton were also named to the Alpena News All Area first team. LaVergne was named to the second team.

The following awards were given by Seth Coffing: Most valuable player - Bryan Layton; defensive player of

the year - Brandon Gibson; offensive player of the year - Bryan Layton; playmaker - Jared Steiner; rookie of the year - Trent LaVergne; sixth man - Andrew Chamberlain (second year in a row); free throw champion and rebounding leader - Brock LaVergne; best hustler - Aaron Ritchie; most improved player - Nick Garner; coach's award - Eric Hampton; newcomer - Andy Cammack; three point shooter - William Bates; role player - Nick Bouchard.

Coffing took considerable time commenting on what a special team he has had for two years. "It was evident how much they cared after the regional game we lost. It was very emotional in the locker room. The hard work they put in during the off season and their dedication to becoming better basketball players is evident by their success. I'm sure this will carry over to their work ethics in the future," Coffing said.

Bowling

Early Bloomers

April 3

Violets	219	141
Tigerlilys	205.5	154.5
Bluebells	197	163
Mums	177.5	182.5
Marigolds	173	187
Rosebuds	165	195
Daffodils	163.5	196.5
Buttercups	133.5	226.5

High game and series: Becky Kwilinski, 192 and 501.

High team game and series: Daffodils, 487 and 1,269.

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April 4

Alcona Tool	105.5	44.5
Alcona Abstr.	95	55
Stoney Acres	82	68
Other Team	75.5	74.5
JB's Auto	66	84
Ark Plumb.	65	85
Cole's Appl.	59	91
Back Alley	52	98

High game and series: Lynn Gibson, 226 and 567.

High handicap game: Cheri Murphy, 252.

High handicap series: Theresa Somers, 679.

Huron

April 3

Hart Tire	11	93.5
Carpet One	20	91
Gary Oil	19	83
Mancino's	14	82.5
Big Joe's	16	81
Rob's Repair	10	68
B & D Sales	20	67
Back Alley	10	34

High game and series: Rod Travis, 289 and 689.

High handicap game and series: Rod Travis, 307 and 743.

Sportsman

April 5

Morgan Elec.	19	120
Phil's Barber	11	90
Balls on Ya	24	86
Baymoor	25	85
Cole's Appl.	20	67
L.L.W. Club	10	54
Ghost Busters	5	52
Top O' Mich.	6	46

High game and series: Roger Klukowski, 279 and 719.

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What: Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Boundary Expansion Scoping Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 17, 2012
5:30 p.m.

Where: Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center,
500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena, Mich.

Why (Agenda): NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has announced it will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to consider possible expansion of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Lake Huron. This scoping meeting (1 of 3) is for the public to learn more about the proposal and submit comments. The initial scoping period for the draft EIS ends on May 25, 2012 and all comments must be submitted to NOAA by close of business on that date.

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Medical alert devices that can help keep seniors safe

Dear Savvy Senior,
I'm interested in getting my mother, who lives alone, a medical alert device with a wearable SOS button that she can push in case she falls or needs help. What kinds of devices can you recommend and how much do they cost?

Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,

There's a wide variety of medical alert systems on the market today that can help keep elderly seniors safe, while living in their own home. Here's a breakdown of some different styles and prices to help you choose.

The most popular medical alert systems available today are the ones that will connect your mom to a 24-hour emergency monitoring service when she needs help. These units come with waterproof "SOS" buttons - typically in the form of a necklace pendant or bracelet - and a base station that connects to her home phone line.

At the press of a button,

your mom could call and talk to a trained operator through the system's base station receiver which works like a powerful speaker phone. The operator will find out what's wrong, and will notify family members, a neighbor, friend or emergency services as needed.

If you're interested in this type of alert, there are literally dozens of services to choose from. One of the most widely used is the Philips Lifeline Medical Alert Service (lifelinesys.com, (800) 380-3111) which costs \$35 per month, plus an \$82 start-up fee. Phillips also offers a new Auto Alert option (for \$48 per month) that has fall detection sensors in the SOS button that can automatically summon help without your mom ever having to press a button.

Some other major players in the industry that are a little less expensive (under \$30 per month) include: LifeFone (lifefone.com, (877) 849-8942), LifeStation (lifestation.com, (877) 478-3390), Bay Alarm

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One other unique product worth consideration is the MediPendant (getmedipendant.com, (888) 216-0039) which runs under \$35 a month. This system allows your mom to speak and listen to the operator directly through the SOS pendant, versus the base station speaker phone, which often makes for easier communication.

If you're looking for a cheaper option, consider a no-fee medical alert device that doesn't have professional monitoring services. These products, which also come with an "SOS" button and a home base station, are pre-programmed to dial personal contacts (relatives, friends, caregivers or 911) if the SOS button is pushed.

Most devices store about four phone numbers, and the system dials each number, one-by-one until a connection is made.

If you like this style, the Freedom Alert made by LogicMark (logicmark.com, (800) 519-2419) is a good product that allows you to speak through the pendant. The purchase price: \$300, with no ongoing monthly fees. Also check out Telemergency (telemergency.com, (888) 558-7420), which offers a variety on no-fee medical alert devices that cost under \$190.

If your mom is interested in a device that works outside the home too, there are several mobile products that will let her call for help anywhere. These pendant-style devices, which fit in the palm of your hand, work like little cell phones with GPS tracking capabilities.

To call for help, your mom would simply push one button, and an operator from the device's emergency monitor-

Savvy Senior

ing service would be on the line to assist her. And because of the GPS technology they would know her exact location, which is critical in emergency situations.

Top products to check out in this category include the new 5Star Urgent Response sold by GreatCall (greatcall.com, (800) 733-6632) for \$50 plus a \$35 activation fee and \$15 monthly service fees, and MobileHelp (mobilehelpnow.com, (800) 800-1710) which runs between \$37 and \$42 per month.

You also need to know that Medicare and most other insurance plans don't cover medical alert systems, although in some states Medicaid will if your mom receives Medicaid-funded homecare services.



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Good night and good luck

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

It's been a tough year for journalistic heroes, to say nothing of "60 Minutes." First, we lost Andy Rooney, now Mike Wallace, arguably the toughest interview in broadcasting today or any other day. His fearless questioning and aggressive style gave rise to the joke, "You know it's going to be a bad day when your secretary tells you Mike Wallace is waiting in the lobby."

At 93, Wallace was a correspondent emeritus for CBS but in the 1960s, when "60 Minutes" debuted, he virtually invented his own brand of investigative journalism. There was no one Wallace was afraid of and, as a colleague put it, he did less of an interview than a cross-examination.

During his early years in the business, Wallace interviewed Pearl Buck, Benet Cerf, Salvador Dali, Aldous Huxley, Eleanor Roosevelt, Margaret Sanger, Adelai Stevenson, Frank Lloyd Wright and Ayn Rand among others.

On "60 Minutes" he made his mark heading the Watergate broadcasts, interviewing Erlichmen, Halderman, Mitchell and Dean. He asked the Ayatollah Khomeini "Are you crazy?" and Mafia member Mickey Cohen, "How many men have you killed, Mickey?" He received 21 Emmys, five Peabody Awards and the Robert Kennedy Award for Journalism. Not bad for a guy who started out announcing for the Green Hornet.

I guess I thought he was immortal.

What I didn't know was that his real name was Myron and he held a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. And I remember him less as the "pitbull journalist" he's been described than as a man with a great smile and an even better laugh.

My favorite Wallace excerpts were the "ambush" interviews he invented for "60 Minutes" using hidden cameras and tracking subjects through parking lots and waiting rooms. Two of his most famous unveiled a Medicare kickback scandal and a phony cancer clinic.

In 1996 he interviewed Jeffery Wigand, the whistleblower who told him tobacco companies knew and covered up the fact that cigarettes caused cancer. The issue became central to the movie, "The Insider." I'm not sure if the quote from the movie is

accurate or not, but it seemed true when the actor playing Wallace said "Tell him that when I conduct an interview, I sit anywhere I please."

The subject was ironic, given that for a good part of his early career, he was a spokesman for the cigarette brand Parliament "the man's mild." In those early days, he also announced for the radio programs "Sky King" and "The Green Hornet."

A good part of my admiration for Wallace came not from his news acumen, but from the efforts he made to bring clinical depression out of the shadows. He suffered from the illness and after seriously considering suicide in the 1980s, sought treatment. Despite concerns that it might tarnish his image, he came forward on the subject, doing much to destigmatize the disease and the use of antidepressants.

In his personal life, he and wife, Mary, lost their oldest son, Peter, in a skiing accident at the age of 20. His younger son, Chris, currently broadcasts for Fox News. He had long and enduring friendships with such notables as Eric Sevareid, Walter Cronkite, Morley Safer and the aforementioned Rooney.

And he worked in broadcasting for almost 60 years. That's a pretty impressive record.

When he retired in 2006, Wallace said, "I'll be available when asked for whatever chores "CBS News," "60 Minutes," "The Evening News," et cetera have in mind for me." Two years later, he did an exclusive interview with baseball's Roger Clemens, accused of using steroids. At the age of 87, he was as tough as ever.

Wallace once said that when he attended U of M, his parents hoped he would become a doctor or a lawyer. They "didn't quite know what to think" about his becoming a radio announcer, he said. It's hard to imagine anything he could have been better at than searching out and ultimately shining a light on the truth.

As Jeff Fager, producer of "60 Minutes," put it, "There simply hasn't been another broadcast journalist with that much talent. It almost didn't matter what stories he was covering, you just wanted to hear what he would ask next. Around CBS he was the same infectious, funny and ferocious person as he was on TV. We loved him and we will miss him very much."

Puttin' On The Fritz

Morley Safer said Wallace "took to heart the old reporter's pledge to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." That, as I've always understood it, is the job in a nutshell. I'll miss you, Mr. Wallace. The clock may still be ticking, but Sunday nights won't ever be the same.

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top ten

Phrases From Shakespeare

1. Green-Eyed Monster
2. In a Pickle
3. Love Is Blind
4. Salad Days
5. Wear My Heart on My Sleeve
6. There's the Rub
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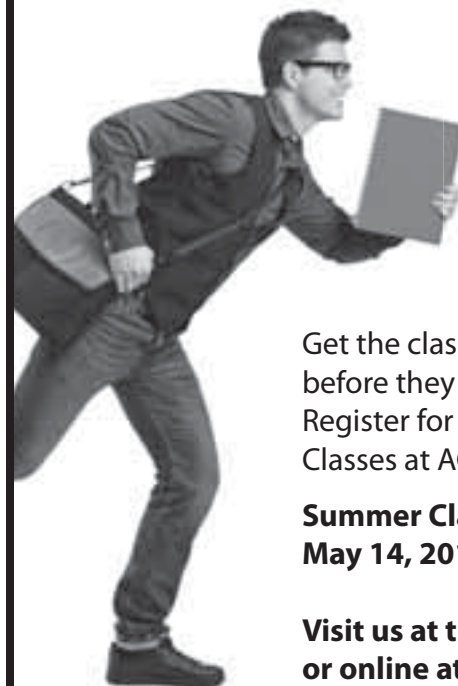
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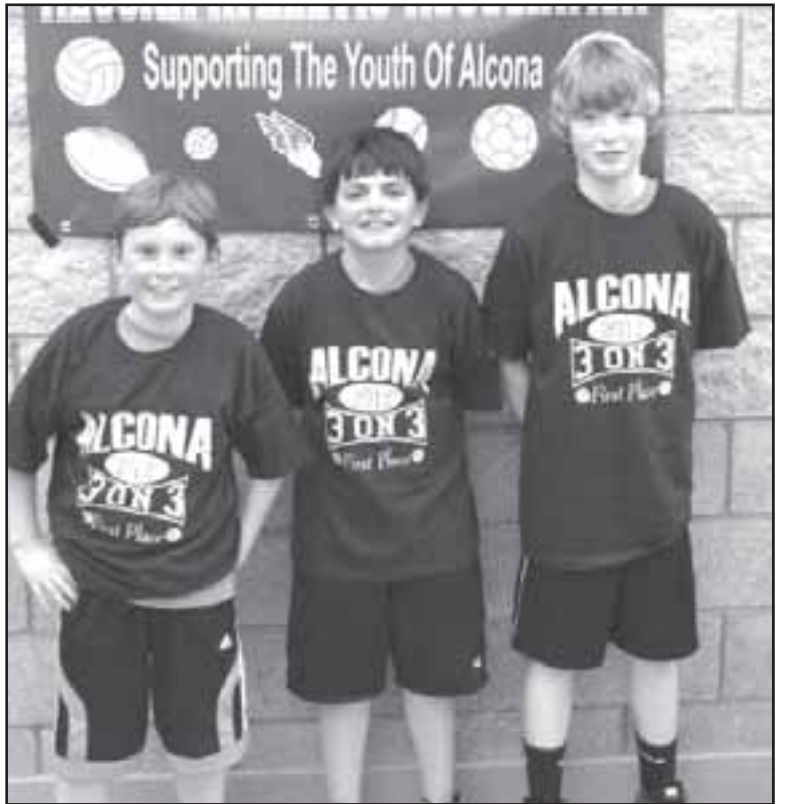
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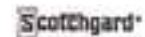
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The **common blue violet** seems to be everywhere a few weeks each spring. Its delicate blossoms peek out from shady nooks along streams or roadways or in forests, parks and lawns. It may creep into your garden, taking up residence in an untended pot or forgotten flowerbox.

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of April 2-8, 2012

48 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 1 Arrest; 1 Operating Under Influence of Drugs.

Complaint Statistic

Traffic	6	Car Deer	8
Malicious Destr. of Prop.	1	Civil Assist	1
False Alarm	2	Burglary	2
Domestic	4	Animal/Dog	8
Operate Under Infl. Drugs	1	Larceny	1
Runaway	1	Open Door	1
VIN Check	1	Juvenile	1
Child Neglect	1	Miscellaneous	4
Fire	2	Fraud	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	2		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	3	Caledonia	2	Curtis	8
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NASCAR REPORT

Newman's own

NASCAR THIS WEEK

By Monte Dutton

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Martinsville Speedway races tend to be won by acknowledged masters of NASCAR's shortest track, but it wasn't too much of a surprise that the latest to visit the .526-mile track's victory lane for the first time was Ryan Newman.

In his career, Newman, from South Bend, Ind., has won at the Sprint Cup level 16 times. Those 16 victories have occurred at 11 different tracks.

"I think there are 42 other drivers who say this place owes them one," Newman said after winning the Goody's Fast Relief 500. "That's the nature of this paper-clip race track."

The sharp curves at each end of NASCAR's oldest track set Martinsville apart.

The race was already in overtime when the top three cars — driven by Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Clint Bowyer — crashed in the first turn of the 505th lap. Newman managed to avoid the melee and held off A.J. Allmendinger to win a

race that eventually ran 15 laps past its scheduled distance.

Newman, 34, joked when asked about the diverse nature of his victories.

"I just try to spread them out," he quipped. "I could win a bunch of races, but for me it's more important to just kind of spread it out and let other guys win once in a while."

"What do you want me to say? That's just the way it all works."

Newman is well known for his qualifying prowess, though he hasn't won a pole since September 2011 in New Hampshire. That was his 49th career pole. He qualified fifth at Martinsville.

"We were not a dominant race car," Newman said, "but we put ourselves in contention and pulled it off."

Newman's victory occurred exactly 19 years after Alan Kulwicki, the 1992 Winston Cup champion, perished in a plane crash. Like Newman, Kulwicki earned an engineering degree in college. Kulwicki was, in fact, the only Cup champion to date with a four-year college degree.

"I remember this day 19

years ago when I was in high school," Newman said. "He was an inspiration for me. He was part of the reason why I

chose to (study engineering) and follow through with my racing career at the same time."

Newman earned his degree, in vehicle structural engineering, from Purdue University. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.



Ryan Newman racked up his first Martinsville victory on March 31. The Purdue graduate has won 16 Sprint Cup races at 11 different tracks in his career. (John Clark/NASCAR This Week photo)

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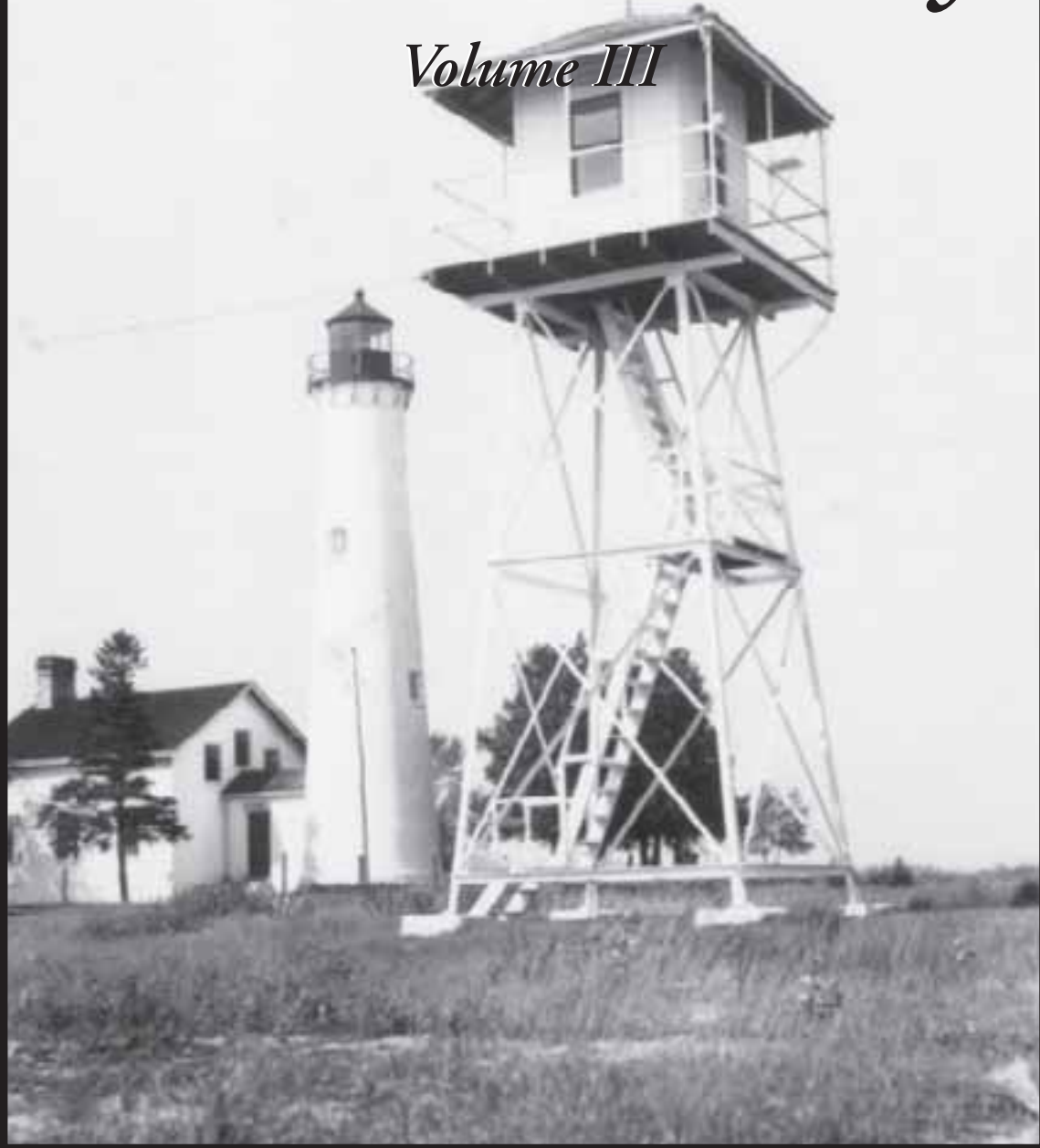
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MEETING NOTICE

What: Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Boundary Expansion Scoping Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 18, 2012
5:30 p.m.

Where: Presque Isle District Library,
181 East Erie St., Rogers City, Mich.

Why (Agenda): NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has announced it will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to consider possible expansion of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Lake Huron. This scoping meeting (1 of 3) is for the public to learn more about the proposal and submit comments. The initial scoping period for the draft EIS ends on **May 25, 2012** and all comments must be submitted to NOAA by close of business on that date.

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Calendar of Events

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6165 for more information.
My Brother's Hope will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. Lunch will be served.

The ARA Farm Market is holding a meeting for all current and prospective vendors at 3 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Alcona County Building, corner of US-23 and M-72, Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-8229.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

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

Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center

from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No charge. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Two computers available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

There will be a Red Cross blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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Blood pressure and blood sugar readings at the Curtis Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie at 4 p.m. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for April is "Mistress of Nothing" by Kate Pullinger. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

"Dining with the Docs" at the Alcona Health Center in Lincoln at 5:30 p.m., enter in the south door. The topic for the meeting will be aromatherapy by Barbara Kacel, R.N. Includes dinner, no charge, must register by calling (989) 724-6796.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Two computers available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

Blood pressure and blood sugar readings at the Lincoln Senior Center at 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Spruce Lutheran Emergency Food Pantry, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Clients must be present to receive food and bring identification. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

Foot Clinic with Connie Cosbett R.N. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Cost is \$25. Call for appointment (989) 736-8879.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No charge. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch and card games at the Lincoln Senior Center at noon. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Blood pressure and blood sugar readings at the Greenbush Township hall, 3029 Campbell Rd., at 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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Bird-feeding enthusiasts are encouraged to regularly clean and disinfect feeders because that is just as important as filling them - especially in efforts to prevent salmonellosis, a bacterial disease that kills many small birds.

Salmonellosis occurs when a food source is contaminated with fecal matter. Since 1970, when this bacterial disease was first diagnosed in Michigan, die-offs around bird feeders have become more common and have been witnessed in many bird species throughout the world.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), bird watchers have reported finding dead birds around their feeders and, on occasion, having seen "sick-acting" birds. Observable signs range from sudden death to a gradual decline of health over one to three days, accompanied by huddling of the birds, fluffed-up feathers, unsteadiness and shivering.

"We have received several calls from people who are finding dead goldfinches," said Brian Piccolo, a DNR wildlife biologist based in Roscommon, Mich. "The best thing you can do is remove and clean your bird feeder."

Piccolo said this bacterial disease is most common in house sparrows, pine siskins, American goldfinches and common redpolls, due to their habit of crowding onto the feeding area and remaining there until the food supply is exhausted - greatly increasing the number of bacteria a bird comes in contact with. It also appears that these four species of birds are inherently more susceptible to the bacteria than other wild birds.

The DNR advises that the most important control method for this bacterial disease is to disinfect all feeders and birdbaths weekly with a 10-percent bleach solution. If the bacterial disease is suspected, bird feed should be removed from the area for two to four weeks to allow birds to disperse; this includes encouraging neighbors to also clean and remove feeders.

By allowing the birds to disperse, birds infected with the disease can separate from healthy birds. Seed that is under the feeders and on the ground should also be raked or dug up in order to remove contaminated soil.

Fortunately, salmonellosis is not a cause of significant decline in the population of any wild bird species. This

disease is of interest to people feeding birds and the symptoms are sometimes mistakenly thought to be the result of poisoning.

"Feeding wildlife congregates them in a way that is not natural," explained DNR wildlife biologist/pathologist Tom Cooley. "Disease transmission is higher when wildlife is concentrated and in closer contact with each other."

Salmonellosis outbreaks around bird feeders generally subside with the milder weather of spring. During the spring and summer, when people typically do not feed birds, birds will forage individually while remaining in the same area.

Learn more about salmonellosis and other wildlife diseases typically found in Michigan at the DNR website, www.michigan.gov/wildlifediseasemanual.

NOTICE

The City of Harrisville is accepting applications for summer help. This position is a 30-hour per week temporary position that involves mowing, trimming, and painting. A valid driver's license is required. Applications are available at the city offices from 9 - 12, daily. Deadline for applying is April 20, 2012.

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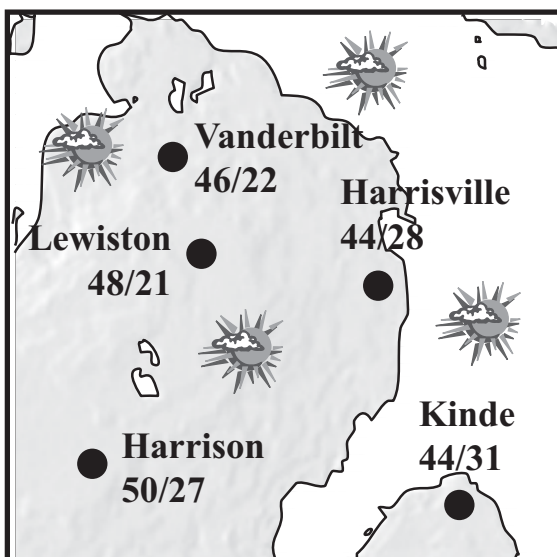
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Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 44 Low: 28
	THURSDAY Sunny High: 48 Low: 33
	FRIDAY Sunny High: 50 Low: 40
	SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 52 Low: 44
	SUNDAY Cloudy High: 56 Low: 45
	MONDAY Mostly Sunny High: 55 Low: 39
	TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 45 Low: 31

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 44°, humidity of 49%. North wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 83° set in 1977. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 28°. North wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 13° set in 1973. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 48°.

*Last Week's Almanac

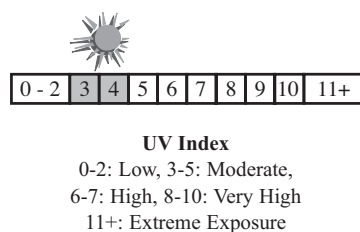
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	49	23	44/25	0.00"
Tuesday	58	27	45/26	0.01"
Wednesday	52	34	45/26	0.00"
Thursday	45	31	45/26	0.00"
Friday	55	22	46/27	0.00"
Saturday	57	22	46/27	0.00"
Sunday	55	33	47/28	0.06"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:55 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	1:17 a.m.	10:34 a.m.
Thursday	6:53 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	2:10 a.m.	11:41 a.m.
Friday	6:51 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	2:52 a.m.	12:48 p.m.
Saturday	6:50 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	3:28 a.m.	1:56 p.m.
Sunday	6:48 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	3:58 a.m.	3:01 p.m.
Monday	6:46 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	4:25 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
Tuesday	6:44 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	4:49 a.m.	5:08 p.m.

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered showers today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 61° in Belleville, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 87° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 80° in South Big Horn, Wyo. The Southwest will see scattered showers today, mostly clear skies Thursday, scattered showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 90° in Artesia, N.M.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:09 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
Venus	8:33 a.m.	12:27 a.m.
Mars	3:43 p.m.	5:35 a.m.
Jupiter	7:59 a.m.	10:13 p.m.
Saturn	8:20 p.m.	7:28 a.m.
Uranus	6:25 a.m.	6:42 p.m.

Weather History

April 11, 1965 - Severe thunderstorms in the Upper Midwest spawned 51 tornadoes, killing 256 people and causing more than 200 million dollars in damage. Indiana, Ohio and Michigan were hardest hit in the outbreak.

Weather Trivia

What was known as the billion dollar lightning strike?

Answer: In 1977, lightning hit a New York City power line, causing a 24-hour black-out.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Titanic Disaster was Unavoidable

Next week marks the centennial observance of the sinking of the Titanic. The White Star Line's flag ship was on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York when it struck an iceberg, April 14, shortly after 11:40 p.m. Just under three hours later, Titanic's broken stern slipped into the 28-31 degree waters of the North Atlantic. Deaths totaled 1517. Less than half of that number lived (710). The last Titanic survivor died in 2009. Even though the night was moonless, lookouts Frederick Fleet and Reginald Lee should have been able to spot the iceberg from a greater distance than they did. They may have been fooled by a mirage that helped to obscure the ice until it was too late. The night was radiantly clear, the ocean calm with almost a glass like quality. Titanic was sailing under an immense dome of high pressure, having recently passed from the warmer Gulf Stream into the much colder Labrador Current. When the air becomes warmer with altitude, called an inversion, a mirage can occur that creates a false horizon, lifting it higher than the true horizon. The effect would have obscured the nearer ice against this hazy false horizon, rendering it invisible until Titanic was close enough to make the iceberg appear higher than the false horizon. By that time, 11:40 p.m., maneuvering the cumbersome ocean liner from its path of collision had come and gone. Other atmospheric high jinks may also have occurred. The SS California, about one hour away, spotted a distant Titanic lifted above the true horizon by the super refraction of the atmosphere. Because it appeared too small, it was not deemed to be the great ocean liner. The atmospheric inversion also garbled Morse lamp messages between the two ships, keeping the California from understanding the true nature of the disaster until well after the Titanic had sunk into the frigid Atlantic. www.astronomy.org

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Drops of Sunshine

Who doesn't love American Goldfinches? Here are five things they can't resist:

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2. Sunflower heart chips.
3. Black oil sunflower seed.
4. Purple cone flowers.
5. Fresh water. (Lots of it!)

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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ART:** Which French painter is known for his depictions of ballerinas?
2. **ANATOMY:** Where is the hyoid bone located?
3. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the only mammal that can fly on its own?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the smallest U.S. state in land area?
5. **TELEVISION:** What was the theme song of the TV sitcom "Married with Children"?
6. **MOVIES:** Who played the dad in the film "The Shining"?
7. **ADVERTISEMENTS:** What product did the first television advertisement feature?
8. **HISTORY:** Aside from Rome, where did the popes of the Catholic Church reside for a brief period in the Middle Ages?
9. **PERSONALITIES:** What actor got his start as a circus performer?
10. **FAMOUS QUOTES:** Who once said, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen"?

Trivia Answers: 1. Edgar Degas; 2. Throat; 3. A bat; 4. Rhode Island; 5. "Love and Marriage" by Frank Sinatra; 6. Jack Nicholson; 7. Bulova watches; 8. Avignon, France; 9. Pierce Brosnan; 10. President Harry Truman. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "Dracula" prop</p> <p>6 — mignon</p> <p>11 Roast beef au —</p> <p>14 Enjoy the Alps</p> <p>17 Tropical treat</p> <p>19 Classical hunk?</p> <p>21 A Turner</p> <p>22 Another Turner</p> <p>23 Toed the line</p> <p>24 Start of a remark by 38 Across</p> <p>27 Prom wear</p> <p>28 Idle</p> <p>30 Fury</p> <p>31 "Garfield" cartoonist</p> <p>32 Shalit or Siskel</p> <p>33 Ned of "Deliverance"</p> <p>37 Stir up</p> <p>38 Speaker of remark</p> <p>41 Carrey title start</p> <p>42 Windmill part</p> <p>43 Violinist Mischa</p> <p>44 Singer Scaggs</p> <p>45 Cabbage concoction</p> <p>49 Aquatic animal</p> | <p>51 Bodybuilder Charles</p> <p>52 "— Show" ('94 film)</p> <p>53 Private pension</p> <p>54 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."</p> <p>55 Restive</p> <p>57 Trumpeter Berigan</p> <p>58 Explorer Hedin</p> <p>59 '68 Tom Jones hit</p> <p>61 Shatter</p> <p>63 — suit</p> <p>64 Part 2 of remark</p> <p>69 Raid</p> <p>71 Sinuous dances</p> <p>72 Jihad</p> <p>75 Verve</p> <p>76 Posada of baseball</p> <p>78 Thin porridge</p> <p>80 Thurman of "The Avengers"</p> <p>81 Deighton or Dawson</p> <p>82 Blows away</p> <p>83 Isaac's mom</p> <p>85 Remove varnish</p> <p>87 Lug</p> <p>89 Morning moisture</p> <p>90 Comic Sherman</p> | <p>91 "— It a Pity?" ('70 song)</p> <p>92 Got older</p> <p>94 Part 3 of remark</p> <p>98 Yearned</p> <p>101 Titania's hubby</p> <p>103 "Java" man?</p> <p>104 Tom of "Adam's Rib"</p> <p>105 Woody herb</p> <p>106 With 107 Down, "Chocolat" actress</p> <p>107 Kimono closer</p> <p>110 End of remark</p> <p>116 Like some recordings</p> <p>118 Out — limb</p> <p>119 Gumshoe</p> <p>120 Update a story</p> <p>121 Ida of "The Sea Wolf"</p> <p>122 Fashion monogram</p> <p>123 Symbol of sturdiness</p> <p>124 "Jane Eyre" character</p> <p>125 Murcia mister</p> | <p>4 Kyser or Starr</p> <p>5 Ornamental opening</p> <p>6 Comic Joey</p> <p>7 Wedding words</p> <p>8 "Hulk"</p> <p>9 SASE, e.g.</p> <p>10 Mowry of "Sister, Sister"</p> <p>11 Be in accord</p> <p>12 Luau instrument</p> <p>13 Rarely</p> <p>14 Martin or McQueen</p> <p>15 Actor Sorbo</p> <p>16 What i.e. stands for</p> <p>18 Hersey setting</p> <p>20 Tizzy</p> <p>25 Strive</p> <p>26 Whittier's feet</p> <p>29 Buddhist movement</p> <p>32 Merriment</p> <p>33 Beer storage?</p> <p>34 Humorist Bombeck</p> <p>35 Cry of concern</p> <p>36 Dress size</p> <p>37 Like a peach</p> <p>38 Photo finish</p> <p>39 Narrow-minded</p> | <p>40 One of the Marches</p> <p>41 Rub out</p> <p>42 Nullify</p> <p>44 Swindle</p> <p>46 Sausage type</p> <p>47 Precinct</p> <p>48 Lack</p> <p>50 Bendix role</p> <p>51 "— Breaky Heart" ('92 hit)</p> <p>52 Wharf</p> <p>56 Prepare to feather?</p> <p>57 Seeks change?</p> <p>58 Fluctuate</p> <p>60 Tenor Kozlovsky</p> <p>61 Peevishness</p> <p>62 Genetic info</p> <p>63 Vends</p> <p>65 Flung</p> <p>66 Warm embraces</p> <p>67 "No dice!"</p> <p>68 Farm tool</p> <p>69 Crafter's cloth</p> <p>70 Toast topper</p> <p>73 — acid</p> <p>74 All ears</p> <p>76 Too experienced</p> <p>77 Had bills</p> <p>78 Bit of a beach</p> <p>79 Be bombastic</p> | <p>83 Disparage</p> <p>84 Palo —, CA</p> <p>86 Cast</p> <p>88 Scout rank</p> <p>90 Presidential nickname</p> <p>93 Trattoria treat</p> <p>95 Heifer or hen</p> <p>96 Last</p> <p>97 Telescope sighting</p> <p>98 Croce's Mr. Brown</p> <p>99 "Hee Haw" host Buck</p> <p>100 Mount Everest's locale</p> <p>101 Absent</p> <p>102 Grumpy guy</p> <p>105 Singer Springfield</p> <p>106 Alzado of football</p> <p>107 See 106 Across</p> <p>108 Pro — (free)</p> <p>109 Perpetual lab assistant</p> <p>111 Soho snack</p> <p>112 PBS benefactor</p> <p>113 Accounting abbr.</p> <p>114 Tiny</p> <p>115 "— of You" ('84 hit)</p> <p>117 "Tarzan" extra</p> |
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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• It was beloved American humorist Will Rogers who made the following sage observation: "You can't say civilization don't advance, for in every war they kill you a new way."

• Elkhart, Ind., has the dubious distinction of being the RV capital of the world.

• According to a survey by the magazine Vegetarian Times, if you're a vegetarian, you have 3 percent of the U.S. population for company. Only half of 1 percent of Americans are vegans, consuming no animal products at all, while 10 percent say they follow a "vegetarian-inclined" diet.

• The Hawaiian alphabet has only 12 letters.

• In 1743 one Dr. John Cohausen wrote a book called "Hermippus Redivivus," in which he described how anyone could live to the ripe old age of 115 — a particularly impressive feat in the 18th century. His recipe for a long life involved burning gum olibani, styrac, myrrh and a variety of herbs, then inhaling the fumes, while at the same time "imbibing the exhalations of the nearest little girl."

• According to the law in the town of Chester, England, if you catch a Welshman within the city walls after the sun has gone down, you may shoot him with a longbow.

• Those who study such things say that the asteroids are so rich in minerals that one cubic kilometer of one of these heavenly bodies would provide the materials to make enough steel to supply the world's industry for more than a century's worth of nickel, to boot.

• The shortest complete sentence in the English language is "Go."

• If you're like half of all Americans, you live within 50 miles of your childhood home.

Thought for the Day: "If you live to the age of a hundred, you've got it made, because very few people die past the age of a hundred." — George Burns

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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On April 27, 4977 B.C., the universe is created, according to 17th-century German mathematician and astronomer Johannes Kepler. Scientists in the 20th century developed the Big Bang theory, which showed that Kepler's calculations were off by about 13.7 billion years.

• On April 23, 1564, according to tradition, the great English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-on-Avon. It is impossible to be certain the exact day on which he was born, but church records show that he was baptized on April 26, and three days was a customary amount of time to wait before baptizing a newborn.

• On April 26, 1865, John Wilkes Booth is killed when Union soldiers track him down to a Virginia farm 12 days after he assassinated President Abraham Lincoln. The original plan involved a simultaneous assassination of Lincoln, Vice President Andrew Johnson and Secretary of State William Seward.

• On April 24, 1936, a group of firemen responding to an alarm in Camden, N.J., is televised. It was the first time an unplanned event was broadcast on television, anticipating the development of live TV news coverage.

• On April 25, 1947, President Harry Truman officially opens the first White House bowling alley. Eisenhower closed the two-lane alley in 1955 and turned it into a mimeograph room. Nixon had a one-lane alley installed underground directly beneath the North Portico entrance of the White House.

• On April 28, 1958, "The Witch Doctor," by singer/songwriter David Seville, hits the No. 1 spot on Billboard's pop charts. The song used the unusual technique of recording the singer's voice at a speed different than the music.

• On April 29, 1974, President Richard Nixon announces to the public that he will release transcripts of 46 taped White House conversations in response to a Watergate trial subpoena. On Aug. 8, 1974, Nixon avoided a Senate impeachment trial by becoming the first American president to resign from office.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included president Phillip Jordan, treasurer Mary Kossa, clerk Linda Somers, deputy clerk Constance Stutzman and council members Bonny Gauthier, Sara Healy, Kristin Lask, Philip Naylor, Richard Somers and John Stutzman. Also present were several guests.

The minutes of the March budget meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier, with support from Stutzman. The minutes of the regular March meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier, with support from Somers. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier, with support from Lask. Treasurer Kossa stated the Alcona County treasurer and the village have settled the year end taxes. She stated that we will be reimbursed for approximately \$7,000 from unpaid taxes.

Leroy Hall, fire chief stated that the brush rig is a few months away from completion. President Jordan asked him to try to have it ready by July. The old rig will be turned back over to the DNR. President Jordan asked him to have updated maps for each of the townships that are covered by the village fire department. Leroy is currently working on an emergency plan for the village with Elizabeth Galer, emergency coordinator for Oscoda County. President Jordan asked about having members of the fire department and first responders show a bigger presence in the community by helping at area events. He suggested they help with the Easter egg hunt and the car show. Gauthier asked about having some tables placed outside the hall during the egg hunt so that people may have a place to sit. Thanks go out to the fire department and first responders for all their efforts.

Connie Stutzman stated that the next planning meeting is scheduled for May 17 with Gustin Township officials and Denise Cline from NEMCOG. Josh Pagels, little league baseball president, introduced himself. He asked about the new field that has been laid out. An estimate was received for \$12,000 to install fencing around the field. Bonny has applied for grant funds and is waiting to hear about the application. Although

the grant would not completely cover the cost it would certainly help get things started. A total projection cost had to be submitted and Bonny sent along a note stating that we would provide labor in an attempt to save some money.

Josh stated that he doesn't foresee having enough to cover the remaining costs this year. President Jordan asked Josh to approach the Lincoln Lions for further help at the next meeting. He asked for a plan from the groups who had originally approached the council about developing the new diamond. He stated that the village wants to continue to help with this project but we need a commitment from the other groups. Debbie Shaneour stated that a meeting is being held on April 18 at 10 a.m. for the Beautification Committee. She said they are hoping to get some ideas regarding the banners, flowers, et cetera for the downtown area. She stated the benches have arrived and will be assembled soon. A work bee will be held and council members and lake association members are urged to join in the effort.

The aerators on Brownlee Lake will be turned on full time by Friday. A work bee for council members and members of the Downtown Development Authority is being planned for a cleanup project along Barlow Road. President Jordan asked John Stutzman to get things rolling before the next meeting. Deb asked about putting some mulch or topsoil around the trees in preparation for flower planting.

In old business, Stutzman is pleased that the siren at the hall is working properly. Gauthier said that she spoke with a gentleman who has some equipment for sale from a business that he is closing. She had some specifics and will contact Dave James about possibly looking at the snow removal equipment. Healy asked about services for a Memorial Day ceremony. Jordan asked her to contact Dick Shepard and work with him to put together a plan for the ceremony. Naylor asked about parking along Second Street and the need for more parking.

In new business, Stutzman stated that he would like to grade the parking lot at the Flights of Imagination. He has requested four of the older flower boxes be set up there. Somers said he has talked

with several people who are willing to kick in some money towards diamond dust for the ball fields. Thanks to those who are helping out - John and Rita Vecchione of Garden Delight donated \$100 to get the effort started. Thank you. Naylor said he has seen people chipping golf balls at the new ball diamond, he asked that council members be vigilant in watching over the area. President Jordan gave his report. He said a meeting was held regarding holes in the new pavement on Second Street. The meeting involved representatives of Fleis & VanDerbrink and the DVM as well as Goodrich Paving. He held a meeting with Kathy Adair of MEDC. She is the person who will be replacing Kent Kukuk and will work with individuals regarding MEDC grant funding. Jordan expressed concern about closing out the three grants as soon as possible. He asked for her help in securing the facade grant if at all possible. Currently, the governor has placed grant funds on hold. The donated painting from the Alcona Elementary School has been hung in the meeting room. The Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 7. Jordan stated that he met with Rick Hill of Lake to Lake Transportation LLC. He is planning to start up a service in the area on May 1. The farmers market will open on April 28 at the ARA site. It will be held on Saturdays for the duration of the summer months. He said he is asking to have our zoning administrator attend the council meetings in the future. Jordan asked about having a meeting for people who will be involved in the dedication of the ball field. The fire contract with Hawes Township has been received. Council members expressed their thanks for the continuing support of Hawes Township. A letter was read from FEMA regarding flood loss and flood plain. Mary thanked Bonny and Linda for the grant application that was submitted on behalf of the youth ball fields. Jordan thanked council members for their hard work on all the ongoing projects.

Gauthier made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Healy offered support. Motion carried. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

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claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirteen thousand six hundred fifty-seven and 81/100 dollars (\$113,657.81), including interest at 4.25 percent per annum.

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Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Milton Manney, a single man, of 1370 South McGregor Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745 to First Federal of Northern Michigan, 100 South Second Ave., Alpena, Mich. 49707, dated December 26, 2007 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona, and state of Michigan, on January 3, 2008 in Liber 449, page 63, on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$87,293.38.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 18th day of April, 2012 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the county building in the City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Situated in the township of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as:
Parcel B of certificate of survey by Miller

Land Surveys, Job No. 120-96-99, dated April 30, 1999 and recorded January 28, 2005 in Liber 412 of surveys, page 711-712, described as: That part of the east ½ of the east ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 29, T26N, R9E, described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 29; thence due north along the east section line being the centerline of McGregor Road 661.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing due north 661.00 feet; thence N89°11'22"W 659.89 feet; thence S00°00'20"E along the west line of said east ½ of the east ½ 661.00 feet; thence S89°11'21"E 665.83 feet (deeded) (659.83 feet as shown on certificate of survey) to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes.

If the property described in this notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period as provided by MCL 600.3278 or otherwise by law.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

Bodman PLC
Dated: March 14, 2012
By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First Federal of Northern Michigan
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231) 627-8000
3-14, 3-21, 3-28, 4-4, 4-11

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at (248)539-7400 if you are in active military duty.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jennifer Martinico, an unmarried woman, to Independent Mortgage Co., mortgagee, dated June 7, 2006, and recorded on June 8, 2006, in Liber 431, on page 929, and assigned by said mortgagee to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, as assigned, Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-four thousand five hundred fifty-four dollars and forty-nine cents (\$64,554.49), including interest at 5.875 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. o'clock, on April 18, 2012.

Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 19 and the west 49 feet of Lot 20 and part of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4, Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 9 East described as commencing at the northwest corner of Lot 19, block 7, thence east 8 rods, thence north 2 rods, thence west to State Street, thence south to the point of beginning, except commencing at the northwest corner of Lot 19, Block 7, of the map of Harrisville as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 1, Alcona County records, thence south 80 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds east along the north line of said Lot 19, 6.11

feet; thence along the easterly right of way of US-23 highway 61.31 feet along the arc of a 2,477.76 foot radius circular curve concave easterly through a central angle of 01 degrees 25 minutes 04 seconds having a chord which bears south 14 degrees 27 minutes 36 seconds west, 61.31 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 80 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds east, 131.93 feet, thence south 09 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds west, 103.90 feet; thence north 80 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds west along the south line of lots 19 and 20 of said plat 136.86 feet; thence along the easterly right of way of US-23 highway 104.03 feet along the arc of a 2,477.76 foot radius circular curve concave easterly through a central angle of 02 degrees 24 minutes 20 seconds having a chord which bears north 12 degrees 33 minutes 16 seconds east, 104.02 feet to the point of beginning. Said exception being part of Lots 19 and 20 of said Block 7.

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.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
USBW.001443
3-21, 3-28, 4- 4 4-11

Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jeffrey C. Berryman and Colleen E. Berryman and Roberta J. New to H.P.C. Credit Union, whose address is 1234 West Chisholm Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

The mortgage is dated August 8, 2007 and recorded on August 13, 2007 at Liber 444, page 989, Alcona County records. There is claimed to be due on the mortgage at the date of this notice, for principal, interest, and other items paid as allowed by the mortgage, the sum of two hundred two thousand one hundred ninety-seven and 92/100 dollars (\$202,197.92) and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured thereby. The power of sale contained in the mortgage has now become operative.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the applicable foreclosure statute, the mortgage will be

foreclosed by a sale of the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Courthouse located at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 10 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage with 5.75 percent interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale.

The property described in the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: Parcel 23-A of certificate of survey of D.R. MacNeill & Associates, W.O. No. 17-286-4500-486306, dated March 13, 2005 and recorded March 20, 2005 in Liber 428, pages 1,343-1,345, described as; part of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 and all that part of the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 28 North, Range 6 East, described as: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of said Section 17; thence North 89° 51' 10" west 675.31 feet along the east-west

1/4 line to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 89° 51' 10" west 796.94 feet along said east-west 1/4 line; thence south 00° 53' 16" west 250.00 feet parallel to the east north-south 1/8 line; thence south 89° 51' 10" east 150.00 feet parallel to the east-west 1/4 line to the east north-south 1/8 line; thence south 00° 53' 16" west 1,062.79 feet along said east north-south 1/8 line to the south east-west 1/4 line; thence north 89° 47' 52" east 642.40 feet along said south east-west 1/8 line; thence north 01° 05' 20" east 1,308.94 feet parallel to the east section line to the point of beginning. Located in the township of Caledonia, county of Alcona, state of Michigan.

The period of redemption will be one year from the date of sale, unless abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: March 6, 2012
H.P.C. Credit Union, Mortgagee
3-14, 3-21, 3-28, 4-4, 4-11

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis J. Augustine, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated February 22, 2001, and recorded on February 28, 2001 in Liber 347 on page 256, and assigned by said mortgagee to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as docu-

mented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety-one thousand four hundred eight and 88/100 dollars (\$91,408.88), including interest at 8.625 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on April 18, 2012.

Said premises are situated in township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The north 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 26 North, Range 7 East.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accor-

dance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 21, 2012
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302

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File No. 378124F02
3-21, 3-28, 4- 4 4-11

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leonard O. Briggs and Carol L. Briggs, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., mortgagee, dated October 31, 2003, and recorded on November 7, 2003 in Liber 393 on page 196, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date

hereof the sum of one hundred forty-seven thousand nine hundred ninety-nine and 24/100 dollars (\$147,999.24). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on May 2, 2012.

Said premises are situated in township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The north 100 feet of the south 400 feet of Government Lot 1, Section 36, Township 28 North, Range 9 East, extending from the county road to Lake Huron.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accor-

dance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 4, 2012
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1309

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Mortgage Sale Foreclosure Notice

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact the office below if you are in active military service. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Sally Ann Fisher, mortgagor, to Joyce A. Stoops, mortgagee, dated the 11th day of April, 2003, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 14th day of April, 2004, in Liber 380 of county records, page 1,307, and first amendment to mortgage dated the 15th day of September, 2005, and recorded the 20th day of September, 2005, in Liber 423, page 339; on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of thirty five thousand nine hundred seventy five and 11/100 dollars (\$35,975.11). And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage or first amendment thereof or any part thereof whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage and first amendment to mortgage has become operative.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and first

amendment to mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 16th day of May, 2012, at 10 o'clock a.m., local time, said mortgage and first amendment thereto will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main lobby of the Alcona County Courthouse, 214 West Main Street, Harrisville, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage and first amendment thereto, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage and first amendment thereto, with the interest thereon at 8 percent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the township of Harrisville, county of Alcona, and state of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: Parcel commencing at the north ¼ corner of Section 15, T26N, R9E: thence south 87 deg. 44'06" east along the north line of said section 1144.82 feet to the point of beginning: Thence continuing south 87 deg. 44'06" east along said north line 170.11 feet: thence south 01 deg. 15'30"

east along the west line and the northerly extension thereof of "Pine Acres" a subdivision recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 48, Alcona County records 1313.56 feet: thence north 88 deg. 17'00" west along the south line of the northwest quarter (NW-1/4) of the northeast quarter (NE-1/4) of said Section 170.02 feet; thence north 01 deg. 15'30" west 1315.19 feet to the point of beginning. Except M-72 Highway right-of-way.

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

Mortgagee: Joyce A. Stoops
By: Janis Emmi, Trustee of the Joyce A. Stoops Revocable Trust, dated July 13, 2006

Dated: March 28, 2012
Nancy A. Ward, P68161
Isackson, Wallace & Pfeifer, P.C.
Attorney for Mortgagee
114 S. Second Avenue
Alpena, Michigan 49707
(989) 354-8242
4-4, 4-11, 4-18, 4-25

Foreclosure Notice (All Counties)

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 David Vance, a married man and Sheila Vance, a married woman of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Company dated the 2nd day of June, 2009, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 5th day of June, 2009, in Liber 462, Page 949 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 \$43,491.46 (forty-three thousand four hundred ninety-one and 46/100) plus accrued interest at 5.125 percent (five point two five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

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

vided, notice is hereby given that on, the 2nd day of May, 2012, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Curtis, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Curtis, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: The east 330 feet of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 25 North, Range 5 East, Curtis Township, Michigan, excepting the south 95 feet of the east 100 feet thereof. Commonly known as: 8406 Clouse Road, Tax Parcel No. 030-017-300-01500.

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: April 4, 2012
By: Foreclosing Attorneys
Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155
Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR No.10094134
4-4, 4-11, 4-18, 4-25

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kathleen R. Sanchez, unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated August 2, 2006, and recorded on August 9, 2006 in Liber 433 on page 1,183, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMC Specialty Mortgage LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records,

Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred nine thousand five hundred forty-one and 04/100 dollars (\$109,541.04).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on May 2, 2012.

Said premises are situated in township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 199 and the south 50 feet of Lot 200, Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 1, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 90 of Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, un-

less determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 4, 2012
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File No. 254437F02
4-4, 4-11, 4-18, 4-25

Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Larry J. Byce and Janice Fay Byce, a/k/a Janice F. Byce, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Community Bank, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated February 28, 2002, and was recorded on March 5, 2002, in Liber 361, on page 1,103 of the Alcona County records. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$122,381.67, including interest at seven percent per year. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on May 16, 2012, at 10 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Alcona County court facility, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich., that being the place of holding circuit court for Alcona County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, Michigan and is described as: Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Block 5 of Mors and McDougall's plat of the village of Greenbush, as per plat thereof recorded in Alcona County records, lying west of U.S. 23 Highway. Commonly known as 3621 F-41, Mikado, Mich. Tax I.D. 041-400-005-009-00 and 041-400-005-012-00.

If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire six months after the date of the foreclosure sale.

Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C.
Dated: April 5, 2012
By: Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393)
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State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 12-5039-DE

Estate of Charles Kitchen, deceased
Date of birth: December 20, 1929

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Charles Kitchen, died February 28, 2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Christopher Kitchen, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, 106 Fifth St., Harrisville, MI 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 2, 2012
Gary S. Price P29414
P.O. Box 525
Oscoda, MI 48750
(989) 739-9680
Christopher Kitchen
5656 Weir Rd.
Oscoda, MI 48750



On February 19 the Alcona HoopStarts, a seventh and eighth grade travel team, brought home the winning trophy after an 8-0 winning streak at the McGregor Athletic Complex in Mio. Team members include: (front row, from left) Rachel Warner, Brooke Shultz, Keilene Elmer, Torie Harmon, Sydney Pierce (back row) Coach Mark Shultz, Claire Feldhiser, Alissa Terpstra and Brittany Decker. Not pictured, Kendra LaFave. *Courtesy photo.*

DNR lowers forest campground fees

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director Rodney Stokes informed the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) at its April meeting that the DNR was lowering many fees at state forest campgrounds to align them more closely with fees at state parks and recreation areas offering similar amenities.

Most state forest campgrounds will have a \$13 per site, per night fee rate (a reduction of \$2). Campgrounds identified as equestrian state forest campgrounds, those associated with ORV trails, and the semi-modern Houghton Lake state forest campground will charge a \$17 per site, per night rate (a reduction of \$3).

Rates for group camps — identified either as a canoe camp, trail camp, or group camp — will remain at a fee of \$6 per person, per night, while cabins remain at the \$65 per night fee.

Approximately 270 campsites at a variety of state forest campgrounds spread over 11 counties can be reserved through the state's online reservation system. For more information, visit www.mid-nrreservations.com.

"The goal is to create a quality atmosphere for a rustic camping experience in state forest campgrounds at an appropriate fee," said Ron Olson, DNR Parks and Recreation chief. "Also new this year will be the requirement to purchase a Recreation Passport to access all state forest campgrounds, in addition to Michigan state parks, recreation areas, and state-administered boating access fee sites."

The Recreation Passport, which replaced motor vehicle permits, is also required at non-motorized state trail parking areas. This new way to fund Michigan's outdoor recreation opportunities helps preserve state forest campgrounds, trails, and historic and cultural sites in state parks. Also, the Passport will improve funding for state park infrastructure and rehabilitation and provide park development grants to local communities.

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