



Santa makes his annual visit to Lincoln for the Festival of Lights celebration last Friday night. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Dibattista-Costello rape trial unfolds for jury this week

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The fourth day of a jury trial concluded Tuesday afternoon when the prosecution and defense finished the process of calling witnesses.

The trial of Nicholas Patrick Dibattista-Costello, 22, of Oscoda began in 23rd Circuit Court on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. with jury selection.

Dibattista-Costello is charged with four counts of criminal sexual conduct, first degree, in regard to an alleged incident with a female victim in Alcona County on January 8.

This is the second trial for Dibattista-Costello. The first one, held in July, ended with a mistrial because the jury could not reach a unanimous verdict on any one of the four counts.

The jury was seated last Thursday with eight female and six male jurors (including

one alternate) and opening statements were made by Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas J. Weichel and defense attorney Steven A. Freeman. The Honorable Ronald M. Bergeron is presiding over the trial.

The jury heard testimony from 13 witnesses on Thursday afternoon, all day Friday, Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday they will hear closing statements from Weichel and Freeman and receive instructions from Judge Bergeron. Then, after one juror is excused, jury members will begin deliberations.

Testimony from the alleged victim, Michael Inman, a friend of the alleged victim and defendant, Sarah Inman, the defendant's girlfriend at the time and Dibattista-Costello outlined a scenario that began with a party at the home of the defendant and

his girlfriend in Harrisville Township in the late hours of January 7 and early morning of January 8.

According to testimony, people attending the party played drinking games for several hours - including Michael Inman, who was 18 at the time and the alleged victim who was 17 on that date. Then Sarah Inman retired to their bedroom, a roommate/friend retired to a room upstairs and several other party-goers left. Dibattista-Costello, Michael Inman and the alleged victim remained awake and decided to "go see the horses" in a barn on the same property as the home that Dibattista-Costello and Inman were renting.

Partway to the barn, Michael Inman, according to testimony, returned to the house to use the restroom. Dibattista-Costello and the alleged victim proceeded to the barn. Inside the barn was the first place the alleged victim stated that Dibattista-Costello raped her. The second location was in another out-building used for storage next to the house.

The third incident of rape occurred, according to the alleged victim, in a spare bedroom inside the house after they returned from outside. Michael Inman, according to testimony, was "passed out" on a couch in the living room. The fourth alleged rape, according to the alleged victim, happened on the kitchen floor. According to the alleged victim, each time she was raped Dibattista-Costello

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Goodfellows celebrate 'No child without a Christmas'

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Wide eyed children gazed at the mountain of presents wrapped in newsprint as they waited impatiently in line with their parents.

As each child reached the end of the line, Santa and Mrs. Claus heard each wish and an army of elves matched the child's age to an appropriate gift and handed it to the child waiting.

Children from the area enjoyed Christmas early during the Mikado Goodfellows' annual Christmas event that ensures "No child without a Christmas" last Sunday.

"This was a tradition that started during World War II in the 1940s," Una Mikazes said. "Each child then got an

orange and a bag of peanuts or some candy. The Mikado Goodfellows were a group of businessmen that wanted to help the community they lived in. After time, the group faded, but was reorganized in the 1970s and the Christmas event has been held ever since."

Mikazes is celebrating her 39th year of being an active member of the Mikado Goodfellows.

"The Christmas program is open to all children, whether they are in desperate need or not, all children should have a Christmas," Kay Lovelace said. The Good-

fellows meet every third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Township Hall, the group has no gender bias and anyone can join.

Most of the funding for the Christmas gifts come from funds earned by the Goodfellows Bingo which is held every Monday evening at the township hall.

"We also do a lot of other things for the community, such as funeral dinners and other community projects, Mikazes said. "Over the years, we've done a lot, we've helped mow the cemetery, helped the churches here and St. Vincent DePaul.

Harrisville author writes to inspire others

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Inspiration can be found wherever one takes the time to look and a Harrisville resident has written a book he hopes will inspire others.

Mike Maturen, a professional magician and inspirational speaker, has released his first book, a weekly devotional titled "A New Dawn: Weekly Wisdom from Everyday Life."

The book aims to inspire and appeal to people no matter what their educational background or religious faith. Maturen utilizes quotes from some not-so-famous folks as well as famous people to begin each new week. Quotes from Mark Twain, Henry Ford, Mother Theresa, Alexander Graham Bell, Malcom X, Jonathon Winters, Plato, Aristotle, the Pretenders and even Popeye are ac-

companied with the author's down to earth style of wisdom and guidance adding perspective to the quote.

"The book started out as part of a scriptural daily devotional that I began writing eight years ago," Maturen said. "I am still working on the daily devotional, but decided to release the weekly portion as a separate book."

The 112 page book is designed to be a quick read, but gives enlightenment on how to view the week ahead, no matter what challenges may come.

Growing up in Saginaw, Mich. Maturen had fleeting thoughts of becoming a priest. But instead, he majored in psychology and minored in journalism when he graduated from Central Michigan University.

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Harrisville resident and author Mike Maturen with copies of his new book. Photo by Mary Weber.

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Obituaries

Scott A. Harris

Scott Alan Harris, 56, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born October 7, 1956 in Flint, Mich. to Ronald and Yvonne (De Serres) Harris. He was raised in Fenton, Mich. and Grand Blanc, Mich.

He was in the United States Air Force for 15 years, where he was stationed at Wurtsmith A.F.B. in Oscoda and Griffiss A.F.B. in New York. He served in Dessert Storm in the Middle East and retired as a staff sergeant.

Following retirement Mr. Harris worked in Alpena for The Besser Corp. and in Oscoda on radar related systems. He lived in Harrisville for five years.

He enjoyed photography, fishing and making fishing lures and jewelry.

Mr. Harris is survived by his parents; one sister; one brother; one niece; three nephews; one great-niece; two great-nephews; three aunts; two uncles; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, one aunt; and one nephew.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the First Congregational Church in St. Johns, Mich.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Jon J. Stephenson

Jon J. Stephenson, 73, of Lincoln, died on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich.

He was born December 6, 1938 in Painesville, Ohio to George and Elizabeth (McBride) Stephenson.

He earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from Kent State University and served in the United States Navy.

Mr. Stephenson worked as an architect for 44 years in New England and Virginia, designing structures in several nations. His projects were as diverse as a hotel in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia and a waste plutonium storage facility in Amarillo, Texas.

He married Maureen Castern in 1991 in Roanoke, Va., where they resided for many years. In 2010, they moved to Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln.

Mr. Stephenson was an active member of the Spruce Presbyterian Church and its choir. He was an artist who enjoyed working in oil and acrylics. He enjoyed "old time" music and played the fiddle, banjo, guitar and dulcimer. He was also an avid photographer.

He is survived by two sons, Jon C. (Rebecca) Stephenson of Virginia and Michael (Jennifer) Stephenson of Virginia; one daughter, Kit Richards of Virginia; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, George "Tike" Stephenson.

A memorial service was held December 7 at Spruce Presbyterian Church.

Memorial donations may be made to Inspiration Alcona, P.O. Box 98, Harrisville, Mich., 48740, to fund a contra country dance.

Betty M. MacDonald

Betty M. MacDonald, 64, of Alpena, formerly of Harrisville, died on Friday, Dec. 7, 2012 at Tendercare, Alpena.

She was born April 16, 1948 to Frederick and Ruth (Fox) MacDonald. She lived with her parents, moving to Harrisville from Detroit, Mich. in 1977.

She moved to Alpena in 1992.

Miss MacDonald was preceded in death by her father on May 2, 1978; and her mother on April 14, 1985.

The funeral was held at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. Burial was in West Lawn Cemetery, Harrisville.

James J. Sefernack

James J. Sefernack, 84, of Alpena, formerly of Spruce, died on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 at Tendercare, Alpena.

He was born May 14, 1928 to Louis and Philomena (Siefker) Sefernack in Flint, Mich., where he was raised.

Mr. Sefernack was a fire fighter with the Flint Township Fire Department. He retired in 1978 as the assistant fire chief. He was also an EMT in Flint Township, and worked toward the start of ambulance service in the area. He was a member and former president of the Genesee County Fire Chiefs Association.

He also volunteered as a Boy Scout leader and with Big Brothers.

In 1978 he moved to the south shore of Hubbard Lake. Mr. Sefernack was a member of the South Shore Hubbard Lake Fire Department and the Hubbard Lake Baptist Church. He spent 12 years repairing fire trucks throughout the state of Michigan.

On August 10, 1979 he married Lynn (Yerian) Muzzy. They spent winters in Silver Springs, Fla., where he was an active member of the Ocklawaha Bridge Baptist Church. He was a master of all trades, who would tackle any job and could fix anything. He enjoyed being able to help his family and friends. His pride and joy was a 1931 Model A Fire Truck that he restored and displayed in local parades.

Mr. Sefernack is survived by his wife, Lynn; one son, Jim (Kellie) Sefernack of Spruce; two daughters, Tammy Sefernack of Oscoda and Maryjane Sefernack-Cox of Mayville, Mich.; four stepchildren, Vicki (Stan) Gadd of Corunna, Mich.; Myla Sue (Roger) Bodary of Bangladesh; Beth (Joe) Rzepecki of Byron, Mich. and Rick (Norma) Muzzy of Corunna, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two sisters, Helen Perez of Saginaw, Mich. and Rita Robertson of Burton, Mich.; one brother, Bud Sefernack of Swartz Creek, Mich.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Sefernack; three sons, Johnny, Larry and David Sefernack; his first wife, Maryjane Bea Sefernack; three brothers, Larry, Joseph and Paul Sefernack; and two sisters, Pauline Bentoski and Marie Sefernack.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to the South Shore Hubbard Lake Fire Department or to the Ocklawaha Bridge Baptist Church Care and Share.

Carolyn A. Failla

Carolyn Ann Failla, 76, of Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln, died on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 at her home.

She was born March 6, 1936 to Edgar and Olive (Jones) Ely in Indianapolis, Ind., where she was raised.

On October 29, 1960 she married Dr. Frank Failla in Indianapolis, Ind. They moved to East Detroit, Mich. to be closer to family.


They joined Lost Lake Woods Club in 1973 and in 1977 they moved to the club permanently.

She was a devoted homemaker who enjoyed her flower garden, playing cards and loved dogs. She also enjoyed shopping for bargains.

Mrs. Failla is survived by one daughter, Ann (Paul) Kramer of Lincoln; three sons, Nick Failla of Richmond, Mich.; Dan (Shelby) Failla of Lincoln and David (Angie) Failla of Lake Orion, Mich.; six grandchildren, Danielle and Tyler Failla, Kathleen and Alexandra Kramer, and Christian and Nathaniel Failla; and one sister-in-law, Gloria Ely of Indianapolis, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, on October 1, 1989; and one brother, John Ely.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the American Cancer Society. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.



Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Gifts of the Spirit
Gifts are not always material. My father was an artist and a lover of nature. He painted many pictures of birds and other scenes of nature. And that is a gift he passed on to me, a love for birds and nature. For that, I am grateful. Holiday greetings to you all.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 2	52	40	0.21	3.1	16	N
Dec. 3	57	40	0.00	6.3	20	SSW
Dec. 4	57	32	0.07	3.2	20	W
Dec. 5	33	23	0.00	2.4	21	NNE
Dec. 6	38	25	0.00	8.4	28	SW
Dec. 7	42	32	0.00	1.6	14	NNE
Dec. 8	37	28	0.02	1.0	16	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		20012-2013	
Water Content		Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.30	0.4	0.42
December to Date	0.67	0.4	0.48
Year/Season to Date	24.97	2.3	27.10

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

The fifth annual Christmas with Crime Stoppers presented by the Northeast Michigan Crime Stoppers starring Hall of Fame singer and songwriter Dickey Lee at Alpena High School auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$16 in advance or \$22 at the door, a special family ticket is \$45. For tickets and concert information, call (989) 354-4375.

Drop in craft and Wii games for children from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk in the upstairs hall from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St.

Foot clinic from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. Cost is \$25. Call, (989) 736-8879 for an appointment.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 2 to 4 p.m. All items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Alcona Woodcarvers will meet in the upstairs hall of the Lincoln Senior Center at 2:30 p.m. Beginners, intermediate and master carvers welcome, class taught by Bill Hastings. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 736-6045.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main St. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk in the upstairs hall from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St.

Free Zumba class at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at noon. New comers are welcome. For

more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Shoreline Players 5th Annual Community Christmas Show will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Shoreline Players theater located next to the Roberts Parks Library on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Oscoda. Admission is free. For more information, call (989) 739-3586.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

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.

Storytime and craft for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St., from 10:15 to 11 a.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk in the upstairs hall from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St.

Popcorn and a movie at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at 2 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Lincoln Haven Rehabilitation Center, 950 Barlow Rd., Lincoln from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For more information, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

The Alpena Montmorency Alcona Parent Group will meet at 6 p.m. at the service district office located at 2118 US-23, Alpena. For more information and to register, call (989) 356-4567 extension 209.

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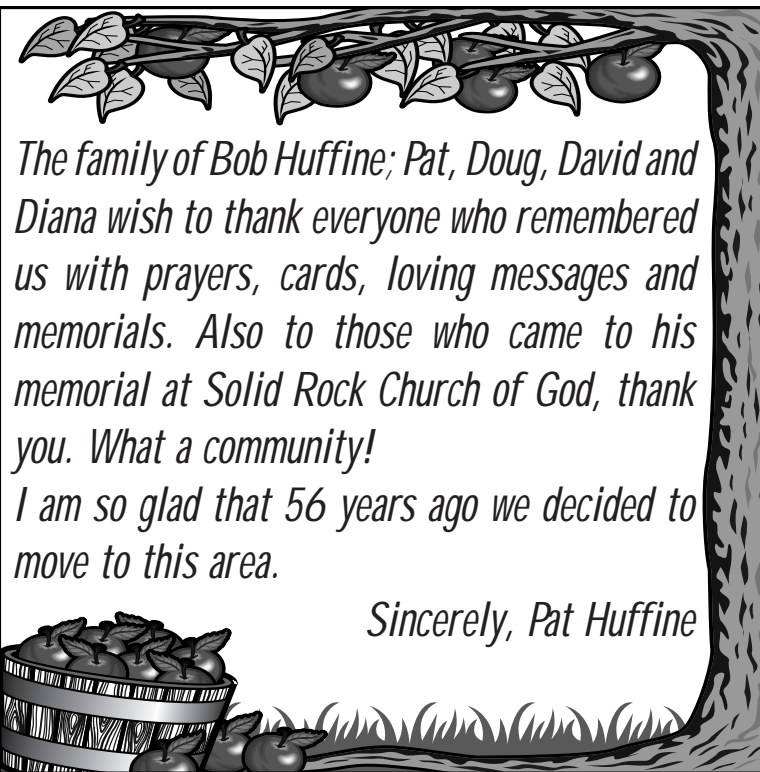
CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 7	May 6	September 9
February 4	June 3	October 7
March 4	July 1	November 4
April 8	August 5	December 2

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall, Spruce, MI.

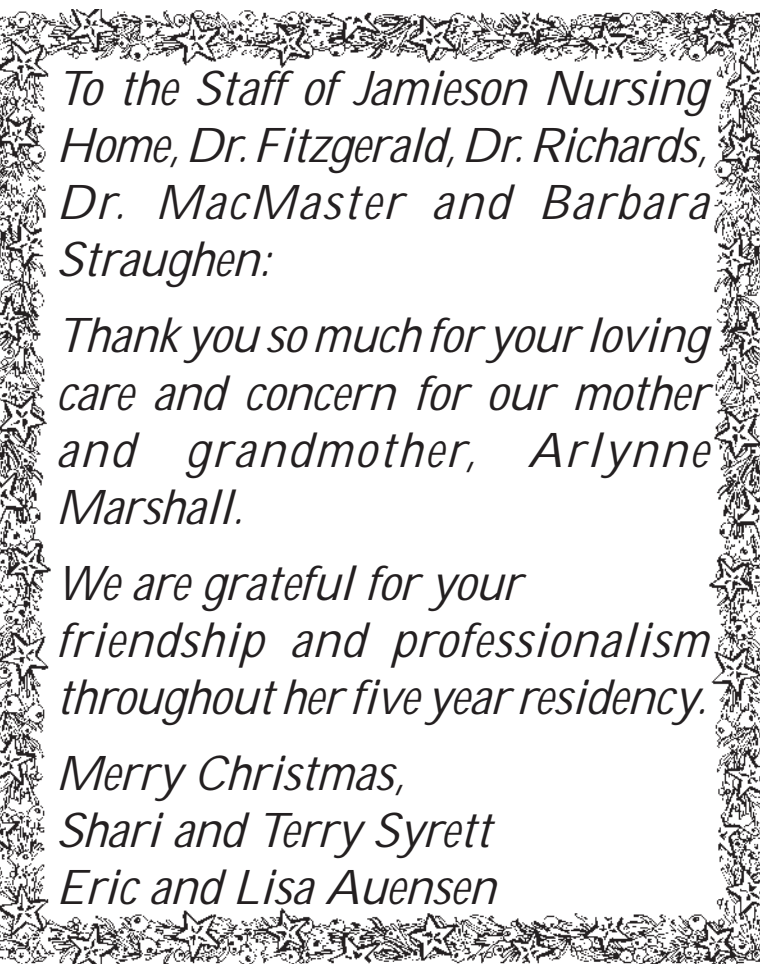
Any change in date or time, or any special meetings, will be advertised or posted separately.

12/12 & 12/19



The family of Bob Huffine; Pat, Doug, David and Diana wish to thank everyone who remembered us with prayers, cards, loving messages and memorials. Also to those who came to his memorial at Solid Rock Church of God, thank you. What a community! I am so glad that 56 years ago we decided to move to this area.

Sincerely, Pat Huffine



To the Staff of Jamieson Nursing Home, Dr. Fitzgerald, Dr. Richards, Dr. MacMaster and Barbara Straughen:

Thank you so much for your loving care and concern for our mother and grandmother, Arlyne Marshall.

We are grateful for your friendship and professionalism throughout her five year residency.

*Merry Christmas,
Shari and Terry Syrett
Eric and Lisa Auensen*

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

On behalf of Alcona Community Schools and the Alcona Tiger Football program, I would like to extend a special thank you to the VFW for its donation of the charter bus that took our team to Ishpeming, Mich. for the opening round of the 2012 football playoffs.

It was a real treat, and I know it had a lasting impres-

sion on our young men. It's always a big challenge to have to travel that far and compete and that bus certainly took some of the weight of that burden off our shoulders.

So again, thank you VFW and all those that support that organization.

Dave Schneider
Head Football Coach
Alcona Community Schools

To the Editor,

On Saturday, Dec. 1 the community showed an outpouring of generosity that was so amazing to witness.

My cousin, Linton Fowler Sr. recently had surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital for throat and mouth cancer. Unable to work and having an enormous amount of expenses with no insurance, it was decided to hold a fundraiser for him and his family.

The amount of support shown by the community to help with the fundraiser during these difficult financial times and season was unbelievable. The dinner and auction was such a success. It will help Linton to concentrate on his fight with the "big

C" instead of worrying about the expenses.

For those of you who attended or donated and did not know Linton, I can attest to the fact that he is very deserving of everyone's support. He is a kind, hardworking man that loves his family and is so deserving of the generosity shown to him.

So, next time you see a benefit dinner being held for someone, whether you know the person or not, know that they are a great help to someone in desperate need.

Please keep my cousin, Linton, in your thoughts and prayers as he continues his battle.

Pamela Milwrick
Greenbush

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the businesses and individuals who helped make the LINTON FOWLER, SR. Benefit Dinner such a success:

- ADVERTISERS FOR THEIR SERVICES
- AUCTIONEER AND CREW
- BAKERS FOR THE DINNER AND BAKE SALE
- CITIZENS WHO GAVE TO THE CANISTERS
- COOKS WHO PREPARED THE DINNER
- DONORS WHO GAVE MERCHANDISE
- FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE
- HELPERS WHO SERVED AND CLEANED UP
- INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED THE BENEFIT

Linton and his family appreciate more than words can say the generosity and kindness shown by the community during this difficult time.

Because of everyone's generosity he can concentrate on his recovery.

Linton thanks everyone from the bottom of his heart.

Local Notes

Alcona County Residents and Guests

Please join us as we say thank you to
Anna McCoy and Carla Travis

Both ladies will be retiring on December 31, 2012 and between them they have dutifully and graciously served the residents and guests of Alcona County a total of 68 years.

Please join elected officials and staff on
Wednesday, December 19
from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

for celebratory cake and coffee, thank them for their service and wish them well in the next chapter of their lives.

Barton City Contest

All residents are invited to display their outdoor Christmas decorations for judging on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. The judging will be done by the Barton City Improvement Association and be judged for best house, yard and theme. Anyone who would like to help judge the decorations should be at the VFW hall by 6 p.m.

Author Releases Third Book

Hubbard Lake resident Mike Cornelius has released his latest book, Volume 3 of the Hubbard Lake History books, which covers history of Hubbard Lake from 1960 through present day. Featured in this photographic historical book is the Miss Stars and Stripes jet powered hydroplane. Built and piloted by Les Staudacher, the hydroplane unofficially broke speed records at 280 m.p.h. on Hubbard Lake before promptly crashing into the woods. Staudacher survived the crash but was hospitalized for months and never raced again.

Other highlights include the opening of Mount Mariah Ski Lodge, the history of the three local fire departments of Hubbard Lake and the KC 135 U.S. Air Force tanker crash of 1976. Cornelius is planning a book signing on Friday, Dec. 14 at Smokey's Restaurant and Tavern on the east shore of the lake from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Books may be purchased during the signing for \$61.50 plus tax or by calling Cornelius at (989) 464-6571.

New Arrival

Sophia Elizabeth Zurawski is the new daughter of TaMara and Corey Zurawski of Fort Campbell, Ky. She was born on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012 at the base hospital. She weighed four pounds, 13 ounces and was 18.75 inches long. She is

the granddaughter of Mike and Carol Zurawski of Lincoln and Stsiapan and Rose Danilevich of Fayetteville, Ga.

In the Service

Air Force Airman First Class Richard C. Bader graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Bader is the son of Ann Bader of Oscoda and is a 2010 graduate of Oscoda High School.

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, Dec. 17—Spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, tossed salad, garlic bread, cookies and fruit.

- Tuesday, Dec. 18—Breaded pork chop, baked potato, corn, pickled beets and fruit.

- Wednesday, Dec. 19—Smothered chicken, stuffing, broccoli, fruited Jell-O and fruit.

- Thursday, Dec. 20—Country steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, tossed salad and fruit.

- Friday, Dec. 21—Barbecued pork roast, baked beans, carrots, tropical fruit and fruit. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

water and fluids can help ensure a successful blood donation, according to Todd Kulman, communications Program Manager for the Great Lakes Blood Services Region. "Helping save a life is a truly remarkable thing to do," he said.

There are three locations in Alcona County in the next couple of weeks where blood donations can be made:

- Friday, Dec. 14 - Lincoln Haven Rehabilitation Center on Barlow Road, Lincoln; from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

- Wednesday, Dec. 19 - Lincoln Senior Center, Church Street, Lincoln; from noon to 5:45 p.m.

- Thursday, Dec. 20 - Alcona High School, Barlow Road, Lincoln; from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

"Blood is a gift that money can't buy," Kulman said. "It's only something that one person can give to another. It's priceless. Donating blood is simple and takes about an hour from the time you arrive until the time you leave. That's an hour that could amount to a lifetime for someone who needs blood for ongoing or emergency medical care." For more information on how to give blood or to schedule an appointment, call (800) 733-2767.

Lights Event Rescheduled

"Lights for Learning" has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. This year's celebration will again be held at Mark's Park located on River Road between Paddletown Hardware and historic Oscoda Elementary. This celebration is to honor people who brighten lives or in memory of family or friends. The lights on the tree and the luminaries each represent special people. All proceeds go directly to the Oscoda Education Foundation towards student scholarships and grants for classroom activities and/or materials.

People attending will be kept warm with hot chocolate, caroling and free books will be available for children. Oscoda Area Schools will again raffle a big Christmas stocking. The Oscoda Education Foundation is a grass roots effort to meet the needs of area students. Anyone interested in more information on the Oscoda Education Foundation may contact Sue Barnhart at (989) 739-2033.

Health Department Closed

District Health Department No. 2, which serves Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties, will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays starting on Friday, Dec. 21 thru Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013. Offices will re-open at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013. During this time, clinic services as well as environmental health field services will not be available. Anyone who, during the office closure time, experiences an environmental health or communicable disease emergency, should call (800) 504-2650 for further information.

Community Christmas Show

The Shoreline Players will present the "5th Annual Community Christmas Show," a variety show featuring local talent and a light show finale. This holiday production was created as a way for the group to give back to the community which gives support throughout the year. The show will be open to everyone with no admission cost.

The show will be held Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shoreline Players Theater which is located next to the Robert Parks Library on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda. For more information about this show or any upcoming Shoreline events go to www.shorelineplayers.org or call (989) 739-3586.

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St. Raphael Catholic Church, Mikado-6 p.m.
St. Catherine Catholic Church, Ossineke-8 p.m.



CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25

St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Black River-9 a.m.
St. Anne Catholic Church, Harrisville-11 a.m.

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Maturen

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While his devotion to God never wavered, he "felt drawn" in another direction during college. "I ended up leaving Catholicism for 18 years. I was a part time Baptist preacher and, eventually became ordained as a priest in the Community Evangelical Episcopal Church and received a master in divinity," Maturen said.

He and his wife, Susan,

have three children and were living in the Saginaw, Mich.; area looking for a new home when they decided to move to Harrisville.

Susan grew up in the Harrisville area and her parents, who were still living there, suggested purchasing Susan's grandmother's house -- which was next door to where Susan grew up.

"We decided it was a safe place to raise our children," Maturen said. "You might give up some conveniences of city life, but overall the community is much closer knit. It's a wonderful, giving community and to have neighbors helping each other out the way they do up here -- you can't get that in the city."

The Maturens moved to Alcona County in 2000 and in 2002 he felt the call to come back to the Catholic Church. "Having left Catholicism for the time I did helped to make me the man I am today," Maturen said. "I learned to look at the Bible with many perspectives. I have the best of all worlds. I can talk to a Protestant, because I was one. I can certainly speak to Catholics because I was and I am one. I've had friends who were Jewish and I understand looking at the Old Testament from a Jewish perspective as opposed to a Christian perspective."

"The process has made me a better Christian than I might have been otherwise. It's allowed me to write in such a way (that) this book can appeal to people of any faith and of no faith. I do quote some scripture in it, but even people without faith can appreciate the truth in the quote. I wanted this book to be able to help anybody have a brighter day or maybe feel inspired," he said.

Maturen is still working on the daily scripture devotional which he is hoping will be out this summer. "I work as a salesperson and I still perform gigs as a magician and as an inspirational speaker, and, of course, my family's needs come first. All that activity doesn't leave me a lot of time to write, which is why after eight years, I'm still working on it," he said.

"A New Dawn: Weekly Wisdom from Everyday Life" is self published by Create Space on Amazon. It is sold online and is listed with major wholesalers.

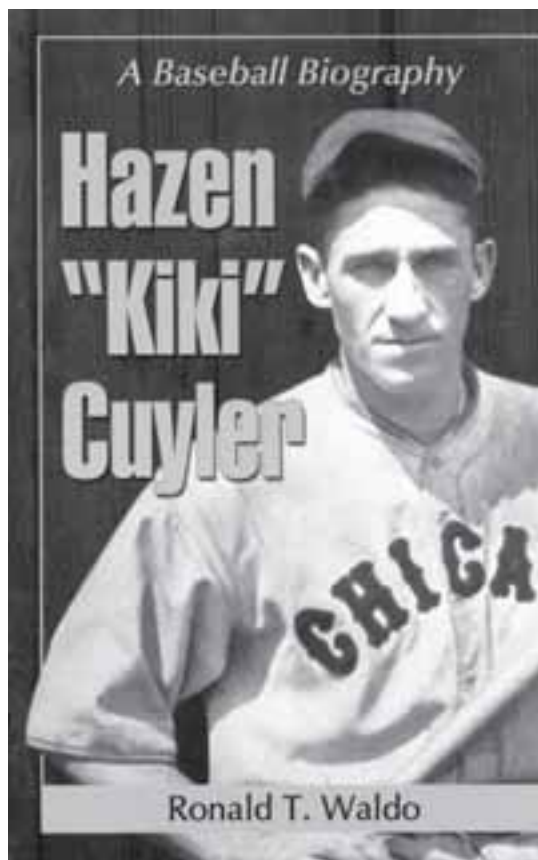
"It's doing quite well," said Maturen. "This week it ranked 347,000 out of eight million books that Amazon sells."

Maturen is hoping to have some book signings, and eventually have it available in local stores. Residents can call him at (989) 335-1661 to purchase an autographed copy for \$6.99.

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Shotmakers	5	92	Back Alley	94.5	85.5
Robert's Floor	13	86.5	Stoney Acres	81.5	98.5
B & D Sales	6	83	Lincoln Prec.	80.5	99.5
Rob's Repair	25	76.5	Cole's Appl.	80	100
Mancino's	3	66	Ark Plumb.	76	104
High game and series: Jon Klukowski, 278 and 678.			High game: Carla James, 211.		
High handicap game: Frank Belloli, 299.			High series: Flora Yingling, 505.		
High handicap series: Rod Travis, 814.			High handicap game: Carla James, 248.		
			High handicap series: Janine Bair, 656.		

Early Bloomers December 4			He's & She's November 30		
Violets	231.5	104.5	Family Affair	132	78
Buttercups	189	147	Expandables	120.5	89.5
Mums	180.5	155.5	Gamblers	104	106
Daffodils	164	172	Joeys & Shelia	100.5	109.5
Tigerlilys	159.5	176.5	Bowler Up	97.5	112.5
Marigolds	154.5	181.5	Chix & Stud	97	113
Bluebells	150.5	185.5	Wild Ones	94.5	115.5
Rosebuds	114.5	221.5	Part Timers	94	116
High game and series: Gina Broadwood, 171 and 467.			Men's high game and series: Bill Cordes, 246 and 642.		
High team game and series: Tigerlilys, 426 and 1,245.			Men's high handicap game: Nick Cordes, 281.		
			Men's high handicap series: Larry Yingling, 737.		

Sportsman December 6		
Phil's Barber	17.5	75.5
Top O' Mich.	13	69
Shelly's Shack	17	60.5
L.L.W. Club	12.5	54
Cole's Appl.	20	52.5
Morgan Elec.	10	48.5
High game and series: Jon Klukowski, 269 and 716.		
High handicap game: Dave Baker, 309.		
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If you have credit card debts, medical bills, unpaid personal loans or pay day loans, you'll be happy to know that your Social Security benefits are safe from your creditors (those you owe).

But, be aware that your creditors can still take legal action against you to recover what you owe them, and depending on your state's law,

they may be able to garnish your wages and tap into other allowable assets, if you have any. But they can't take the money you receive from Social Security. Nor can they touch Supplemental Security Income (SSI), veterans benefits, federal employee and civil service retirement benefits, and benefits administered by the Railroad Retirement Board Administration.

To ensure your Social Security or other government benefits are protected from creditors, you need to have them direct deposited into your bank account, or to a Direct Express Debit MasterCard account (see godirect.org). Benefits deposited by check into your bank account aren't protected. Also, be sure you don't transfer your benefits to another account, or else the protection is void. And don't have credit cards or other loans at the bank where your

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If, however, you owe money to Uncle Sam, it's a very different story. The federal government can garnish a portion of your benefits for repayment of several types of debts, including federal income taxes, federal student loans, child support and alimony, nontax debt owed to other federal agencies, defaulted federal home loans and certain civil penalties. (If you receive SSI, those benefits cannot be garnished under any circumstance.)

How much can actually be garnished depends on what you owe for. If you owe back taxes to the IRS, 15 percent of your Social Security benefits can be taken each month until the debt is paid in full. The government uses the Federal Payment Levy Program to garnish your payments.

If you owe money on a student loan - it doesn't matter how long ago you were in school - the first \$750 of your monthly benefits is off-limits to garnishment. After that, the government can shave off up to 15 percent.

And if you owe past or current child or spousal support you could lose as much as 50 to 65 percent of your benefits. Delinquent child support and alimony cases are processed through the national Court Ordered Garnishment System. In these situations, the maximum reduction to your benefits depends on the state where you live. The garnishment is limited to either the maximum allowed under state law or the maximum under the Consumer Credit Protection Act, or CCPA, whichever is less.

You also need to know that before your Social Security benefits are garnished, you'll receive several letters of notice from the IRS, and be

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given ample opportunity to make a pay arrangement. If you don't, the agency will start docking your monthly checks.

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The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed County budget for fiscal year 2013 on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the commissioners' meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building, Harrisville. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Alcona County Clerk's Office.

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Alcona boys varsity basketball in process of rebuilding this season

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

After winning two consecutive Huron Shore League titles, two state district titles and reaching the regional semifinals twice, the Alcona boys varsity basketball team will be in a rebuilding year for the 2012-2013 season.

The only returning starters are seniors Jared Steiner and Aaron Ritchie. Senior Andy Cammack, who saw considerable playing time last year, is the other returning player with varsity experience. So, the Tigers will have to depend upon eight juniors and sophomore Trent LaVergne to mature quickly for Alcona to maintain the dominance it has enjoyed for the past two years.

New coach Tim Somers has his players ready and winning or losing will have nothing to do with lack of effort.

Effort was a key factor in Alcona's opening game, a heart stopping, two-point home victory over the Hillman Tigers.

The game was a little sloppy, as expected, in the first game of the season for each team. Alcona had 20 turnovers as did Hillman. But the effort was there with players diving for each loose ball. The court looked more like a pinball machine than a basketball court at times. It showed that the players who worked the hardest are going

to get the most playing time for Somers.

The first quarter showed what the game was going to be like as there were four lead changes and one tie. When the dust cleared Alcona had a slim 16-15 lead. Sophomore Trent LaVergne showed a fine touch at the free throw line, hitting four of five free throws and giving Alcona the lead with seven points.

The second period was more of the same with the score tied at 24 until Alcona closed out the half with an 8-0 run to lead 32-24 at half-time. Dawson Forsythe came off the bench to score seven points and was a key factor in Alcona's lead. Hillman stayed in the game with their three-point shooting, hitting four in the first half.

Hillman used two more three-pointers early in the third quarter to close to two points at 34-32. A three-pointer by LaVergne and a jumper by Aaron Ritchie increased Alcona's lead to 39-

32. They headed to the final period with a 47-39 lead.

It looked like Alcona had the victory sewed up with Forsythe scoring six more points, Steiner scoring four points and dishing out assists to give them a comfortable 61-47 lead with 2:20 to go. But Hillman is famous for never giving up. They closed out the quarter on a 12-0 run and had an opportunity to tie or win the game until Alcona held the ball and ran out the clock.

Fourth year starter and point guard, Steiner, had a stellar game with 17 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Forsythe had 15 points. LaVergne had 14 points and five rebounds. Ritchie put up eight points and had four steals. Andy Cammack scored five points and pulled down five rebounds, and Eric Hampton added two points.

The junior varsity team also won by the score of 41-30 with Jason Steiner leading the way with 10 points.

Varsity girls basketball takes two victories

By Hope Smith
Basketball Writer

As the Alcona girls varsity basketball team heads into a 13 day break, momentum is in their favor after defeating Hale 60-15 and Mio-AuSable 67-55 last week.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5 Alcona played host for the Mio-AuSable Thunderbolts and senior Nikki Smith dropped the first bucket for Alcona to get the game started.

The Tigers took a lead after the first quarter 17-5. In the second quarter Smith again opened with a quick basket. Accompanied by Karina Cole, they dominated the floor shooting inside and out to extend Alcona's lead 34-18 going into half.

In the third and fourth quarters, the Thunderbolts fought back matching Alcona point for point at times making key three-point shots in efforts to close the gap. However, the Alcona Tigers had different plans as Cole, with the help of her teammates, continued to drive and crash the boards.

After the third quarter Alcona pushed forward with the lead 55-37. Mio wasn't going down easily. They outscored Alcona 18-12 in the fourth quarter. In the end, Alcona

was prevailed in the 67-55 win over Mio-AuSable.

"We played very well in spurts. Mio has a very nice team and kept the pressure on us all night. We have a lot to improve on, but my girls are working very hard," Coach Brad Cole said.

Cole led the Tigers with 32 points, 10 steals and four rebounds Megan Quick had 11 points and three assists. Smith had eight points, five steals and five rebounds. Kendra Cole scored four points and pulled down eight rebounds. Sydney Pierce and Alissa Terpstra each added four points. Turner Somers and Nicole Walen contributed two points each. Alcona's JV team lost to Mio 39-17.

On December 4, the Tigers traveled to Hale to play the Eagles. Alcona stormed out to an early lead outshooting Hale 27-7 in the first quarter. The second quarter proved to be more of the same as Alcona easily pulled away with a score of 43-10 going into the half.

With a running clock Hale remained scoreless in the third quarter. Alcona finished the night with a 60-15 win. "Hale was not able to break our press or penetrate our defense. We are very aggressive and our whole team came to play," Cole stated.

Karina Cole led the Tigers with 17 points. Quick and Walen each had nine points, Kendra Cole added six points, Maddie Feldhiser and Pierce each added four points. Cassie Carpenter scored three points. Smith, Tyler Campbell, Turner Somers and Terpstra each had two points.

The Alcona JV team won 39-19 against Hale.

Both teams are both 2-1 in the regular season.



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Alcona County tree wins award in Michigan Big Tree Hunt

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Carl Buchner took the challenge to find Michigan's largest trees to heart when he read about the Big Tree Challenge in the Alcona County Review last May.

And the challenge garnered recognition for a pretty big tree in Alcona County.

His submission, a 256 inch circumference Eastern Cottonwood on Springport Road in Harrisville, won an award for the 2012 largest tree in its category.

Since 1993, ReLeaf Michigan, a statewide nonprofit tree organization, has challenged the public every two years to find Michigan's largest living tree through its big tree hunt contest. The hunt was created to take over the efforts of Paul Thompson, a botanist, who searched for Michigan's big trees and kept records of them since the early 1940s.

Deadline for entries was last August.

"When the contest ended, there were 13 potential state record trees located," Buchner said.

"I was acting on a tip from Ed Pasinski, who told me about the tree on Springport Road. I remembered the tree being large when I was just little -- 50 years ago. It's got to be well over 100 years old.

"I do a lot of walking and I've always loved looking at trees and the way they grow. This one has a large broken



Carl Buchner stands next to the award winning tree he submitted to ReLeaf Michigan big tree hunt contest. The tree, a 256 inch Eastern Cottonwood located in Harrisville, won for largest tree in its category for the 2012 contest. *Review photo by Mary Weber.*

limb and needs trimming, but it's still really remarkable," Buchner said.

An award ceremony was held in Midland, Mich. on November 3. Buchner collected a plaque and certificate for the find.

The tree is a member of the Aspen species. The circumference was measured four and a half feet above ground level. Despite its massive cir-

cumference it is still not the state record which is a tree in Wayne County that measures 343 inches.

"This one has more growing to do to reach that record," Buchner said.

The next big tree hunt will be held in 2014. For more information, visit www.ReLeafMichigan.org or call (800) 642-7353.

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Organization Notes

On November 10, River Aux Sables Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met at the home of Jane Burdett in Oscoda for a program on the meaning of the DAR insignia, which was adopted by National in 1890 and patented in 1891 and cannot under bylaws, be used commercially.

The program was presented by Jackie Gonterman of Oscoda, who explained the significance of the National Insignia and the importance of the various pins, most of which she brought to show on her personal ribbons representing her participation and service to her community and chapters for over 40 years.

Jackie was brought into the CARs (Children of the American Revolution) by her

mother, the late Laura Merwin of Oscoda, at the age of 2 years. She has served on committees and in leadership positions on the local, state and national levels, separately and sometimes in tandem with her mother throughout her career. She holds the only Michigan Page pin for personal service to the President General in Washington, D.C.

Jackie is also involved with the Junior American Citizens of DAR. Their current project is collecting manufacturers coupons, even expired up to six months, to be sent to our service people overseas. As we understand it, common needs items are selling at such a high price that young families of our servicemen overseas are finding it almost impossible to buy products

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Support group helps cancer patients cope

Residents of Alcona County who have been diagnosed with cancer have a support program close to home.

Friends Together, a non-profit organization based in Alpena, began a weekly support group in Harrisville in November. The group meets every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Friends Together was established in the summer of 1996 by Judy Burns. Burns started the group to keep a promise she made to her daughter, Dawn, who had been diagnosed with colon cancer a few years earlier. At the time there was no local treatment or support programs.

"We learned how important it was for someone with cancer to be able to talk with others going through the same experience," Burns said. "We could not find any local services designed just for cancer patients. Dawn's desire was that our commu-

nity could build the kind of support programs she found at treatment centers all around the country. I promised her I would do all I could to make sure our friends in northeast Michigan would not have to go through cancer alone. Friends Together is the result of that promise."

The Harrisville support group is open to anyone dealing with cancer. Current and former patients, caregivers and spouses are also welcome.

"We are not a counseling or therapy group. Our purpose is to establish friendships that support our members as they move through their experience of cancer," said Judy MacNeill, coordinator for the Alcona Friends Together support group.

"We can share our experiences and knowledge, we can cry and laugh at our stories, we can encourage each other to continue living our lives as fully and joyfully as possible. If someone should need professional counseling, we can

help make that happen" she said.

Friends Together also assists county residents with practical needs such as transportation to medical appointments. It makes a van available to the Alpena Cancer Center that can be scheduled to pick up county residents going to Alpena for cancer treatment. The group can also provide some help in the form of gasoline gift cards for persons with appointments at other treatment centers.

"I encourage any person or any family dealing with cancer to attend a group meeting and see if this is something you will find encouraging," MacNeill said. "Some may want to come once in a while; others may find it best to come every week. We are a young group, and we are still learning how to best support each other."

Those wanting more information may contact Judy MacNeill at (989) 335-1402, or call the Friends Together office at (989) 356-3231.



The Knights of Columbus of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville and St. Raphael in Mikado make a donation to Friends Together which will aid the development of a support group for county residents dealing with cancer. (From left) Knights of Columbus Deputy Grand Knight Charles Misiak, Knights of Columbus Grand Knight David Powierski, Bill Schwickert, Alcona Friends Together Coordinator Judy MacNeill, Friends Together staff member Bill Morford and Nancy Hummel. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholics who serve the community and church members. Monies collected by the Knights from numerous fish fries, parking sales on Labor Day and other fundraising activities goes to help organizations such as Friends Together, St. Vincent DePaul, My Brother's Hope, youth groups such as the scouts and other community programs. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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Warrant Arrest	1	Civil	1
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Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the Road Commission office Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning December 13, 2012, until the hearing (excluding holiday closings on December 24 & 25).

Alfred J. Scully, Chairman
Board of Road Commissioners
County of Alcona, Michigan

Twinkies and Ho Hos and Snowballs, oh my

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

A single order from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York wiped out the happiest two-thirds of my memory of childhood lunches last week.

Back then, I was a skinny, sickly kid. My mother's goal was to build me up into the 1950s norm, a "plump and healthy" little girl. My brothers used to joke that Mama buttered my bread on both sides.

To see me now is to say she did remarkably well. But in the 1950s, a healthy lunch for pretty much any kid usually included two slices of Wonder Bread wrapped around some kind of sandwich filling, an apple or orange and a Twinkie, a Ho-Ho, a Snowball or a cupcake, all of them - along with the Wonder Bread -- produced by the Hostess corporation.

Mama, who had helped to spearhead the hot lunch program at the elementary school, would have much preferred that I eat their meals. But for a couple of years I wanted a lunch box (for the lunch box, not the lunch) and so I got to "carry my lunch."

And though I haven't had any of those things in a while, I have to say that the decision by the court to allow Hostess to wind down its business and sell its assets left me with a sudden and sincere craving for them all.

The Wonder Bread, which I also got at breakfast (two slices toasted, buttered and sometimes covered with cinnamon sugar) and dinner (one slice, buttered) was okay. It was certainly better than my father's choice, Roman Meal, a nasty brown bitter substance that made my lips pucker.

And everyone knew that Wonder Bread was healthy - after all, the commercials told you that it helped to grow strong bodies 12 different ways. I'm pretty sure they

meant "in 12 different ways" as in, from the different nutrients they added to it. That said, at the time I always had a mental image of my body expanding in 12 different directions from the healthy bread in the wrapper with the red, blue and yellow balloons on the bag.

We're all familiar with the expression "the best thing since sliced bread." Hostess held the distinction of being one of the first companies to sell their bread sliced. Housewives (another '50s term) expressed concern that pre-sliced bread would be dry, which may explain why the Wonder Bread people went out of their way to make it so incredibly soft. If you weren't particularly hungry on a given day, you could entertain yourself by shaping your sandwich into creative sculpture.

Still, it was the "lunchbox treats" that were my particular favorites. Ho-Hos are - or were - Hostess' version of the Swiss roll. Chocolate cake, spiraled around a gooey filling and dipped in a thin-to-the-point-of-brittle chocolate coating. They were just okay and kind of messy to eat, requiring as they did picking up all the shards of chocolate with a damp index finger. Hostess Cupcakes, usually available in chocolate or orange, had a signature swirl of white frosting on top, a filling of the same white goo and the same thin frosting. Again (although they remain my husband's favorite) just okay.

Things got more exciting with Snowballs - round-topped cakes (usually chocolate) with a small dab of goo in the center, as I remember. The thing about Snowballs (besides the fact that the pink ones looked a little like a lady's bust line which was good for a giggle) was that the somewhat dry cake was wrapped in a substance that felt to the tongue remarkably

Puttin' On The Fritz

like thin, heavily sweetened foam rubber rolled in coconut. I'm not certain just how they made their frosting, but it was stretchy, sort of chewy and oddly appealing.

But the piece de resistance of lunchbox snacks, in my humble elementary school opinion, was that paragon of sweet, spongy sensation, the Twinkie. Twinkies, as most of you know, were moist, tubular cakes shaped sort of like miniature hot dog buns. The operative word here is soft. Like so moist, you usually had to peel them off the cardboard they sat on leaving small tracks of cake like glue spots behind. Like so moist, you wondered how they remained intact in their little hot dog form.

Twinkies weren't frosted, but it didn't matter. Because what they were, instead, was filled with a large helping of the ultimate white goo. Ultimate white goo tasted a lot like a combination of Crisco and powdered sugar, and that well might be the recipe in its entirety. If you were a creative eater (and I was, when Mama wasn't around) you could bite the end off a Twinkie and slowly suck all the creamy goodness out of an inch or two, munch up the empty cake and move on, all the way to the end. Then you could have the second one.

Because yes, these "healthy" snacks, consisting largely of fat and sugar, all

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came in two packs. One cupcake, Snowball or Twinkie simply wasn't enough to get the '50s kid through five hours of desk-sitting, half an hour of lunch and 45 minutes of recess, as it were.

So let's review, shall we? The average 1950s lunch consisted of two slices of soft, sweet bread coated in an inch or two of peanut butter and Smucker's Strawberry jam or filled with highly artificial "lunch meat," accompanied by a piece of fruit and some

sort of two-pack of sweets. Often, the orange, along with the half-pint of full fat milk that I understood "the government" required us to drink, was the only real food item in the entire lunchbox. It was a glorious time to be a kid.

They say all good things must end. In high school, I kind of lost my desire for Twinkies in the discovery of something called McDonalds, and by my early 20s I only occasionally bought one, largely because the dog I lived with at the time simply adored them. I ate one, he ate one. It made for a happy Friday night.

These days, with a low sugar, low cholesterol diet in mind, I'm a lot more likely to treat myself with the orange and I eat my tablespoon of peanut butter on celery, accented with raisins. I still hate Roman Meal, but I've gone over to my dad's wheat and multi-grain bread for my lunch, one slice with just a scrape of pseudo-margarine appropriately dubbed "Healthy Choice." The rest is usually soup (low sodium) with a salad or cottage cheese. No "lunchbox snacks" in this plan. I'd outgrown those things.

Or so I thought until this summer, when the Princess - dissolved by a bad case of what she calls not PMS but "P-I-G" - brought home the handy eight-pack of Hostess Twinkies from the convenience store. Usually when she goes on a binge, she picks up the banana-flavored snack cakes, which I have no difficulty resisting since I view banana-flavored cake as an abomination. But this time, for whatever reason, she'd gone with Twinkies.

She ate one, and left the rest of the box sitting on the counter. In the interest of the new, healthier American diet these were wrapped individually and later that evening I thought "Oh, what the heck." I'd try one for old time's sake. In the course of the week, the Princess didn't return to her stash. I, on the other hand, ate the remaining six in five days. Fortunately, the dogs in residence didn't care for them, so I didn't even have to share.

That experience pointed out to me that like the proverbial recovered alcoholic, I may not eat Twinkies anymore, but I'd probably do well not to have them in the house. And so I don't. Art usually has a stash of Hostess cupcakes somewhere, along with a couple of his nasty little individually wrapped apple turnovers. Those don't tempt me at all. All things considered (though you wouldn't know it by looking at me) I'd rather have the orange.

Nonetheless, I plan to go out this week and buy (assuming the weird Twinkie-buying craze prompted by the court's announcement has abated) some Twinkies. Not the eight-pack, just a two-pack. Then, late one evening -- perhaps New Year's Eve -- I'll unwrap my little friends, peel their succulent moistness off the cardboard and slowly devour them, possibly sucking the white goo out an inch or two at a time. I may even go so far as to polish them off with a glass of full fat milk, assuming we have any in the house.

Then I'll crawl back up on the wagon. One little Twinkie bender shouldn't hurt me all that much, for heaven's sake. And it seems I owe them at least that much of a send off, considering all the days when they brightened my world just by showing up in my lunchbox.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville.)

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The group's yearly contributions, made possible by Monday bingo proceeds, are given to funeral dinners, hospital and medical expenses, fire victims, cancer society, American Red Cross, and The Salvation Army (the money for which stays in Alcona County).

At Christmas, donations are made to three churches, Calvary Baptist, St. Raphael Catholic and Community Church of Christ, and St. Vincent dePaul. The group also sponsors a Christmas party for the kids where a bag of candy and a gift are given to each child. Santa visits with children, and punch and cookies are served. The Mikado Goodfellows put up annual decorations at the Mikado Civic Center and street decorations.

Seniors are also on the group's priority list with fruit baskets going to three foster care homes.

The Mikado Goodfellows awards four \$300 scholarships, two for Alcona High School students and two for Oscoda High School students, annually. The group's service area is west to the county line, east to Poor Farm Road, and north to M-72, and south to King Corner Road (north side).

"Without your continuing support, we can't make this all possible," said Kay Lovelace, president of the Mikado Goodfellows. "Our bingo is every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Please support the Mikado Goodfellows. We are also in need of volunteers to help"

Contributions can be mailed to Kay Lovelace, 2515 Armstrong Rd., Mikado, MI 48745. For more information about the Mikado Goodfellows, or to volunteer, call Lovelace at 989-736-6437 or Denise Lee at 989-736-6491.

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Ryan Stewart, 13, of Harrisville bagged an eight point on November 28 at 4:50 p.m. It had a 16 inch outside spread. *Courtesy photo.*



Colin Lossing, 11, of Livonia, Mich. shot his first deer on November 16 while hunting with his father, Travis Lossing, in the Barton City area. *Courtesy photo.*



Jack Hutchinson, 13, of Lincoln shot a five point on November 30 in the Harrisville area. *Courtesy photo.*

Super Crossword

Answers

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Grade	Hale Area	Tawas Area	Whittemore Prescott	Oscoda
K	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
1	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
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10	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
11	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
12	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

The above-identified Iosco County Public Schools will now accept applications for Second Semester Enrollment from non-resident pupils for the 2012-2013 school year. Applications are now available. Completed applications for Unlimited student enrollment in Hale Area Schools, Oscoda Area Schools and Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools will be accepted until January 25, 2013. Tawas Area Schools will accept applications for Unlimited student enrolment until February 1, 2013.

To obtain an application, contact the superintendent in the school of choice.

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Harrisville Township Residents

Meeting Dates:
*The Harrisville Township Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Harrisville Township Hall (Unless posted otherwise):

January 8, 2013	May 14, 2013	September 10, 2013
February 12, 2013	June 11, 2013	October 8, 2013
March 12, 2013	July 9, 2013	November 12, 2013
April 9, 2013	August 13, 2013	December 10, 2013

*Special meetings and Work Sessions will be scheduled (and posted) as needed.

Township Board Members:

Supervisor	Tom Stone	(989) 724-6872
Clerk	Roger Jamieson	(989) 724-6388
Treasurer	Carole Johnston	(989) 724-6875
Trustee	Betty Young	(989) 724-6323
Trustee	Jim Pyne	(989) 724-6967

Harrisville Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board

Meeting Dates:
The Harrisville Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board meets the 1st Wednesday of the even-numbered months at 7 p.m. in the Harrisville Township Hall:

February 6, 2013	June 5, 2013	October 2, 2013
April 3, 2013	August 7, 2013	December 4, 2013

For information, contact:

Chairman	Terry Boucher	(989) 724-7895
Zoning Administration	Randy Thompson	(989) 724-5603

Harrisville Twp. Hall & Harrisville Twp. Recreational Area (HTRA)
The Harrisville Twp. Hall and the Harrisville Twp. Recreational Area are available for rental. For information and scheduling, contact:
Carla Harvey (989) 724-7056 or (989) 724-9460

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Calendar of Events

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Northeast Academy of Dance presents "The Sleeping Beauty" at Oscoda High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Admission is adults \$12, seniors \$10 and students \$5. For more information, call (989) 739-7955 or visit neadancemi.com.

Audubon Christmas bird count will begin at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main Street. Everyone is welcome to come out and help count the birds.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

The Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Rd., will be hosting a children's Christmas party beginning at noon. Come see Santa for presents and goodies.

Northeast Academy of Dance presents "The Sleeping Beauty" at Oscoda High School Auditorium at 3 p.m. Admission is adults \$12, seniors \$10 and students \$5. For more information, call (989) 739-7955 or visit neadancemi.com.

Thunder Bay Arts Council Chorus will present Christmas Carols and Choruses at

7:30 p.m. in the Alpena High School Auditorium. The doors will open at 7 p.m., admission is free, donations welcomed.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

White Pine Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Hollyhock Quilt Shoppe, 301 E. Main St., Harrisville. For more information, call C. Pizer (989) 724-6403.

The monthly meeting of the Young Adult Book Club will be held at the Alcona High School media center from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free books and snacks for those attending. This program is sponsored by the Alcona County

Library and Friends of the Library for teens ages 12 to 18. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk in the upstairs hall from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St.

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, DECEMBER 18

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St., from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for December is "The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating" by Elizabeth Toth Bailey. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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Weight loss support group will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 E. Main St. at 4 p.m. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

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.

Alcona Community Schools is hosting a K-12 family night starting with dinner at 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, a holiday program in the auditorium at 6 p.m. followed by the District Parent Involvement meeting at 7 p.m. Babysitting service available for the younger children.

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Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 2 to 4 p.m. All items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Alcona Woodcarvers will meet in the upstairs hall of the Lincoln Senior Center at 2:30 p.m. Beginners, intermediate and master carvers welcome, class taught by Bill Hastings. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

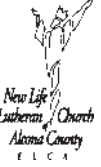
The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. in the upstairs hall of the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (800) 733-2726 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Area Church Directory

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church


 Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,
 Harrisville • 724-5160
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE


Family Heritage Baptist Church
 4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org.
 Sunday worship services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday 6 p.m. Patch the Pirate Club, children's ministry. Wednesday 6 p.m. midweek service (preaching and prayer service).

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)

 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
 ¼ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

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 ST. RAPHAEL, Mikado, Saturday 4:30 p.m.
 ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.
 ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.
 ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.
 Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

 201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville
 Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
 9:45 a.m. Adult Class • Worship & Sunday School ~ 11 a.m.
 Thursday office hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor ~ 724-6734


Spruce Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.
1246 E. Spruce Road, Spruce • 471-5013
 (3 miles west of F-41 & US-23) • Handicap Assessible

LOTT BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 4257 State Rd. Glennie
 Sunday morning service 11 a.m. (989)735-3771.
 Sunday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Elmer Ash.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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


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

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

 2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345
 Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond
 Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Monday: 6:30 p.m. *Teen Program (Grades 7-12)
 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & *Youth Programs (Grades K-6*)
 *Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.cbcmikado.com

Spruce Presbyterian Church

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 6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
 Worship 9 a.m.
 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor Wednesday office hours 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD
 158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350
 Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
 Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

GRACE COMMUNITY EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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 www.grace-epc.org, email: pastordalerobertson@yahoo.com
 Pastor Dale Robertson: 739-3424
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 E-mail: pastorlindajo@charter.net
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placed her in the same sexual position.

Jurors also heard testimony from Alcona County Sheriff Deputy Nathanael Leeseberg, the evidence technician for the case, who collected physical evidence from the alleged victim at Alpena Regional Medical Center and a DNR sample from Dibattista-Costello.

Former Alcona County Sheriff Deputy Robert Moore testified to his involvement as the investigator of the case, his work on the investigation and interviews with the alleged victim, her family, Dibattista-Costello and other witnesses in the case. Moore has been retired since July.

They also heard from two Michigan State Police (MSP) crime laboratory technicians - Frances D'Angelo, a forensic scientist in the biology unit of the MSP lab in Grayling, Mich., who examined the alleged victim's clothing and evidence collected at the hospital that is commonly known as a "rape kit" and David Hayhurst, a DNA analyst with the MSP crime lab in Grand Rapids, Mich., who testified regarding his findings which included confirming the seminal fluid and semen found in the alleged victim and her clothing was a match to the DNA collected from Dibattista-Costello.

The alleged victim's mother testified regarding the call she received from the alleged victim on the morning of January 8 - where the alleged victim said she'd been raped and wanted her mother to come and get her. The alleged victim's father and his live-in girlfriend also testified as to their actions that morning and of the alleged victim's demeanor and behavior since the alleged incidents of rape. Two women from Oscoda also testified that Dibattista-Costello allegedly raped them in two incidents separated by more than a year. The first alleged victim from Oscoda was 18 at the time of the alleged rape and didn't report it until an investigation into the second alleged victim, who was 13 at the time and had a child as a result, was underway.

Testimony was also heard from Shari Murgittroyd, coordinator of the Michigan State University Sexual Assault Center in Lansing, Mich. After outlining her education, position and experience, Judge Bergeron "qualified the witness as an expert in victim behavior in sexual as-

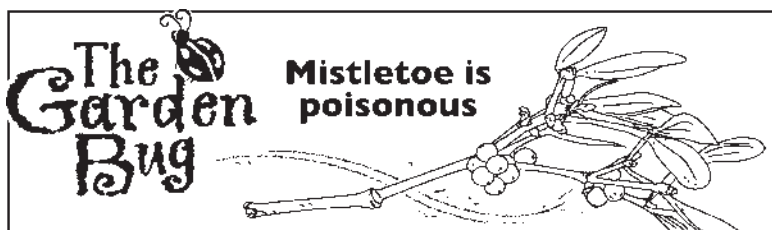
sault cases." She testified as to how victims of sexual assault - or anyone who has experienced trauma - might not remember details of the incident, have unconnected memories and will react in a variety of ways when recounting the rape or if something "triggers" memories of the rape.

She also testified that people often think of "fight or flight" as a means of surviving an attack of any kind - but that there is also the survival mode of "freeze" as well. "The most common means is not to fight off an attacker," Murgittroyd said. "When faced with extreme fear a response can be to freeze - there is a chemical that is released in the brain that causes the speech center to freeze... even if someone has the ability to run and the opportunity to do so - they may not be able to."

The only witness for the defense was Dibattista-Costello, who testified on his

behalf near the conclusion of court on Tuesday. He denies any allegations of rape by the alleged victim. Dibattista-Costello testified that he and the alleged victim had consensual sexual intercourse one time in the storage building or "garage" in the early morning of January 8. He did not admit it to Deputy Moore right away because he did not want his live-in girlfriend, Sarah Inman, to find out.

He testified that after having consensual sex with the alleged victim, they argued because she did not believe he wouldn't tell others or "brag" about their encounter. The argument became heated - he called her several unflattering names and the argument ended with her "irritated" at him. An undetermined amount of time passed and the next thing he knew, her mother was knocking on his door saying the alleged victim called her saying she was raped and wanted to know what was going on.



The Garden Bug
Mistletoe is poisonous

Mistletoe is actually a common name for several different plants, all parts of which contain chemicals that can cause blurred vision, abdominal problems, blood pressure changes or even death if ingested. For holiday decorating, purchase only imitation versions of these plants if you have children or pets around.

Source: chemistry.about.com/od/toxicchemicals

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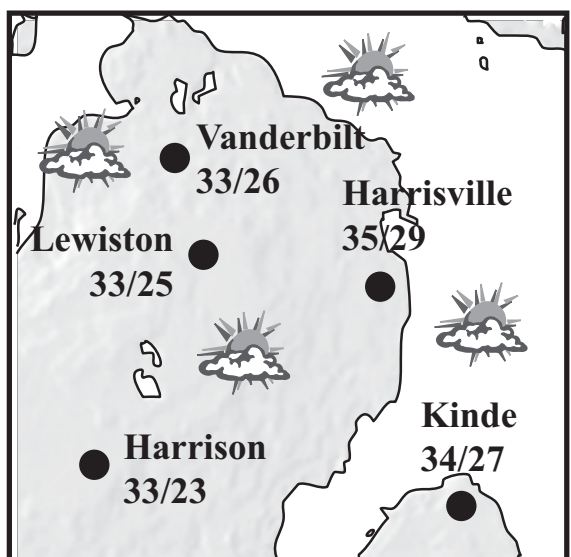


Alcona Review Weather Report Dec. 12, 2012

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 29
	THURSDAY Mostly Sunny High: 41 Low: 32
	FRIDAY Partly Cloudy High: 41 Low: 31
	SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 38 Low: 34
	SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 36 Low: 30
	MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 25
	TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 32 Low: 21

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

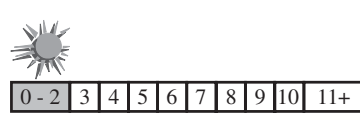
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 35°, humidity of 75%. West wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 53° set in 1949. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 29°. South wind 10 to 20 mph. The record low for tonight is -11° set in 1988.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	59	37	35/21	0.04"
Tuesday	60	29	35/21	0.08"
Wednesday	31	17	34/20	0.01"
Thursday	36	19	34/20	0.00"
Friday	40	31	34/20	0.00"
Saturday	35	27	33/19	0.01"
Sunday	33	25	33/19	0.36"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local UV Index

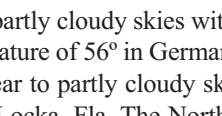


UV Index
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 12/13	Wednesday 8:01 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	7:03 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:02 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	8:08 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
Friday	8:02 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	9:04 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
Saturday	8:03 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	9:51 a.m.	8:03 p.m.
First 12/20	Sunday 8:04 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	10:29 a.m.	9:16 p.m.
Monday	8:05 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	11:02 a.m.	10:27 p.m.
Tuesday	8:05 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	11:31 a.m.	11:34 p.m.

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 56° in Germantown, Md. The Southeast will see scattered showers today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Opa Locka, Fla. The Northwest will see widespread rain and snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 62° in Colville, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 75° in Yuma, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:23 a.m.	3:51 p.m.
Venus	5:51 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Mars	10:08 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
Jupiter	4:05 p.m.	7:15 a.m.
Saturn	4:17 a.m.	2:46 p.m.
Uranus	1:16 p.m.	1:34 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 12, 1969 - The worst tornado of record for western Washington State tracked south of Seattle, traveling five miles, from Des Moines to Kent. The tornado, 50 to 200 yards in width, began as a waterspout over Puget Sound. One person was injured and the tornado caused half a million dollars in damage.

Weather Trivia

When is the Pacific typhoon season?

Answer: There is none. Typhoons can occur anytime during the year.

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Geminids: Fire in the Sky

Thursday morning, December 13, is when Geminid meteors should be flying at their maximum rates. Geminid activity has been on the rise since the shower's discovery in 1862 because the orbit of the dross which produces its bright meteors has been shifting ever closer to Earth. Jupiter's gravitational tugs take responsibility. In 1877 rates of 17 meteors per hour were being witnessed, 27 meteors each hour by the century's end. During the twentieth century rates climbed to over 80 events per hour. When I was a teen growing up in the 60's beginning my journey in astronomy, the Geminids were a major event, but they still paled in contrast to the August Perseids. Now they surpass the Perseids, but are still less observed because of the cold and often cloudy conditions which prevail in mid-December. Geminids are the best bet for observing meteor activity if the weather cooperates. They are also the only shower related to an asteroid. In 1983, 3200 Phaethon was discovered, and its orbit was quickly connected with the Geminids. This gave credence to the belief that many short period comets ended their active days masquerading as minor planets. For North America, meteor activity should increase throughout the night of December 12/13. The highest rates, perhaps as great as two meteors per minute, should be seen just before dawn. You can start observing as early as 10 p.m. Face east, but observe near the darker zenith. Geminids will be diverging upward from the east. By 2 a.m., face south but continue to look towards the zenith. Geminids will appear to radiate from an area of the sky near the bright star, Castor. Maps for both of these times are posted at www.astronomy.org. Observe a day earlier if weather conditions will be inclement on maximum night. After the morning of highest activity, rates decrease rapidly. Read about cold weather attire in last week's StarWatch. Ad Astra! www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. PSYCHOLOGY:** If you had choreophobia, what would you be afraid of?
- 2. COMICS:** What comic hero has a nemesis named Ming the Merciless?
- 3. TELEVISION:** Where were the characters of "Laverne and Shirley" employed in Milwaukee?
- 4. ARCHITECTURE:** Who invented the geodesic dome?
- 5. LITERATURE:** What were the names of "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas?
- 6. MOVIES:** What male actor starred in the 1981 film "Arthur," and who was his leading lady?
- 7. GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the island country of Sri Lanka located?
- 8. CHEMISTRY:** What is the Periodic Table symbol for zinc?
- 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What nickname did author Tom Wolfe give the 1970s?
- 10. LANGUAGE:** What are corsairs?

Answers: 1. Dancing; 2. Flash Gordon; 3. Shotz Brewery; 4. Richard Buckminster Fuller; 5. Aramis, Athos and Porthos; 6. Dudley Moore and Liza Minelli; 7. Off the coast of India; 8. Zn; 9. The "Me" Decade; 10. Privately owned warships. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

GETTING EFF-ENDED

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Disjoined | 1 Big couch |
| 9 Spanish rice dishes | 2 Discord deity |
| 16 Little newts | 3 Hippies' digs |
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| 21 Shekel earner | 5 Have faith in, with "on" |
| 22 Boatloads | 6 Tree fellers |
| 23 "If I Were a Rich Man" musical | 7 La Brea gunk |
| 25 Dirt-dishing Barrett | 8 Funny Phillips |
| 26 Appraises Here, to Jean-Luc | 9 Toss |
| 28 Medical school subj. | 10 More pale |
| 29 Unkosher | 11 Sonnet preposition |
| 30 San Francisco tourist area | 12 Wyoming city |
| 34 Field of flight technology | 13 Singer Lewis |
| 40 King, in Nice | 14 Take out — (borrow cash) |
| 41 U.S. immigrants' subj. | 15 Puts through a strainer |
| 42 Treat for the prodigal son | 16 Rare — (some elements) |
| 45 Gentlemen: Abbr. | 17 Wallpaper design, often |
| 49 Booker T. & the — | 18 Printer ink |
| 52 Luau hellos | 19 Walking stick |
| 53 Tiny charged thing | 24 "— for Noose" (Grafton novel) |
| 55 Online gabbing site | 30 TV regulator |
| 57 France's Coty | 31 "... — joy forever" |
| | 32 CD- — (PC insert) |
| | 33 With 131-Across, U.S. Military Academy students |
| | 34 Way, way off |
| | 35 — of tears |
| | 36 Take — faith |
| | 37 Alternate |
| | 38 Classy org.? |
| | 39 Airport requests |
| | 43 — Abner |
| | 44 Adversary |
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| | 60 "It's chilly!" |
| | 61 Actress Charlotte |
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| | 68 Art teacher's deg. |
| | 69 Digital greeting |
| | 70 "— turn" (dreaded game instruction) |
| | 71 Game using a flying disc |
| | 73 Lightning — |
| | 74 Jackie's #2 |
| | 75 Cyber-gulfaw |
| | 78 Blame |
| | 81 Cringe |
| | 84 P.O. item |
| | 85 Playboy nickname |
| | 86 — Lingus |
| | 88 "Ver-r-ry funny" |
| | 89 Adopt- — (animal shelter program) |
| | 90 Dicts. are full of them |
| | 92 Nonfictional |
| | 94 Ovid's 300 |
| | 95 Spa sigh |
| | 98 Hunks |
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| | 102 Rubber check abbr. |
| | 104 China items |
| | 106 Assailed |
| | 108 Artist Kahlo |
| | 109 Raring to go |
| | 110 "Hell — Heroes" (1962 film) |
| | 111 Reeves of "The Matrix" |
| | 112 French feminine plural pronoun |
| | 113 Small paving stones |
| | 114 Ending for ordinals |
| | 118 Part of a dog |
| | 119 A.D. part |
| | 120 Sharp |
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| | 121 "Ah, yes" |
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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• It was beloved American film star Katharine Hepburn who made the following sage observation: "Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, only with what you are expecting to give — which is everything."

• You might be surprised to learn that one out of every 18 people has a third nipple.

• The epic 1939 film "Gone With the Wind" was awarded 10 Academy Awards and is a beloved classic to this day. Given the astounding success of the movie, it's shocking that one of the stars, Vivien Leigh, was paid only \$15,000 for her role as Scarlett O'Hara.

• The world's smallest spider is about the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

• You may not realize it, but not all "light" beers have fewer calories than brews without that label. A beer simply has to be lighter in color to be called "light."

• The African ostrich lays an egg that weighs a whopping 30 pounds. It's so sturdy that a grown man can stand on it without causing it any harm.

• When the Titanic sank in 1912, many passengers perished in the frigid waters because no ship came to their aid until the Carpathia arrived more than two hours after the disaster. However, there was another ship nearby as the liner sank: a freighter, the California, was only 10 miles away. The crew even saw emergency flares fired from the liner, but they thought it was part of a celebration rather than a signal of distress.

• Although a normal human infant is born with 350 bones, the normal human adult has only 206 bones.

Thought for the Day: "I'm an excellent housekeeper. Every time I get a divorce, I keep the house." — Zsa Zsa Gabor

MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On Dec. 30, 1853, the United States acquires 30,000 square miles of land in what is now southern New Mexico and Arizona for \$15 million. The purchase settled the dispute over the location of the Mexican border west of El Paso, Texas, and established the final boundaries of the southern United States.

• On Dec. 28, 1869, the Knights of Labor, a labor union of tailors in Philadelphia, holds the first Labor Day ceremonies in American history. In 1894, Congress designated the first Monday in September a legal holiday for all federal employees and the residents of the District of Columbia.

• On Dec. 29, 1878, the first game is played between two teams of the first professional baseball league in Cuba. Baseball was introduced in Cuba around 1864, when some students returned home from studying in the United States and introduced their fellow islanders to the bat and ball.

• On Dec. 25, 1880, Layne Hall is born in Mississippi. When he died in 1990, Hall was the oldest licensed driver in the United States. In his nearly 75 years on the road, Hall never got a speeding ticket or citation of any kind.

• On Dec. 26, 1917, during World War I, President Woodrow Wilson announces the nationalization of many of the country's railroads. The Railroad Control Act stated that within 21 months of a peace treaty, the railroads would be returned to their owners. In March 1920, the railroads became private property once again.

• On Dec. 27, 1932, at the height of the Great Depression, thousands of people turn out for the opening of Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Radio City Music Hall was designed as a palace for the people — a place of beauty where ordinary folks could see high-quality entertainment. It remains the largest indoor theater in the world.

• On Dec. 24, 1979, the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan under the pretext of upholding the Soviet-Afghan Friendship Treaty of 1978. Within days, the Soviets had secured the capital of Kabul after overcoming fierce but brief resistance from the Afghan army.

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by Linda Thistle

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to OneWest Bank, FSB 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 eighty-seven thousand three hundred forty-three and 14/100 dollars (\$87,343.14). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 9, 2013. Said premises are situated in township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Town 26 North, Range 6 East, Section 25. East 554.66 feet of northeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4 except north 264 feet of east 276.66 feet except north 264 feet of west 84.9 feet S228/594 includes Parcels C and

D. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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: November 28, 2012 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 414741F01 11-28, 12-5, 12-12, 12-19

Notice of Mortgage Sale
 Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Meghan M. Himick, a single woman, to Alcona County Habitat for Humanity, formerly of 2395 E. Trask Lake Road, P.O. Box 429, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 (which is now known as Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan) with an address at 1600 W. Chisholm Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707. The mortgage is dated November 13, 2009 and recorded on November 13, 2009 at Liber 466, page 1061, 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 \$61,857.32 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 at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 on Friday, Dec. 28, 2012 at 11 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale. The property subject to the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: Lot 14 and 15 of Block 6, village of Greenbush, a recorded plat as found in Alcona County records, Section 2, T25N, R9E. The period of redemption will be

six months 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. 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: November 7, 2012 Habitat For Humanity Northeast Michigan, Mortgagee Matthew J. Wojda Attorney for Mortgagee 313 North Second Avenue Alpena, Mich. 49707 (989) 354-4104 11-14, 11-21, 11-28, 12-5, 12-12

Notice of Mortgage Sale
 Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Vernon M. Hammons and Gloria J. Hammons, husband and wife, to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, whose address is 1100 South Bagley Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707. The mortgage is dated December 9, 2010 and recorded on December 14, 2010 at Liber 475, pages 725-740, 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 \$136,272.71 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 at 106 Fifth

Street, Harrisville, Mich. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013 at 10 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage 4.125 percent interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale. The property subject to the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: Situated in the village of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan. Lots 7 and 8, Block 6 of Burton's Addition to the village of Greenbush, according to recorded plat in Liber 1 of Plats at page 9 of Alcona County records. The period of redemption will be six months 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. 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: November 28, 2012 Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union Mortgagee Daniel W. White Attorney for Mortgagee 313 North Second Avenue Alpena, MI 49707 (989) 354-4104 12-6, 12-12, 12-19, 12-26, 1-2, 2013

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ALCONA ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held on November 28 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to approve the minutes of the November 14 meeting; pay \$44,403.39 on accounts; to change the final meeting date for 2012 from December 26 at 4 p.m. to December 28 at 1 p.m.; to authorize fees for winter equipment storage; to approve a road improvement agreement with Gustin Township for McConnell Road. This synopsis of the minutes published prior to board review and approval.

HELP WANTED

CNAs full time, competitive wages all shifts, full time cook, apply in person Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville.

Alcona Health Center has an opening for a full time dental assistant at the Oscoda site. The position is for 40 hours per week, Tuesday through Friday. If interested go to www.alconahealthcenters.org for instructions on applying. Equal opportunity employer.

Child and Family Service Northeast Michigan, Inc. is seeking a part time 32 hours per week BSN or BSW with Maternal Child Health experience preferred. This person will be working with families of children birth to three years old in Alcona County. Commensurate benefits. Please send resume and three letters of recommendation to: Cynthia Kieliszewski, 1044 US-23 North, Alpena, Mich. 49707 by December 14.

Child and Family Service Northeast Michigan, Inc. is seeking a part time 32 hours per week para-professional family support worker position to service families of children birth to three years old in Alcona County. Commensurate benefits. Please send resume and three letters of recommendation to Cynthia Kieliszewski, 1044 US-23 North, Alpena, Mich. 49707 by December 14.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The following officers were sworn in: President Phillip Jordan, treasurer Mary Kossa, clerk Linda Somers and council members John Stutzman and Richard Somers. Those in attendance included: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers, deputy clerk/treasurer Stutzman and council members Gauthier, Healy, Lask, Somers and Stutzman. The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Healy, with support from Stutzman. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion from Stutzman, with support from Gauthier. Treasurer Kossa stated that she would like to commend the Playground Committee with the help of Teresa Hart and Naomi Potter for their successful bake sales recently. A large deposit was made to the account due to the efforts of all the "bakers." Leroy Hall, fire chief, stated that, once again, it has been a very busy month. He stated that he would like to send several of the fire fighters to ice/rescue training in February. Due to many unexpected costs within the fire department this year president Jordan suggested they try to seek funding from other sources to help cover the cost of training. In public comment time, Phil Phillips stated that he and Vickie are getting

prepared to move into their new home on Brownlee Lake. Connie Stutzman stated the next meeting of the planning commission will be held on January 17, 2013 at the village hall. Council member Richard Somers gave information to everyone present regarding application for grant funds through Moran Iron Works. He would like to apply for help to get money for fencing around the new ball field. Bonny will also continue to work on finding more grant funds elsewhere too. President Jordan asked for everyone to get their paperwork in order by next month's meeting. The Festival of Lights will begin on Friday night at 5:30 p.m. The bonfire will begin at 4:30 p.m. followed by reindeer games, caroling, wagon rides, et cetera. The judging of light displays will begin on Tuesday evening. Gift bags will be passed out for all the children and a cake/cookie walk will be held. In new business, Stutzman said he will continue to plan for spring planting of flowers and needed repairs of the Flights of Imagination playground. President Jordan stated that they will be putting in about six inches of sand, resealing the entire complex, adding new mulch and painting and repairing wherever needed. He stated that he believes it will look great once it is redone. Gauthier gave out information about a blood drive that will be held at Lincoln Haven on December 14 from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Council meeting dates were set for 2013 as follows: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 3, October 7, November 4 and December 2. All meetings will be held at the village hall at 7 p.m. A budget meeting will be held on January 10 at 6 p.m. President Jordan asked about having someone to maintain the flower gardens at the Senior Citizen Center. Anyone who is interested is asked to contact him. A flagpole was installed at Railroad Park in honor of Cecil K. Linton. Thanks go to his family members. A new bladder tank was installed at the Maintenance Building. A new thermostat and new filters were installed also. The new snow removal equipment for the sidewalks was used recently. President Jordan stated that so far it is working very well. Thanks go to many individuals for their help in maintaining things in the village. Thank you to all who have helped in any way. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Lask, to advertise the 1995 truck in the local newspaper. Carried. A motion to advertise for an open council seat was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman. Carried. President Jordan wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman. Carried.

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Foreclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the military, please contact our office at the number listed below. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Dale Banks Sr., a single man, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated July 8, 2005 and recorded July 12, 2005 in Liber 420, page 416 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as trustee for securitized asset backed receivables LLC 2005-OP2 mortgage pass-through certificates, series 2005-OP2, by assignment dated September 8, 2008 and recorded September 10, 2008 in Liber 455, page 740, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred ten thousand four hundred thirty-eight dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$110,438.67) including interest 3.99 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on January 9, 2013. Said premises are situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Township of Harrisville, county of Alcona and state of Michigan, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, Section 10, the east half (east one-half) of the northwest quarter (northwest quar-

ter) of the northeast quarter (northeast quarter). All that part of the northwest quarter (northwest quarter) of the northeast quarter (northeast quarter) of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, Harrisville Township lying west of the following described boundary line. Description of a line dividing the northwest one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, Harrisville Township, Alcona County, state of Michigan. Commencing at the north one-quarter corner of said Section 10, thence north 89 degrees 45 minutes 06 seconds east along the north line of said section and the centerline of Walker Road, 662.12 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 00 degrees 48 minutes 16 seconds west 308.31 feet; thence south 02 degrees 38 minutes 22 seconds east 321.55 feet; thence south 15 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds west 92.69 feet; thence south 05 degrees 18 minutes 14 seconds west 57.82 feet; thence south 43 degrees 20 minutes 24 seconds east 37.42 feet; thence south 01 degrees 27 minutes 33 seconds east 483.15 feet to the point of termination on the north one-eighth line of said section. Make: Mansion. Model number: 9948. Serial number: M-O-36694-2. Width: 28; length: 48; Year: 2005. Commonly known as 4802 Walker Road, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. 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; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 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. Dated: December 12, 2012 Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2005-OP2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-OP2, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 File No: 12-72551 12-12, 12-19, 12-26, 1-2, 2013

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

Estate of the Anne L. Nye Living Trust dated July 22, 1994. Date of birth: October 20, 1924 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Anne L. Nye, who lived at 1077 Crescent Road, Harrisville, Mich. died November 9, 2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John B. Nye and Barbara A. Ginnard, co-trustees, named successor trustees of the Anne L. Nye Living Trust dated July 22, 1994, at 6420 Pine Valley, Clarkston, Mich. 48346 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: December 7, 2012 David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155 Co-Successor Trustees John B. Nye 6420 Pine Valley Clarkston, Mich. 48346 Barbara A. Ginnard 36509 Bobrich Livonia, Mich. 48152

Find bargains after Christmas

Dollars and Sense
BY David Uffington

The week between Christmas and New Year's Eve is a good time to get a running start on shopping for next year's holiday season. Retailers are eager to add a few dollars to their coffers before the end of the year, and you might be able to get a large portion of next year's shopping done at a deep discount. At the same time, you can shop for some of the events you have coming up in 2013.

Children grow quickly, but it's safe to buy for adults who generally have stable weight. Jeans, sweaters, T-shirts and sweatshirts are good options for next year, as are gloves, hats and scarves. At the same time, if you have a fast-growing child who'll likely outgrow what he or she is wearing before warm weather arrives, look for discounted winter gear.

Keep an eye on Offers.com for coupons and markdowns at stores such as Best Buy, Old Navy, Bloomingdales and Toys "R" Us. Note which ones are for online purchases only, and which ones are in-store. Compare the online sales to your local ads, as there won't be any pattern to where the bargains are.

Stock up on supplies such as Christmas cards, wrapping paper, bows and tape. Look for outdoor lights, ornaments and decorations. Stores would rather sell them at a discount than have to store them until next year. (If you're shopping for non-holi-

day events that are coming up, go with solid-colored supplies such as red or gold for parties, picnics and birthdays supplies.)

Check drugstores for holiday-specific merchandise. With the holiday over, they need to move it all out via deep discounts.

If you have children with birthdays coming up soon, keep an eye on toy stores that brought in the hot items of the season. Those same toys may now be on clearance.

Fleece blankets and personal-size comforters never go out of style and are always a welcome addition for anyone's TV viewing room.

Think lonely: For big-ticket items like new carpeting or furniture, it doesn't hurt to see what kind of deals you can get from your smaller local retailers. With so many people focusing on the holidays and shopping the malls, local retailers will be eager for sales to round out their year.

Look for unboxed electronics or demo models, but opt for the warranty just to be safe.

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

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The Hope Box

Veterans Post
by Freddy Groves

Some will chastise me, I imagine, for dealing with this topic during the holidays. But it's the holidays that make this problem even more poignant: suicide among veterans.

The suicide rate for veterans has been coming down. So say the compilers of the statistics. However, the number isn't coming down fast enough. The last semi-reliable number is 18 veterans per day.

The list of treatments and drugs thrown at the problem of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, surely a big cause of suicide, is long. Some veterans have done well with drugs or therapies, and some with combinations of those.

Now there is a new ray of hope — specifically, the Hope Box. This new tool is being tested at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Portland, Ore.

Staff at the medical center are using a smartphone app to collect items meaningful to the veteran as a way to manage suicidal thoughts: photos, videos of loved ones,

music, games, phone numbers of help lines and more. The Hope Box has areas on the touch screen labeled Remind Me, Distract Me, Relax Me, Inspire Me and Coping Cards.

At this point, only a few dozen veterans have been enrolled in the program, but anyone with a smartphone who needs help can create a similar hope box. Go online and search for the app's creator, Nigel Bush, and enter its title: Development and Evaluation of a Virtual Hope Box for Reducing Suicidal Ideation. You'll find a .PDF file full of graphics that show what's in the Hope Box.

Even though your VA medical center might not have the Hope Box program yet, staffers have heard of it and will be able to help set up your smartphone.

If you've struggled with PTSD and suicidal thoughts, please try creating a hope box. Write me and tell me what you've put in it.

Send email to Freddy Groves at columnreply@gmail.com.

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