

Special gift saves Harrisville resident's life

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Falling in love saved a Harrisville man's life -- not right away and in a round about way.

It was through a twist of fate that Brian Baker met his wife, Beth DeRosier. "It was just a fluke we even met, I lived in Oscoda, Beth lived in Harrisville. We were set up on a blind date by people we each worked with that moved here from Maryland on a whim," Brian said.

Little did Brian know that night he would be meeting his bride to be, nor did he know that someday, Beth's sister, Jennifer Kozlow, would probably save his life through an unselfish act.

The couple eventually got married and had a daughter, Miranda. Brian owned a construction business and Beth worked for a local manufacturing company. They enjoyed a happy, normal life. Until the unexpected happened.

"My feet would go numb. I let it go for a while thinking it was just a pinched nerve or something. When I did finally go to the doctors they did blood tests and a neurologist found my creatinine levels were extremely high," Brian

walk to the mailbox was exhausting and he'd have to come in and take a two hour nap. He couldn't work anymore," Beth said.

"I was exhausted. My legs would swell up, I couldn't mow the lawn. I couldn't ride a bike with my daughter. Every month you are on dialysis your health declines," Brian said. "Time is precious. I needed a new kidney. I got put on the donor transplant list; but the doctors told me it would take five to seven years to receive a kidney."

The Bakers didn't think he could wait that long so they started looking for relatives and friends who could possibly donate a kidney.

"There is a big process to organ donation," said Jen, a registered nurse. "You don't just get put on a list; they have to look at who is going to be the best candidate to receive the organ. Some people can't even get on the transplant list, so you are lucky to even make it there."

"You must be evaluated, medically and psychologically. They are very serious about what you have to do as far as your diet and maintaining your health in order to receive an organ," Brian said.

go through with it. It isn't a decision to be made lightly," Brian said.

During that time, Jen, her husband, Kristopher, and their two young daughters were living downstate and moved back to Harrisville so Jen could help her father take care of their ailing mother. Having been diagnosed with a brain tumor the sisters' mother had been in a state of declining health for almost 10 years.

Jen was concerned about

her mother, as well as Brian and her sister Beth, when Jen's world changed in an instant.

Kristopher died suddenly leaving her with two daughters, Abby, 4 and Lily, 2. His funeral was February 14, 2010. "It was Valentine's Day and that same morning, our mom died. It was tough, really, really hard," Jen said. "We were at my husband's funeral and people were asking about our mother and we would have to tell them she

passed away that morning. It was unbelievable."

Despite her grief, Jen decided to help Brian. "I knew I had to make something right come out of all this. I didn't want my sister becoming a widow as well," Jen said.

Jen was an regular blood donor and knew she had O negative blood -- the rare universal blood type which can be given to anyone no matter what their blood type.

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Beth Baker, Brian Baker and Jen Kozlow. Photo by Mary Weber.

said.

Creatinine is a chemical waste product in the blood that passes through the kidneys to be filtered and eliminated in urine.

To complicate matters, Brian only had one kidney. This anomaly was discovered when he was a teenager, and he had lived a relatively normal life -- until then.

Brian's kidney was performing at only 17 percent of its function. "I had uncontrolled high blood pressure for a while and that is one of the worst things for kidney failure," Brian said.

In October 2009 Brian was diagnosed with kidney failure. Less than six months later he was in dialysis. "Dialysis is something I wouldn't wish on anyone," Brian said. He went for four hour treatments three times a week. "They'd pull 10 pounds of water weight from me each time," Brian said.

"It was hard on him. Just a

"He aced it, Brian is the type they love to give organs to. He was young and had everything going in his direction," Jen said.

Beth didn't have a compatible blood type, so she wasn't a match. Brian's two brothers, Mike and Scott, were considered as well, but ruled out because of health issues.

The Bakers had friends who came forward wanting to donate their kidney. If they were the right blood type Brian would sit down and discuss the complications and risks involved.

"It's a really big deal to donate a kidney, it's not like you are donating a fingernail or blood. It's not something your body can reproduce or grow back. I had to talk to them and caution them to really put some thought behind it. They did and eventually they backed out. I'm not mad about that. I totally understand their not wanting to



Fire fighters battle a house fire on North Huron Terrace Drive in Harrisville Saturday night. Fire departments from all over the county assisted Harrisville Fire Department in putting out the blaze which began in the unoccupied home around 5 p.m. No one was home at the time of the fire. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Federal funding for emergency food and shelter decreases this year

Three area counties have been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. Alpena, Alcona and Montmorency counties will be the recipients of \$13,282, \$4,790 and \$5,879 respectively under phase 30. The total award for the three counties was decreased by \$6,149 from last year.

The selection was made by a national board which is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and United Way Worldwide. The board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

Local boards are made up of representatives from the

county commissioners office, United Way, church organizations, homeless and domestic violence organizations, American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Michigan Department of Human Services, senior citizens council and utility service representatives. These members will determine how the funds awarded to each jurisdiction are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: Be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice nondiscrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food

and/or shelter programs, and; if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Alpena, Alcona and Montmorency counties distributed emergency food and shelter

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Obituaries

Linda J. Curtis

Linda J. Curtis, 63, of Oscoda died on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

She was born in Tawas City, on March 8, 1949 to James and Janice (Holder) Fulgham.

She worked as a bartender for many local businesses throughout the years. She was an accomplished pool player and enjoyed gardening, antique collecting and bike riding with her grandchildren.

Ms. Curtis is survived by three sons, Kenneth Webster of Arkansas, Christopher (Holly) Curtis of North Carolina and John Curtis of Grand Rapids, Mich.; one daughter, Kathryn Padgett of Oscoda; three grandchildren; two sisters, Vanessa Webster and Lori Pulda. Private arrangements were handled by Buresh Funeral Homes, Inc. Memorials may be made to the family.

Linton N. Fowler Sr.

Linton N. Fowler Sr., 56, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012 at University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He was born May 3, 1956 to Norman and Mabel (Tait) Fowler in Alpena. He was a life-long resident of Gustin Township.

On April 30, 1973 he married Brenda Michaud in Lincoln.

He owned and operated Bear Forest Products for 25 years and was employed by Inman Forest Products. He loved nature and enjoyed driving through the woods looking at trees.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Barton City.

Mr. Fowler is survived by his wife, Brenda; one son, Linton (Pamela) Fowler Jr.; two daughters, Leah (Aaron) Petitti; and Linnette (R.J.) Hill; nine grandchildren, Kayla, Jacob and Travis Fowler, Jordan, and Jenna Fowler and Matthew Petitti, Raelynn, Alexis and Aiden Hill; eight sisters, Linda, Nancy, Barbara, Norma, Dora, Joyce, Lynn, and



Suzanne; one brother, Aubrey "Hank" Grush; many nieces and nephews; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lloyd and Sylvia Michaud; three sisters-in-law, Kathy (Bob) Goddard, Gay (Rich) Weir and Sharon Michaud; and one brother-in-law, Lloyd (Kimberly) Michaud.

Visitation is Thursday, Dec. 27 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Visitation will continue on Friday, Dec. 28 at the funeral home from noon until the funeral at 2 p.m. The Rev. Laraine Sundin will officiate. Burial will be in Mikado Cemetery.

Henry F. Argyle

Henry F. Argyle, 92, of Ossineke, died on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at The Country House Adult Foster Care in Ossineke.

He was born July 30, 1920 in Mikado to Samuel and Sarah (Hayward) Argyle.

He served in the United States Navy on the USS St. Louis during World War II.

On March 5, 1948 he married Marjorie Schultz in Napoleon, Ohio. They were long-time residents of Garden City, Mich. before moving to Mikado in 1976. They were also residents of Lincoln, Mims, Fla. and Oscoda.

He was retired from Ford Motor Company. He was a member of the America Legion, Alpena Post No. 0065

and of the VFW.

Mr. Argyle is survived by one daughter, Cynthia Lou Argyle; one granddaughter, four great-grandchildren, all of Alpena; one brother, Roy (Betty) Argyle of Bay City, Mich.; one step-sister, Shirley (Vernon) Schwab of Bay City, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Edith Schultz of Ossineke; one brother-in-law, Robert (Jeannette) Schultz of Ossineke; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie, on June 2, 2006; one sister, Alma Gottleber; and three brothers, Edmund Argyle, Gene Argyle and Samuel Argyle Jr.

The funeral was held December 22 at Gillies Funeral



Home, Lincoln. The Rev. Mike Kelley officiated. Burial will be in Maple Ridge Cemetery, Barton City. Memorial Donations may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation or Hospice of Michigan.

Kenneth J. Arnot

Kenneth J. Arnot, 81, of Harrisville, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 at his home.

He was born July 12, 1931 to John and Olive (Anger) Arnot in Crosswell, Mich. He was raised in Port Huron, Mich.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

On September 20, 1974 he married Fannie Schram in Pontiac, Mich. They were residents of Waterford, Mich.

Mr. Arnot worked as a foreman for General Motors in Pontiac, Mich. and retired after 35 years. In 1995 the Arnots moved to Harrisville.

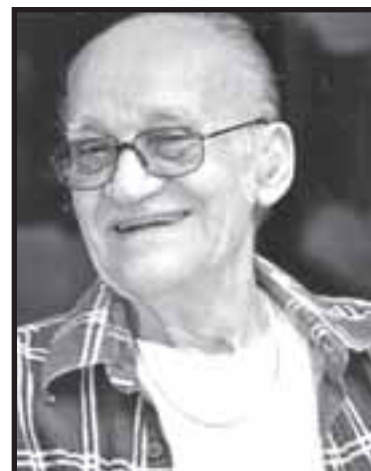
He was a charter member of the Family Heritage Baptist Church in Harrisville, where he was very active. He helped build the church and

remodel the inside. He enjoyed cowboy movies, hunting, fishing and baseball.

Mr. Arnot is survived by his wife, Fannie; one son, Randy Arnot; two daughters, Cynthia (Cindy Chase) Tersigni and Dawn (Jeremy) Napier; seven grandchildren, Tina Smith, Nicole (Billy) Williams, Danielle (Josh) Foster, Andrew (Razma) Tersigni, Sarah (Tim) Rothrock and Alexis and Zachary Napier; five great-grandchildren, Liam Williams, Lily Ann and Elijah Foster, Ieva Tersigni and Tristan Rothrock; one sister, Edna Jones; and one brother, Lyman Arnot.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Max Arnot.

The funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 22 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The



Rev. Ernest Ruemenapp officiated. Burial will be in Twin Lakes Cemetery in Lincoln, in the spring.

Memorial donations may be made to the Family Heritage Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2011-2012

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 16	45	39	0.10	2.4	24	SSW
Dec. 17	43	35	0.04	0.1	8	WSW
Dec. 18	42	29	0.00	0.2	11	W
Dec. 19	42	30	0.00	0.1	8	WNW
Dec. 20	41	31	1.13	14.5	38	SE
Dec. 21	42	28	0.17	7.7	35	NNE
Dec. 22	31	26	0.00	2.7	26	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		20012-2013	
Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content	
Weekly Total	1.44	0.6	0.41
December to Date	2.37	3.1	1.31
Year/Season to Date	26.67	5.0	27.93

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 26

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 Street. 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 Street.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

Family movie matinee at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main Street. at 2 p.m. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

My Brother's Hope Potluck Café-Take 2 will serve a free meal and offer free haircuts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. For more information, call Susan Armstrong (989) 724-6365.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Spruce Lutheran Emergency Food Pantry, 1246 E. Spruce Road, 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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

An eBook Reader instruction at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Limited enrollment, call (989) 724-6796 to register for this class.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

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.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

There will be a service of lights at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The service begins at 5 p.m. with light refreshments and entertainment. The service of lights will follow and everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located on the corner of US-23 and Medor Road in Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 335-4054.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Get Crafty for Adults at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The project for January is a scarf/vest. There is a \$3 charge. Call, (989) 724-

6797 for a supply list and to register.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Alcona Community Schools is hosting a K-12 family night starting with dinner at 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, health and fitness discussion 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.

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

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Seasonal Cycles
Winter was filled with migrating sparrows, catbirds, goldfinches and robins. Spring was filled with cowbirds, wrens, titmice and woodpeckers. Babies were everywhere during the summer. Fall has red-winged blackbirds, crows and blue jays. My yard is always filled, and so is my heart. Happy New Year, everyone!

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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. 31—All sites and services closed.
- Tuesday, Jan. 1—All sites and services closed.
- Wednesday, Jan. 2—Smoked sausage, macaroni and cheese, peas, three bean salad and mixed fruit.
- Thursday, Jan. 3—Chicken pot pie with stew vegetables, biscuit top, cauliflower, tossed salad and cinnamon apples.
- Friday, Jan. 4—Fish almandine, au gratin potatoes, green beans, coleslaw and mandarin oranges.

Quit Smoking Series

Alpena Regional Medical Center's Community Health Department has adopted a behavior change therapy concept when designing the smoking cessation programs and January 14, 2013 kicks off a six-week Quit Smoking series. It is also offering free ongoing Behavior Management series after completion of classes. This series and ongoing free class will help smokers over and through the roadblocks and hurdles to become a successful non-smoker again. For more information on ARMC smoking cessation series or Behavior Management classes, contact (989) 356-8124.

Even smoking a few cigarettes a day or smoking occasionally increases the risk of lung cancer. The more years a person smokes and the more cigarettes smoked each day, the more risk goes up. Cigarette smoking is the number one risk factor for lung cancer. In the United States, cigarette smoking causes about 90 percent of lung cancers. People who smoke are 15 to 30 times more likely to get lung cancer or die from lung cancer than people who do not smoke.

There are ways to decrease development of lung cancer. While family history cannot be controlled; people can control the practice of smoking. Smoking cessation can be a difficult endeavor therefore, a thorough understanding

and practice of behavior change therapy is ideal. The addictive qualities of nicotine are comparable to that of cocaine and heroin. The physical addiction can be overcome; in approximately two weeks. The practice of smoking, the connection to lifestyle is the part of smoking cessation that is most challenging to sustain.

Online Series For Farmers

Michigan State University Extension is offering a series of five on-line webinars for beginning farmers. Each two-hour, evening webinar will cover a different small farm enterprise. The webinars focus on northern Michigan, but are relevant state-wide and throughout the Midwest.

Webinars include: Getting Started with Grazing, Janu-

ary 9, 2013; Getting Started with Grass-finished Beef, January 23, 2013; Getting Started with Field Crops and Hay, February 6, 2013; Getting Started with Field-grown Vegetables, February 27, 2013; Getting Started with Hoophouses, March 20, 2013

Each of the sessions will run from 7 to 9 p.m. EST. Cost is \$15 per session and an addition \$5 for copies of the handouts at a viewing or live site. Handouts will be available to download in pdf format at no cost. Register on-line at <http://events.anr.msu.edu/upbegfarmer2013> or contact Alger County MSU Extension, (906) 387-2530 or msue.alger@county.msu.edu, for more information and a registration form.



Bob Karsen Jr. saw this young horned owl caught in a fence by Glennie on Tuesday, Dec. 18. He found a place to pull over his semi and got the owl untangled from the barbed wire. The owl was so tired from fighting to get free he just sat for awhile before taking flight. *Courtesy photo.*

The Christmas Lights

By Jim Gagnier

The season is upon us and to me the thought is frightening
 My wife says I must start upon the outside Christmas lighting
 The strings are all so tangled that there is no rhyme or reason
 It makes me wish that I could sleep right through this Christmas season
 And then there comes the testing and I find... well, you can guess it
 That half the darn things do not work and I'm shouting now "God bless it"
 And so off to Kmart then I go for new lights I'll be calling
 And driving back I notice that some freezing rain starts falling
 But through the sleet and icy cold, I work, just like a trooper
 And four hours later from my chair, the twinkling lights look super.
 But, then, before my very eyes the thing that I've been fearing
 The rain has shorted something out... my lights are disappearing
 By now I've reached the point at which the project I am spurning
 I tell my wife some candles in the window I'll set burning
 Now I don't know if Edison had Christmas lights back then
 His wife, too, heard some real choice words... the kind I cannot mention
 For his regret at ever coming up with that invention.

Tigers win against Fairview

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

The Alcona varsity boys basketball team ended its pre-holiday schedule with a 3-1 record after traveling to Fairview and easily defeating the Eagles 72-57.

Even though they won by a good margin, the game was not as close as the score indicates. With the Tiger's regular rotation watching the game from the bench, Fairview scored the final 17 points of the game in the fourth quarter. Alcona had a 70-41 lead before the Eagle's run.

The game started as a close battle with the score tied at 7-7 after a three-pointer by

Trent LaVergne. Then Alcona went on a 16-5 run to lead 23-12 after one quarter. Dustin Yokom did most of the damage with nine points.

Alcona outscored Fairview 20-13 in the second quarter and led 43-25 at halftime. This time Aaron Ritchie took over the scoring with 10 points, most of them on fast break points because of his hustle down the floor.

The Tigers increased their lead to 60-36 in the third quarter. Ritchie again led the way with six points. They rode the hot shooting of Carson Jamieson and his eight points to lead 70-41 until Fairview made their game ending run.

Alcona had five players in double figures, a situation a coach always likes. Ritchie led with 16 points followed by Jared Steiner, LaVergne and Yokom all adding 11 points each. Jamieson contributed 10 points, Andy Cammack had six, Eric Hampton had five and Dawson Forsythe made two points.

Steiner had an exceptional game distributing the ball for 14 assists. In the rebound department LaVergne pulled down nine and Jamieson grabbed seven. Alcona also took care of the ball and was charged with only 11 turnovers.

The game at Posen on Thursday was postponed by the snowstorm and will be made up at a later date. Alcona is now off for the holidays and will play at Whittemore-Prescott on January 11, 2013.

The junior varsity team extended its record to 3-1 with a dominating win over Fairview 65-22. Isaac Dubuque led balanced scoring with 12 points.

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Still, Jen was not sure if they would allow her to be a donor for her brother-in-law.

Brian tried talking her out of it. "I tried talking to Jen to really think about what she wanted to do, especially after all she had just been through, but her mind was made up," Brian said.

"From that day forward, I stopped thinking it was my kidney and started referring to it as Brian's kidney and taking the best care of it I possibly could," Jen said.

A benefit was given to help Brian and Beth with the mounting bills. "I couldn't work, so I didn't know how we were going to keep our house. A group of friends stepped up and held a benefit dinner. If it hadn't been for those people I'm not sure we could have kept our house," Brian said.

Beth focused on keeping her job because without it they wouldn't have medical insurance. "My work, Cooper Standard, was very understanding. Even one of the managers came and helped serve spaghetti at the benefit," Beth said.

"Physically, I was a match, Jen said, "but they look at the overall well being of the donor. Having been through such a deep loss, they evaluated me several times psychologically as well as physically. It's not a small process; every time I went they drew at least 10 vials of blood."

That went on from February until June when she was finally cleared to give her brother-in-law a kidney.

On July 2, 2010 the surgery was performed. "I wasn't really scared," Jen said, "I have a lot of faith and a lot of wonderful family, including my dad and my mother-in-law and father-in-law... I had confidence knowing that even if something catastrophic should happen that everything would be taken care of. I knew my girls were going to be taken care of and I had

family that loved them. Everything I needed to do was done."

After surgery Brian felt the best he had felt in years. "I had been on dialysis for five months, but after surgery, I felt electrified I felt so good."

Unfortunately, his sister-in-law didn't feel quite as good as Brian. "It really hurt," Jen said, "I developed an infection. It took me a lot longer to recover than it did for Brian."

But Jen knows everything she went through was worth it. "I hold the trump card, if ever I need anything, I can call kidney, and Brian will be there. He knows he has to be really good to my sister or I may want my kidney back," Jen said laughing, "We sisters have to stick together."

Brian's gratitude is profound.

"How do you thank someone for doing something like this?" Brian asked. "Tell me how you thank someone for giving you your life back and I'll do it."

Since the surgery Brian has a totally different outlook on life. "They say every day is a gift, which it really is. Sometimes it's a clip on tie, but it's still a gift, you can still wear it. Things that used to bother me don't bother me anymore. I get to play with my kid. I get to go for bike rides with her. There could be a day again when my health is in doubt, but it's not going to catch me waiting for it to happen. Every morning I get up and have something to smile about," he said.

"I celebrate two anniversaries, one with my wife when we were married and one with my sister-in-law the day she donated a kidney to me," Brian said.

As for Jen, "I have a good story and a small scar, two wonderful daughters and a family I really love. My health is very good, having only one kidney hasn't affected my health at all," Jen said beaming while pointing to her blood

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in 2012 with The Salvation Army, St. Bernard Friendship Room, Sunrise Mission, Shelter, Inc., St. Vincent DePaul Society, Community Sharing Program, Atlanta Church of Christ, Helping Hand Program, Baby Basket, United Methodist Church and under His Wing Christian Fellowship.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

No duck for dinner, Lunch or Supper

By Mary Weber
Columnist

Since acquiring our first farm animals, a pair of pet Pekin ducks, purchased during the livestock market sale at the fair, our quiet mosquito farm oasis has become a mecca for wildlife in search of an easy meal.

At night we keep the ducks on lock down. They have a walk-in chicken coop with their own little ducky door. As evening falls the ducks are ushered into the pen through the duck door. Once inside they find themselves in a large dog crate, almost large enough for two Saint Bernards. It's a castle for our 25 pound pet ducks, which have plenty of room to run around but can still cuddle together if they desire.

The crate has everything a duck could possibly want, a water bucket, plenty of grain and sunflower seeds and a heat lamp that turns on when the temperature dips below 35 degrees. We even provide our ducks with fresh cedar shavings. We lock the duck door after the ducks are tucked in for the night.

The chicken coop is surrounded by a chain link fence that is 10 feet by 10 feet in area and six feet high which we positioned right next to our dogs' fenced run area. We had hoped that by doing this the dogs would help protect the ducks against predators. We never thought our

dogs, who receive three grand meals per day in the comfort and luxury of our own kitchen, would ever prey upon the ducks.

When the ducks arrived we noticed our three drooling dogs who looked like they wanted to feast on our new residents. We realized we'd have to keep a closer eye on our fur kids in order to protect our new feather kids. As I've mentioned in a column written last summer, the dogs quickly named the ducks Lunch and Supper.

So far we have been lucky. The ducks have not become a meal -- though there has been some fairly close calls.

In the morning we open the crate and the pen door so the ducks can roam about the yard. They enjoy pecking at the grass and weeds around our two ponds, fairly close to the house. Occasionally, they roam a bit further, even venturing into the woods and showing up under my husband's deer blind. Obviously, with two ducks quacking 15 feet beneath him, Willy

didn't get a deer that day.

The roaming ducks have left their scent and it's piqued the curiosity of not only our dogs, but a few canine cousins and some additional woodland warriors.

It began a few months ago. Willy and I were downstate visiting our newest grandchild when we received an early morning phone call from our dog/duck sitter, Diann Waligore.

Her early morning call was a little alarming... She just wanted to inform us she would not be letting the ducks out of their pen until a little later in the day because a coyote was drinking from our backyard pond. "A coyote is drinking from our pond in daylight? That's most unusual. Typically our dogs do a pretty good job at barking away any infiltrators within a hundred feet of our house. No, don't let the ducks out yet, but make sure the dogs go out in their fenced area for a while; they need to start earning their keep. Thanks for the call," Willy sighed as he set down the phone.

I know we have coyotes in the woods close to the house, I hear them at night. Sometimes they sound like screaming monkeys, which makes me shiver. "I wonder why the dogs didn't go out barking at it," I said to Wil while he was filling his coffee cup. "They're probably in cahoots with the coyote. If they can't eat the ducks, at least their cousin will dine nicely," Wil responded shaking his head.

When we arrived home all duck feathers were still intact and Lunch and Supper ran up the driveway to greet us.

A few days after our return, Willy spotted a red fox standing alone in the middle of our backyard. Years ago we had a pair of grey fox come to the bottom of the bird feeders in the middle of a cold winter night in an attempt to scrape up a meal, but we've never seen a red fox in the yard in broad daylight. Willy scared it away with just a yell out the window.



The newest interest is something we never expected. A few weeks ago while sitting at our dining table, I glanced outside and noticed bubbles coming in a straight line across the top of the pond. "Oh no," I groaned, "that darn muskrat is back." Mr. Muskrat came to our pond last fall and stayed for most of the winter. During his stay he ate many of my beloved extremely large water lilies, killing several peach and yellow plants. "I want that thing trapped," I said.

The bubbles got close to the edge of the pond and the ducks began to quack up a storm. The animal popped up out of the water. "Get my gun," Wil said. "What is it?" I questioned. "It doesn't look like a muskrat, look at its tail, that's not a muskrat. Let's find out what it is before you go shooting it," I pleaded.

I grabbed our Michigan critter book and started thumbing through the pages. "I think that's a mink," I said as I handed the book to Wil. He nodded his head, "Yeah that looks right, what does it eat? Does it eat duck?" He didn't wait for an answer and was loading his gun by the time I got to the food section on the page. "It's a carnivore, it eats small to medium mammals such as voles, mice, chipmunks, rabbits and squirrels, but it favors muskrat. Don't shoot it, it eats muskrat, maybe it will rid our pond of that lily killing varmint," I said.

While all this was going on the ducks, curious about the animal staring at them, were squawking away and easing their way closer and closer to the mink. We glanced up to see the ducks only a foot away from the mink. In a quick and angry frenzy our courageous Lunch took a

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The visiting mink ventures out onto the ice of the backyard pond. *Photos by Wil Weber.*

NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
USDA - Forest Service
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Huron Shores Ranger Station
Oscoda, Michigan
Pine River Bank Stabilization

The Huron Shores Ranger Station is requesting your comments on proposed bank stabilization projects along the Pine River.

The Forest Service is proposing to complete up to ten bank stabilization structures to reduce sedimentation and to improve fish habitat along the Pine River system. This work is proposed in Alcona County, T 25N, R 8E Section 7, approximately four miles west of the village of Mikado, MI. Work would be accomplished utilizing hand tools.

This project is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement under the category described in 36 CFR Part 220(6)(e)(7). This project is subject to notice and comment pursuant to the case of Sequoia ForestKeeper v. Tidwell. This ruling requires that actions that can be categorically excluded under the provisions of Title 36, CFR Part 220(6)(e) be subject to public notice, comment and opportunity for administrative appeal.

The comment period for this project ends 30 days from the date the legal notice is published in the Oscoda Press however, if the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, the comment period shall be extended to the close of business of the next Federal working day. Only those who submit timely comments during the 30-day comment period will be accepted as appellants of the decision. Individuals and organizations wishing to comment must provide the following:

- (i) Name and address.
- (ii) Title of the proposed action.
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For more information, please contact Paul Thompson at (989) 739-0728 x 3028. Please address your comments re: Pine River Bank Stabilization to the Responsible Official, District Ranger, Shawn Cochran, Huron-Manistee National Forest, 5761 North Skeel Ave, Oscoda, MI 48750; telephone (989) 739-0728, fax (989) 739-0347, TTY (989) 739-0806. Written, faxed or oral comments on the proposal must be sent to Attn: Michigan Shore to Shore Horse Trail Reroute at the above address or telephone/fax numbers. E-mail comments can be sent to comments-eastern-huron-manistee-huron-shores@fs.fed.us. Please include the project name in the subject line of the e-mail. Acceptable formats for electronic comments are: text or HTML e-mail, Adobe® Portable Document Format (PDF) and Microsoft Office formats. The office hours (for comments delivered by hand) are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Oral comments (in person or by telephone) will also be accepted during those hours. Comments received in response to this solicitation will become a matter of public record.



The mink takes in its surroundings at the Weber Mosquito Farm in Mikado.

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to find and hire a good home care worker

Dear Savvy Senior,
What's the best way to find a good in-home caregiver for my elderly mother?

Looking for Care

Dear Looking,

Finding a good in-home caregiver that's dependable, likeable, trustworthy and affordable can be challenging, to say the least. Here are some tips and resources that can help.

Before you start the task of looking for a caregiver, your first step is to determine the level of care your mom needs (see NCLneedsassessment.org for a checklist). If, for example, she only needs help with activities of daily living like preparing meals, doing laundry, bathing or dressing, a homemaker or personal care aide will do.

But, if she needs health care services, there are home health aides that may do all the things a homemaker does, plus they also have training in administering medications, changing wound dress-

ings and other medically related duties. Home health aides often work under a nurse's supervision.

Once you settle on a level of care, you then need to decide how many hours of assistance she'll need. For example, does your mom need someone to come in just a few mornings a week to help her cook, clean, run errands or perhaps bathe? Or does she need more continuous care that requires daily visits or a full-time aide?

After you determine her needs, there are two ways in which you can go about hiring someone. Either through a home health agency, or you can hire someone directly on your own.

Hiring a certified home health agency to supply and manage your mom's care is the easiest but most expensive option of the two. Costs run anywhere from \$12 up to \$40 an hour depending on where you live and the qualification of the aide. This is

also usually a better way to go if your mom requires a lot of in-home health care.

How it works is you pay the agency, and they handle everything including an assessment of your mom's needs, assigning appropriately trained and pre-screened staff to care for her and finding a fill-in on days her aide cannot come.

Some of the drawbacks, however, are that you may not have much input into the selection of the caregiver, and the caregivers may change or alternate, which can cause a disruption in care and confusion.

You also need to know that while Medicare does cover some in-home health care services if it's ordered by a doctor, they don't cover homemaker services, nor will they cover personal care services, such as bathing and dressing, provided by a home health aide if that is the only care required. But, if your mom is low-income and quali-

fies for Medicaid, some services are covered.

To locate and compare Medicare-approved home health agencies visit www.medicare.gov/hhcompare, and call (800) 633-4227 and request a free copy of the "Medicare and Home Health Care" publication (No. 10969) that explains coverage and how to choose an agency.

Hiring an independent caregiver on your own is the other option, and it's less expensive. Costs typically range between \$10 and \$20 per hour. Hiring directly also gives you more control over who you hire so you can choose someone who you feel is right for your mom.

But, be aware that if you do hire someone on your own, you become the employer so there's no agency support to fall back on if a problem occurs or if the aide doesn't show up. You're also responsible for paying payroll taxes and any worker-related injuries that may happen. If you

Savvy Senior

choose this option make sure you check the aide's references thoroughly, and do a criminal background check.

To find someone, ask for referrals through friends, doctor's offices or hospital discharge planners, check online job boards like craigslist.org, or try carelinx.com or carescout.com. Some states even offer registries (PHImatchingservicesmap.org) to help you locate good caregivers. Or, for a fee, a geriatric care manager (caremanager.org) can help find someone.

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)

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Duck

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lunging dive at the mink. The mink quickly disappeared back into the water and swam away.

We later learned from friends who own poultry that minks and their cousins, the weasels, can take down a 40 pound turkey in a matter of seconds, and yes, they would probably do the same to our ducks.

Despite how cute the mink looked, they are pretty mean animals. Their pelts have clothed royalty, movie stars and celebrity want-to-bes for centuries. Even my own mother, God rest her soul, didn't feel fully dressed up without her mink stole wrapped around her shoulders.

We've seen the mink a few more times in our yard and instead of picking up the gun, Wil has picked up the camera and has been able to get a few good pictures of it.

A short tail weasel has also been sighted in the past week. It is much smaller than the mink, completely white with a short tail and a black tip at the end of it.

It seems our poor duck's days are numbered by the amount of predators approaching them so closely, but so far the two brother ducks have been able to stand their ground and are still quacking happily.

I wonder what my mother, who never had any exposure to country life, would have to say about all of this? She'd probably just shake her head and say, "Willy, get your gun!"

(Mary Weber, born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, Mich., moved to Alcona County in 2005 with her husband, Willy, when he retired. Life in the north woods, away from city life, presents new experiences with nature on a daily basis...and they love every minute of it.)

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Kirtland's warbler reached record-high numbers in 2012

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently released Michigan's annual survey information indicating the population of Kirtland's warbler, a federally endangered bird, has reached an all-time high.

"We are witnessing a conservation success story," said DNR endangered species coordinator Dan Kennedy.

Biologists, researchers and volunteers in Michigan observed 2,063 singing males during the official 2012 survey period - 1,805 males were observed in 2011. This represents the largest single-year increase since 2007. The lowest numbers were recorded in 1974 and 1987, when only 167 singing males were found.

This year, singing males were found in 12 northern Lower Peninsula counties: Antrim - 2, Alcona - 266, Clare - 40, Crawford - 322, Iosco - 248, Kalkaska - 72, Montmorency - 63, Ogemaw - 540, Oscoda - 388, Otsego - 11, Presque Isle - 24 and Roscommon - 49. Surveyors identified 38 singing males in seven Upper Peninsula counties: Alger - 4, Baraga - 2, Chippewa - 13, Delta - 5, Luce - 3, Marquette - 4 and Schoolcraft - 7. Twenty-seven additional singing males were observed outside Michigan in Wisconsin - 23 and Ontario - 4.

number of singing males recorded, based on the assumption that each male has a mate in its territory.

The 2012 survey was a joint effort between the DNR, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Michigan Audubon Society and citizen volunteers.

Kirtland's warblers typically nest on the ground in stands of jack pine between four and 20 years old. Historically, these stands of young jack pine were created by natural wildfires that frequently swept through northern Michigan. Modern fire suppression programs altered this natural process, reducing Kirtland's warbler habitat. As a result, the population of Kirtland's warblers declined to the point that they were listed as endangered.

To mimic the effects of wildfire and ensure the future of this species, the DNR, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manage the forests through a combination of timber harvests, burning, seeding and replanting to promote habitat for many species, including snowshoe hare, whitetail deer, other songbird species and rare plants.



Kirtland's warblers typically nest on the ground in stands of jack pine between four and 20 years old. Photo courtesy of the DNR.

The Kirtland's warbler survey is conducted during the second and third weeks of June, when the birds are defending their nesting territories. Warblers are detected by listening for their songs, which can be heard at distances up to one-quarter mile, providing an excellent way to detect the birds with minimum disturbance. Only the males sing, so estimates of breeding population size are obtained by doubling the

Kennedy explained because large prescribed fires are neither safe nor economical in northern Michigan, approximately 3,000 acres of jack pine trees are harvested and replanted annually on state and federal lands. This use of public lands creates jobs, provides habitat for Kirtland's warblers and other species, and brings birders and hunters from across the state and around the world to northern Michigan.

"The Kirtland's warbler program is not just for the benefit of an endangered bird," said DNR wildlife biologist Keith Fisher. "This program provides local economic benefits such as wood-products jobs and tourism, while at the same time supplying excellent habitat for a variety of plant and wildlife species."

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And having writ, moves on

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

A decade or so ago, I wrote a column about how each New Year's Eve, a second or two after midnight, you get a bag left on your porch or under your pillow.

It might be a small bag, or it might be a large, Hefty lawn and leaf -type bag. Whatever it is, it contains your new year.

What I neglected to mention, it occurred to me the other day, was that you also get your slate.

A slate, for the ipad generation, is a small, hand-held blackboard with a wooden frame. You write on it with a stick of chalk. And the one you get a few minutes after midnight on New Year's Eve is blank. Which, given this past year, would seem to be a good thing. Because while the bag holds all the things life has planned (or doesn't have planned, as it were) for you this coming year, the slate you fill yourself.

There aren't any delete or backspace buttons on a slate. If you need to erase something, or if you fill the blackboard space, you just run a piece of paper towel over the surface to remove what's written there. That's easy. If you like things really tidy, you can run over it with a wet sponge, leaving a perfect surface to start over. That's harder. A paper towel will leave a smudged surface, coated with chalk dust. Sometimes that's just gotta' be good enough.

You should be forewarned that while it's easy to erase, if you break the "slate rules" and write on it with something other than chalk (a marker, say, or a crayon) it usually won't come off. It's not ruined. You can still use it. But whatever you wrote with the marker or crayon will be there forever. It might fade, with repeated rubbing, but you'll probably always be able to see the image there, even if other people don't.

Sometimes that's a good thing (like "I have developed a philosophy of life and it is this..."). Sometimes, it's something you'd rather disappear from view. ("This is the year I spent in the federal pen for exacerbated littering"). But no matter what, it's there.

Some people, of course, are very tidy and very careful about what they write on their slate. They make their notes in tiny, cramped letters and they usually don't write much because who knows when you'll want a little bit of that space you're using up. Others write large, loopy statements, in neon green and purple chalk, because if they gave you something to write on, for heaven's sake, you should write on it.

Some people can't think of anything to commit to the slate, or they can, but they don't know if it's good enough to put down. Some people have so much to write, it fills the whole surface with little tiny notes you can hardly read in a rectangle around the margins. Some people, occasionally, accidentally

drop their slate on a hard surface or throw it against a wall and it cracks and is never quite the same again. Once you've had a cracked slate, by accident or on purpose, it seems that crack remains, maybe growing smaller, on each year's slate somehow.

Some people find that while they've always printed neatly on their slate, observing the rules of good penmanship and grammar, this year they want to draw, instead. Big scenic pictures of the world or tiny, detailed drawings of the birds in their backyard. Gorgeous realistic reproductions of the things they see about them or scrawled abstracts that somehow just say what you may not see.

Conversely, there are people who've spent their life scrawling stick figures on their slate and now decide to print, instead.

But the real point of all this, as I said, is that your bag is filled with the stuff that life has determined is going to happen in 2013 and that you can't alter, no matter how much you might wish, or pray or ache to. While your slate is filled with the things you decide to put on it. Or not, as the case may be.

It takes a long time, for some of us. We scrawl and scratch and accidentally use a crayon here and there and erase, erase, erase. Others are seeming born knowing what they want to say and how they want to say it. That what they really want to do is the times tables six to 12, or Bible verses in illuminated script. Some people want to leave pithy prose for future generations; others just want to draw them some hearts and flower. Or a cookie recipe.

For the most part, if you get the average slate, it doesn't really matter, except to you and perhaps those who love you, what you put on it. In the end, after all, it's all written in chalk. Which means, of course, that someone or something can side up and change the whole thing with the brush of a hand...or a drop of water.

When it comes to the really, really important things, you'd probably do best to carve them in the wood frame around the edges. But even then, it's probably best to use a pencil.

What really, really matters is that each year, in addition to your bag, you get your new slate. Perhaps with a crayon mark or a small crack, but new nonetheless. A pristine (or almost) black surface and a nice, new box of chalk. What an incredible gift. You can plan what you want to put there, or you can just start and see what turns up.

Ultimately, it doesn't matter what you write or draw, or how you write or draw it. What matters is that you write or draw something. The saddest thing I can imagine is a lifetime full of blank slates.

So that's my wish for you, dear readers, as the New Year comes rolling in, is that your

Puttin' On The Fritz

life be sometimes so busy and wonderful you can hardly wait to get it all down, going through piles of paper towels to make more space and breaking the chalk in your excitement.

And that sometimes, you find peaceful, slow hours to create something that - even if the rest of the world might not recognize it for what it's "supposed to be" - fills your soul with peace and warmth and joy.

That some days, you use your slate for amazing things. ("It's a girl!"). And some days, you use it for more mundane matters ("Pick up milk"). And sometimes, you just draw a smiley face for no reason at all.

That if your tears keep washing away the things you've put on your slate, you keep picking up the chalk and starting again. And that sometimes, when you've filled your slate to the very edges with something that uses all the colors or makes you laugh out loud, you take the time to share it with those who love you. That's what it's for, after all.

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

(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. The couple has one daughter, Katrina - "the Princess," two dogs, Lady and Henry, and granddog, Bastian, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

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The Alcona County Road Commission will hold a public hearing Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 4:15 p.m. at the Road Commission office at 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to consider, confirm, or modify, road improvement and transit projects eligible for federal funds anticipated to be available to the County of Alcona for the years 2013 through 2016 from the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" act or MAP-21, the new federal highway act signed into law this summer, and from Category "D" of the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF-D).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend this meeting to participate and comment on road project selections. Written comments will also be considered and should be submitted to the Alcona County Road Commission at P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, MI 48742 or by e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com prior to the hearing on January 9, 2013.

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Organization Notes

DAR, River Aux Sables Chapter

River Aux Sables Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met at the home of Denise Liebold in West Branch, Mich. this month for the last meeting of the year.

Diane Blevins of Hale, Mich., curator of the Plainfield Township Historical Commission and Registrar for River Aux Sables Chapter, presented a program on America's "Forgotten" second War for Independence as 2012 marks the 200th Anniversary of War of 1812.

She gave the background of the Colonial Americans, British, Canadian and Native American concerns and how those carried over into the actions taken by each faction when President James Madison asked for a declaration of war on April 12, 1812.

Michigan was under British hands for the majority of the war. Ft. Mackinac fell July 17, 1812; Ft. Dearborn Massacre occurred August 15 and

Ft. Detroit surrendered in fear of the same treatment on August 16, 1812. The River Raisin Battlefield Massacre at Frenchtown, now Monroe, Mich., on January 23, 1813 sealed Michigan as British won and was only returned to America by the Treaty of Ghent in 1815.

No land had officially been gained or lost, but because America had defeated the world's super power a second time, it was a huge victory for the newly formed United States who had only been an independent country for less than 23 years.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2013 in East Tawas for the Good Citizens Award Luncheon. Ladies who are of 18 years of age and can prove lineage to an ancestor who assisted with or fought in the Revolutionary War may find out more about joining the DAR at www.riverauxsables-michdar.net.

American Life In Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate 2004-2006

The first winter my wife and I lived in the country, I brought a wild juniper tree in from our pasture and prepared to decorate it for Christmas. As it began to warm up, it started to smell as if a coyote, in fact a number of coyotes, had stopped to mark it, and it was soon banished to the yard. Jeffrey Harrison, a poet who lives in Massachusetts, had a much better experience with nature.

Nest

It wasn't until we got the Christmas tree into the house and up on the stand that our daughter discovered a small bird's nest tucked among its needled branches. Amazing, that the nest had made it all the way from Nova Scotia on a truck mashed together with hundreds of other trees without being dislodged or crushed. And now it made the tree feel wilder, a balsam fir growing in our living room, as though at any moment a bird might flutter through the house and return to the nest. And yet, because we'd brought the tree indoors, we'd turned the nest into the first ornament. So we wound the tree with strings of lights, draped it with strands of red beads, and added the other ornaments, then dropped two small brass bells into the nest, like eggs containing music, and hung a painted goldfinch from the branch above, as if to keep them warm.

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DNR director Creagh ready to polish agency's image, strengthen economic ties

When he graduated from college, Keith Creagh hoped to go straight to work for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Thirty-eight years later, he got his wish. "It took me a long time to work the system," he said with a grin.

Creagh - named director of the DNR in June - is busy settling into a position that suits him, though that really hasn't ever been an issue throughout his career. He came to the DNR from Michigan's Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, where he spent most of his working life and most recently served as director.

After 30 years with agriculture, Creagh left state government for a few years to work in the biotech industry, only to be tapped by Gov. Rick Snyder in January 2011 to head the newly configured state agriculture agency.

Eighteen months later, Gov. Snyder asked Creagh to lead the very agency he had aspired to join as a new graduate.

It's been an interesting journey. Shortly after earning his forestry degree from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich. in 1974, Creagh was cruising timber in Wisconsin when he saw an ad for someone to work in the plant industry in his home state's department of agriculture. His first assignment in St. Clair County - not far from where he grew up in east Detroit, Mich. - was a good fit, he said, as he lived close enough to take advantage of the perch and walleye fishing and duck hunting at Lake St. Clair. "It was a perfect job," he said.

Creagh moved to Lansing, Mich. to work in the pesticide program in 1985. He eventually headed the division, spending 12 years as chief deputy director of the department before leaving state government in 2007. He spent roughly a year and a half heading agriculture and rural development when the governor asked him to take over the DNR, filling the role left vacant by former director Rodney Stokes who is now helping the governor's office in its effort to revitalize the state's urban centers.

"It took me about 30 seconds to accept the offer," Creagh said. The DNR fits well into Creagh's personal life. A lifelong outdoorsman and proud Eagle Scout, he grew up fishing and camping with his family. He still remembers the excitement, as a 10-year-old, when his father invited him to his first deer camp - a tradition the two still share.

A high school jock, Creagh quit the college swimming team "so I could go hunting and fishing," he said. He "lived on game and fish in college" and spent one term running a trap line for muskrats in order to pay for a mule deer hunting trip to New Mexico.

Although he hunted pheasants in southern Michigan with his beagle when he was younger, Creagh said he prefers ruffed grouse hunting

these days. "I like to get lost in the big woods," he said. "You're in such beautiful habitat and you get to see all kinds of things in the woods."

An inland-lake angler ("for everything from bluegills to bass and pike"), Creagh also hunts deer in the Upper Peninsula, snowmobiles once or twice a winter, cross-country skis and even gets a kayak in the water on occasion. "My wife likes fly fishing," he said, "so you'll catch me doing that once in awhile."

Although Creagh was familiar with the workings of the DNR - it is one of three agencies, along with the Department of Environmental Quality and his former agency, MDARD, in the state's Quality of Life group within the Snyder administration - he said he didn't bring any predetermined plan of action with him.

"I learned early in my career that coming in with preconceived notions is shooting yourself in the foot," he said. Instead, Creagh said, he hopes that by bringing a different background into the department he can help support what the agency is already working to accomplish and find new opportunities. Creagh said he is intrigued, for example, with exploring how the DNR might be able to better help the state's regional economies prosper.

He has a dog in this particular fight. Creagh's children left Michigan to pursue career opportunities else-



Keith Creagh

front counter," Creagh said. "I want to encourage an atmosphere within the DNR that makes it even easier for folks to work across division and office lines to accomplish our goals - whatever it takes to get the job done."

Part of what's driving Creagh's desire to elevate customer service is what he believes has become mostly an image challenge for the DNR.

"When I was a kid, the DNR was the Cadillac of state government, the department where people were looked up to," he said. "Today, people still have great respect for our staff but take issue with the department and some of the rules and regulations, which are viewed as part of the problem. But I believe that's more perception than reality, and my goal is to change that perception."

Another of Creagh's top pri-



Earlier this summer, DNR Director Keith Creagh took part in a "Catch & Cook" outing on Lake Erie. Catch & Cook is a program (spearheaded by the DNR and several agencies and organizations) in partnership with the charter fishing industry and local restaurants. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

where, so he said Gov. Snyder's concept of reinventing Michigan is one that speaks to him. Though he said he's "having more fun than I thought I was going to have" at the DNR, he knows he's just getting his feet wet.

"My first impressions are that DNR employees have a lot of enthusiasm, but they might benefit from more decentralized decision making," Creagh said. "I want to empower employees to make decisions on a local level."

He also places a high priority on customer service and hopes to build on the good work that's already been done in this area by employees throughout the department.

"Good service to the customer is everyone's responsibility, whether you're on the phone, in the field or at the

orties in the coming year is for the DNR to develop a comprehensive plan for the 4.6 million acres of public land it manages. Part of that plan involves ensuring that public land managed by the DNR is contributing in some way to local economies, whether through tourism, timber sales, hunting, fishing or other appropriate means.

"Much of what we do at the DNR is an important economic driver for many parts of the state," he said, "and it's crucial that we also safeguard those public resources for current and future generations."

Creagh sees those two missions - wise use of natural resources and protection of them - supportive of one another, not exclusive of each other.

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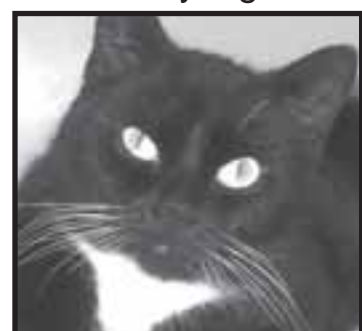
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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: What was the name of the planet where Luke Skywalker ("Star Wars") grew up?
2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the children's book "The Wind in the Willows"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a common name for the dog breed Borzoi?
4. MYTHOLOGY: What was the name of the sun god in Greek mythology?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island of Curacao located?
6. HISTORY: In what U.S. state did the Battle of Bunker Hill take place?
7. GEOMETRY: How many sides does a quadrilateral have?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What type of fear is represented by hedonophobia?
9. TELEVISION: What was the name of the lead character on "Miami Vice," and who played the role?
10. MILITARY: What is the highest decoration awarded for heroism in the U.S. military?

Answers: 1. Tatooine; 2. Kenneth Grahame; 3. Russian Wolfhound; 4. Helios; 5. Caribbean; 6. Massachusetts; 7. Four; 8. Fear of pleasure; 9. Sonny Crockett (played by Don Johnson); 10. Medal of Honor (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

CONFECTION COLLECTION

Super Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Magical stick
5 Shoots (for)
9 Haifa "Hi!"
15 Christmas verse opener
19 Have (freak out)
20 G4 or G5
21 Honolulu's Palace
22 Wild West's Wyatt
23 Shrub that's the source of briarroot
25 Knots up
26 Jazz great Fitzgerald
27 Exposing bios
28 Ben & Jerry's flavor
30 Stripper St. Cyr
31 Wee children
32 "Tennis, —?"
33 NASA's Spirit and Opportunity
37 Wolflike carnivore
40 "Life" actor Beatty
41 From long
42 "Boy Blue" rock gp.
43 Trained in the pool
46 "Buenas —" (Juan's "Good night")
50 Sun's setting
55 See 51-Down
57 Fair-hiring abbr.
58 Ate away at Worcester
65 McMahan and McBain
66 Kenyan's neighbor
67 Deadened
71 "So that's your game!"
74 Alternative to Barney's New York
81 Renovate
85 Motor City labor org.
86 Lively, musically
87 Beethoven's Ninth
93 Actress Leachman
94 Like the moon's surface
95 Motorists' org.
97 Roman 201
98 "Ugly Betty" network
101 Lumbering
102 Small, short-term cash advance
106 Singer Jackson —
108 "Taps" co-star Penn
110 King Ahab's father
111 Hills over graves
115 Ceylon, now
119 Harrow rival
120 Well-drilling structure
121 Theme of this puzzle
122 Beach grains
123 Actress Peet
124 Iowa State's city
125 "— Eyes" (1975 hit for the Eagles)
126 Murder
127 Less sparse
128 Ernie's bud
129 Gas brand in Canada
10 Wagner of baseball
11 Actor Thicke
12 Escapade
13 Solely
14 Handle wrongly, as funds
15 Pint-size
16 Small non-speaking role
17 Dahl of "Sangaree"
18 Neutered, as a pet
24 Mane stuff
28 Trig. ratio
29 Even (with)
31 "Star Trek: The Next Generation" counselor
33 Wildly happy
34 Score (get points)
35 Political satirist Mo
36 Shady giant
37 Bray ending
38 Peruvian Sumac
39 British isle
43 One of Hershey's
44 Letters after exes
45 — -mo
47 — d'oeuvres
48 Fashion designer Marc
49 Pond gunk
51 With 55-Across, 1980s Chrysler chief
52 Lime drink
53 Struck (out)
54 QB's gains (hot winds)
60 Org. for dockworkers
61 Artist Muniz who's the subject of the documentary "Waste Land"
62 Having a single flat, musically
63 Egyptian boy Pharaoh
64 Jewish youth org.
68 French seat
69 Diabolic
70 Audition CD
71 Tolkien fiend
72 Chuckle bit
73 — -lacto diet
75 Apartment building VIP
76 1982-2005 Saudi king
77 — Jima
78 Sleep: Prefix
79 Central New York city
80 Red dye
82 Ellipse bit
83 Yacht basin
84 Jet capacity
88 — Croix, Que.
89 Slangy affirmative
90 Chain-clad actor
91 Tandoori flatbread
92 "Hurrah!"
96 One ornamenting
98 Head nun
99 Merciless
100 Ring around the sun
102 Fathers
103 In the thick of
104 Every 12 mos.
105 Prone (to)
107 Gust-filled
108 Catty
109 — Rice Burroughs
112 Silent drama
113 — Mills Portrait Studios
114 Big brewers
115 "Ditto"
116 Antis' calls
117 Charlie's angel
118 "It comes — surprise ..."
121 Airport car

Grid for Super Crossword with numbered squares for clues.

STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

It was Albert Einstein who offered the following explanation of relativity: "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity."

In Singapore, one of the colorful customs is training birds for singing competitions. It's not always just a hobby, though; for some, it's a serious — and costly — business. A single well-trained bird might sell for as much as \$60,000.

If you're an oenophile — that's an aficionado of wine — you probably won't be surprised to learn that as the cost of a wine goes up, so does a drinker's appreciation of that wine. It seems that it's not all about the quality of the vintage, though: In a recent study, tasters were offered two samples of the same wine, but each sample was labeled with a different price. The tasters overwhelmingly preferred the more expensive vintage.

Only one-fifth of homes in America are not air-conditioned. In the sweltering South, a mere 5 percent lack that vital amenity.

Those who study such things say that the wind power in an average hurricane is equivalent to 1.5 trillion watts. That's the same amount of power that is generated by fully half of the entire world's generating capacity.

The works of Agatha Christie have been translated more times into other languages than those of any other author in history.

Many people see dogs as doing heroic work in tandem with law enforcement and the military, but they're not the only animals put to such use. In Mozambique, sniffer rats are being used to find unexploded land mines so experts can disarm them. They're known as HeroRATs.

Thought for the Day: "To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first. And, whatever you hit, call it the target." — Ashleigh Brilliant

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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

On Jan. 6, 1759, a 26-year-old George Washington marries Martha Dandridge Custis. Historical documents have revealed that Martha may not have been the great love of Washington's life. He wrote cryptic yet passionate love letters to Sally Fairfax, the wife of his friend George Fairfax.

On Jan. 1, 1863, a farmer named Daniel Freeman submits the first claim under the new Homestead Act for a property near Beatrice, Neb. By the 1890s, many homesteaders found that farming 160 acres of such dry land was nearly impossible. At least half of the original homesteaders abandoned their claims.

On Jan. 3, 1924, British archaeologist Howard Carter and his workers discover the solid-gold coffin holding the mummy of the boy-king Pharaoh Tutankhamen, preserved for more than 3,000 years.

On Jan. 5, 1945, Japanese pilots receive the first order to become kamikaze, meaning "divine wind" in Japanese. Most of Japan's top pilots were dead, but youngsters needed little training to take planes full of explosives and crash them into ships. At Okinawa, they sank 30 ships and killed almost 5,000 Americans.

On Jan. 4, 1965, in his State of the Union address, President Lyndon Johnson lays out for Congress a list of legislation needed to achieve his plan for a Great Society. His list included the creation of Medicare/Medicaid, Head Start, the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

On Dec. 31, 1972, Roberto Clemente, future Hall of Fame baseball player, is killed along with four others when the cargo plane in which he is traveling crashes off the coast of Puerto Rico. At the end of September, Clemente had gotten his 3,000th hit in the final game of the season for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

On Jan. 2, 1980, in response to the December 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter asks the Senate to postpone action on the SALT II nuclear weapons treaty. Carter feared that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan could lead to the USSR gaining control over much of the world's oil supplies.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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LEGAL NOTICE

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 pursu-

ant 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

Foreclosure Notice

(All counties)

As a debt collector we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.

Mortgage sale – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David Vance, a married man, and Sheila Vance, a married woman of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Company dated June 2, 2009, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on June 5, 2009, in Liber 462, page 949 of Alcona County records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$43,131.99 (forty-three thousand one hundred thirty-one and 99/100) plus accrued interest

at 5.125 percent (five point one two five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on January 16, 2013, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Mich., of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Curtis, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Curtis, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: The east

330 feet of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 25 North, Range 5 East, Curtis Township, Michigan, excepting the south 95 feet of the east 100 feet thereof. Commonly known as: 8406 Clouse Road; Parcel Number 030-017-300-01500.

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

Dated: December 19, 2012
 By Foreclosing Attorneys
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
 2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
 Troy, MI 48084
 WWR No. 10105864
 12-19, 12-26, 1-2, 2013 & 1-9, 2013

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

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Home health care agency seeking dependable home health aides in Greenbush, Lincoln and surrounding areas. Hours vary and are flexible. Please apply by faxing resume to (989) 354-0442, in person at 1691 M-32, Alpena, or online at CompassionateCareMi.com.

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GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called the meeting to order on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Three guests were present who joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roddy, clerk Dave Dailey, treasurer Pat Dailey, trustee Sally Olin and trustee Gary Abraham. December agenda amended to include the appointment of board of review members.

Motion Olin/Abraham: To approve agenda as amended. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Dailey/Abraham: To approve minutes as written by treasurer. All ayes, motion carried. At this time under public comments there were none. Motion Dailey/Olin: To amend policy number 27 removing the restriction of credit card use to pay property taxes since there is no cost to the township. After discussion, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Dailey/Abraham: To approve financial report and place on file for audit by clerk. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Dailey/Olin: For a budget amendment number 2012-2013.3 to move \$1,500 from account number 101-103-956 (trustee mileage) to number 101-865-910 (insurance) to balance budget. After discussion, all ayes, motion carried. Discussion on bills and accounting procedures. Error on the amount of hours to deputy treasurer. Two hours to be paid next month. Motion Abraham/Dailey: November bills to be paid, check numbers 14698-14731, grand total \$20,049.56; fire \$1,482; 820 (Prince Drive) \$1,089.56; remainder \$17,477.32 being general fund. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous reports: Carolyn Brummund, county commissioner, reported that the commissioners are leaning to utilize the balance of the 264 fund (HUNT fund) as originally voted. It is anticipated to provide funding for one man through June of 2012. County budgets for 2013, general fund budget will be posted at the county clerk's office for review for two weeks, then final approval at their second meeting in December. An invitation was made to the community to thank Anna McCoy, county treasurer, and Carla Travis, equalization clerk, for their combined 68 years of service to the community. This will be held in the commissioner's room at the county building at 3 p.m. December 19.

Fire chief Franks reported that there were no fires for the month of November and 13 first responder calls. The fire trucks and all two-way radios have been re-banded and the pagers will be done at Thursday's regular meeting. Discussion about the re-banding ensued with Steve informing us that there might be more low signal areas because of this. Zoning administrator Major was not present at township meeting. However, supervisor Roddy was taking his calls and had no new complaints working with the building department and on old complaint. Hall rentals -- supervisor Roddy said two rentals coming up this month, one for a shower and one for a birthday party for \$175 total.

Assessor Schwickert stated that the tax tribunal appeals held in March for previous years will not include the current year's values, thereby forcing the property owners to file a new appeal with the tribunal. G.R.A.C. stated no new news at this time. Planning commission, no information reported. Supervisor Roddy had verbal correspondence that he shared with the board pertaining to the clean up of some properties in litigation. Clerk Dailey had a meeting with Mike Gombos with the Michigan Townships Association, topics included risk assessment, written agreements, DBAs and copies of insurance, contractual should be looked at by township attorney and reviewed annually, rental agreements for hall or grounds, proof of liability insurance for liquor sales, Gasby 34 accounting standards, incident reporting, et cetera. Mike will submit a report, which will be shared with the board.

Alcona Humane Society sent us a Christmas card, with a request for donations, after discussion it was decided to donate to them. Motion Dailey/Olin: To donate \$50 to Alcona Humane Society. Roll call: All ayes, motion carried. U.S. Specialty Insurance Co. sent a schedule of bond

coverage, after discussion the board directed me to see if we reduced the coverage on the constable from \$10,000 to \$1,000 if it would reduce our cost of insurance. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid sent us a form to fill out for our employees. Accident Insurance Co. sent us an audit that needed to be filled out. Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and Michigan Townships Association sent information to join and I will probably join.

Pending business: After discussion regarding the quote the Alcona Road Commission for \$110,000, the board instructed clerk Dailey to follow up with them to get the status on the project. Gary Abraham brought in information for

improvements in process for Birch Acres Dr. DPW is willing to do some extra work at the site if the landowners are willing to pick up the tab. Gary is working with them but the township may have to pay first, then be reimbursed by them. Gary will follow-up.

After discussion regarding the appointment of three board members to the board of review motion, Roddy/Dailey: To appoint Rosemary Myrick, Stan Sufnar and Bob Rouix for a term of two years to the board of review. Roll call: All ayes, motion carried. The above persons will be sworn in at the next board of review meeting December 12 at 9 a.m. New business: Clerk Dailey to investigate the cost benefit of an alarm system

for the township hall. Treasurer Dailey reports that in order to change the names on the bank accounts, the new township personnel's names need to be addressed in the minutes. David W. Dailey, township clerk and Shannon Story, deputy clerk were sworn in on November 15, 2012. Supervisor Roddy reported that Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. (NEMCSA) would like to renew its contract to serve meals at the Greenbush Township Hall for a fee of \$5 per day. Motion Roddy/Abraham: To renew contract as stated. Roll call: All ayes, motion carried.

Public comments: One comment from concerned citizen with the property at

2700 Poor Farm Road. It was stated that the zoning administrator has been involved but the situation has gotten worse since then. We were asked to drive by and report to the zoning administration as a board, which we agree to do. It was also stated that the tent where some of the people were living blew down and was replaced by an old trailer.

Abraham/Olin: To adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried. David W. Dailey Greenbush Township Clerk Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular meeting scheduled meeting is January 1, 2013.

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 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816


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 Pastor Jacob Schwartz ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

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 Sunday morning service 11 a.m. **(989)735-3771.**
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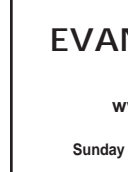
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