

Teenage interest turns into career in state law enforcement

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Anyone who enjoys spending time in the outdoors in and around Alcona County has probably run into local conservation officer Warren MacNeill at one time or another.

Whether hunting, fishing, boating, canoeing, snowmobiling and/or riding ORV trails – he’s bound to be around – somewhere.

And, it seems like he’s been around forever.

Technically, he’s been around Alcona County his entire life. As a conservation officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources – he’s been at it for 19 years.

And, it’s a career that he’s wanted since he was a teenager.

Warren was born in Harrisville and raised by his parents, Glenn and Janice MacNeill in Lincoln, with his brother, Roger – not far from the DNR Field Office on Trask

Lake Road. “I always wanted to work for the DNR...I’d see the C.O.s come in to the field office... I thought they were cool...that’s what I wanted to do.”

It took a while to realize the goal to be a conservation officer – but not to work for the DNR. For two summers in 1976 and 1977 Warren worked out of the field office in Lincoln where he helped maintain campgrounds and firefighting equipment and helped fire officer supervisors Steve Croft and Winston Reeves with anything that needed to be done.

Warren graduated from Alcona High School in 1978. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps following graduation and served for three and a half years with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) or “Ronnie’s Raiders.”

Following his honorable discharge in 1982, Warren returned to Alcona County hoping to get into the DNR. There was a hiring freeze at

that time – so he went to work at Alcona Tool in Lincoln as a machinist. He joined the DNR Keyman Force – volunteering to fight forest fires and was a volunteer conservation officer working with then DNR C.O. Gary Sims. “I was on call to work during the busy times when he needed an extra set of eyes,” Warren said.

Spending time with Sims was what cemented Warren’s desire to be a conservation officer. “I’d seen him, over the years, as I was growing up. He was the lone conservation officer in Alcona County. I watched him interact with the public and fellow officers. But, I knew (after working with him) that was what I truly, truly wanted to do...His enthusiasm for the job, his work ethic, professional integrity – all of it really made an impact on me. I wanted to be like him.”

In 1990 Warren was hired by the DNR as a fire officer and he worked at the DNR Field Office in Lincoln until

1993 when his application to be a conservation officer was accepted. After 22 weeks of training at the police academy at Lansing Community College he spent four months of field training in Alpena, Roscommon and Cedarville. Warren’s first assignment wasn’t far from home – Iosco County. In 1994 when Sims retired, he was also assigned to Alcona County as well. For several years he was assigned to both counties and worked in Alcona County with then C.O. Connie Sims.

“I wasn’t the new guy,” Warren said of the assignment. “People just assumed I’d been here forever because I’d been working in law enforcement (as a volunteer) for 10 years.”

A conservation officer, he explained, is technically a police officer for the state of Michigan. “It’s the law enforcement arm of the agency that focuses on natural resources – hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation and environment,” Warren said. “We have the same authority and power as any other law enforcement agency in the state – but our focus is natural resources. We can do what a state trooper can do and they can do what we do, but they do their job and we do ours.”

Warren became very involved in his career taking on leadership roles within the department by becoming the lead driving instructor in 1996. In that capacity he taught performance and precision/pursuit driving to all officers within the department – new recruits as well as the mandatory classes for each officer every five years. He has also taught advanced classes on snowmobile and ATV use and safety, and First Aid and CPR.

However, after almost 16 years of being a multi-faceted instructor, he’s passed the hat to younger colleagues. “It’s not fair (to continue doing it) when there are new,



DNR Conservation Officer Warren MacNeill

young, energetic people who want to do it,” Warren said. “I’ve done my time and it’s time for someone else to take it over.”

He has also been a field training officer for new conservation officers for the last 15 years – a time consuming, but important job. “It’s the hardest job in the department – hands down,” Warren said. “Whether you are training a new recruit right out of the academy or someone who has come in from another area of law enforcement – they have preconceived ideas about what we do...You take this person and mold them into what you think a C.O. is. You evaluate every single move they make, every interaction they have and develop them professionally into what you think they should be.”

Warren explained that what he tries to teach new conservation officers is “honesty, integrity and intent of the law and – just because a person violates the law doesn’t make him a criminal. They (new C.O.s) need to keep in mind that most people we come into contact with are in a recreational mindset – they are having fun and most don’t realize they are breaking the law. But, then again that can lull you into complacency because the next person you run into could be a cold blooded killer.

“Our job is more of being a

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MacNeill’s patrol vehicle doubles as an office when needed complete with computer, several radios and a variety of equipment needed throughout the course of usually long and varied days. Photo by Cheryl Peterson. Portrait photo (above) courtesy of the Michigan DNR.

Community-based aging services receive approval for 2012

The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) recently received approval for its plan showing how state and federal funds will be spent to provide community-based services and supports to the elders and persons with disabilities in its 12-county service area.

There are 16 Area Agencies on Aging in Michigan and each must submit plans for state approval. According to the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and Commission on Services to the Aging, the Region 9 AAA plan was approved. It serves the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. Each region

must submit a plan for approval before funding is received.

These plans outline local program priorities, describe goals and strategies for accomplishing them, and summarize comments received at public hearings. Information and assistance, care management, nutrition, disease prevention, home care, transportation, and legal assistance are among funded programs that significantly contribute to the quality of life for older residents.

“When creating the annual plan, we look to our communities and residents to help identify current needs and gaps in services,” said Laurie Sauer, Region 9 AAA director. “Through needs assess-

ment studies and public hearings, we are able to identify the services needed.”

Although many people may be aware of home-delivered meals or congregate meals served at local senior centers, they may not know where a portion of the funding comes from to provide those services. The Region 9 AAA receives funding and subcontracts with councils/commissions on aging in each county to provide some of these services. Other services are provided directly by the Region 9 AAA, such as care management and disease prevention programs.

Some priorities that have been identified include elder abuse prevention and awareness, home care services and

programs to support the health and well-being of the older population and persons with disabilities. One goal identified in the plan is to increase education for disease prevention and health promotion through evidence-based programs.

“Just like every other agency in the state, budget cuts have affected us,” Sauer said. “However, we are pleased we are able to continue providing quality services that empower elders and persons with disabilities to make choices on where they live and how they live in our communities.”

A full copy of the plan can be viewed at www.nemcsa.org by clicking on the Region 9 AAA plan link.

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Obituaries

Richard D. Quick

Richard Dewey Quick, 78, of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

He was born in Harrisville on September 15, 1933 to Dewey C. and Frances E. (Campbell) Quick of Detroit, Mich. He grew up in Detroit, Mich., moving to Haynes Township in 1950. He graduated from Harrisville High School in 1951.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956 in the Army Corps of Engineers and was also an Army photographer.

On February 13, 1957, he married Delores I. Mendyka in Angola, Ind. He worked many years all over Michigan as a heavy equipment operator in road construction.

He retired from Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda after 31 years of plowing snow on the runways and as a foreman of roads and grounds and housing maintenance.

Mr. Quick is survived by his wife, Delores; two sons, James (Kim) Quick of Harrisville, and Douglas (Tamara) Quick of Harrisville; one daughter, Deneen (Rick) Osburn of Traverse City, Mich.; nine grandchildren, Kasey Jo, L.J., Daniel, Dennis (Jamie), Derek, Nikki and Megan Quick, and Jennifer and Trevor Osburn; one great-granddaughter, Ellie Lynn Quick; two brothers-in-law, Felix (Edith) Mendyka of Lincoln and Leon (Jenny) Michel of Harrisville; one sister-in-law, Jean Mendyka of Lincoln; one former daughter-in-law, Dava Abend of Ossineke; and several nieces and nephews.

Private burial services will be in Mt. Joy Cemetery, Haynes Township. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Barbara E. Manthei

Barbara E. Manthei, 78, of Lincoln, died on Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at the Justus Adult Foster Care Home in Lincoln. She was born February 9, 1933 in Mikado to John and Myrtle (Pollock) Michaud. She was raised in East Detroit, Mich.

She married Gerald Manthei on November 6, 1965. They were residents of Roseville, Mich. They moved to Mikado in 1983.

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

Mrs. Manthei is survived by one stepson, Gary (Doris) Manthei; one stepdaughter, Karen (Thomas) Driscoll; four sisters, Bertha (Mac) McLaughlin, Patricia (Tom) Polk, Noreen (Monty) Kruttlin and Norma (Mark) Charron; four brothers, Stanley (Gloria) Michaud, Roger (Anita) Michaud, Dennis Michaud and Fred (Marianne) Michaud.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, on March 1, 2003; two sisters, Lois Bradley and Myrna Furister; one brother, Bernard Michaud; two half brothers, Henry Michaud and Jacques Perry; and one sister-in-law, Sue Michaud.

Visitation is Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. The Rev. Laraine Sundin will officiate. Ashes will be interred in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Barton City.

Barbara J. Jewell

Barbara Jane (Blake) Jewell, 68, of Midland, Mich., formerly of Lincoln, died on Monday, Dec. 26, 2011.

She was born March 19, 1943 in Saginaw, Mich.

She was a member of Family Heritage Baptist Church, Harrisville and the American Red Cross, Alcona County and was a volunteer at the Alcona County Humane Society.

She enjoyed spending time with her cats and dogs.

Mrs. Jewell is survived by her husband, Ronald, of Saginaw, Mich.; one daughter, JoAnn (Eric) Musum of Midland, Mich.; four sons, Denny (Lynn) Woolworth of Flint, Mich., Steve (Joanne) Neahusan of Clio, Mich., Scott Woolworth of Einellas Park, Fla. and Mike (Diana) Woolworth of Clio, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday, Dec. 30, 2011 at the Hyatt-Ewald Funeral Home, Bay City, Mich. Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, Alcona County D.A.T. or the Alcona County Humane Society.

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Ruth L. Gauthier

Ruth L. Gauthier, 89, of Harrisville, died on Monday, Jan. 2, 2012 at Jamieson Nursing Home.

She was born February 17, 1922, to Mose and May (Socia) Mondeau in Bay City, Mich. She has been a lifelong resident of the area.

On April 20, 1940, she married Henry Gauthier in Black River, where they resided until moving to Harrisville in 1952. They owned and operated the Harrisville IGA until 1989.

She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. She enjoyed many crafts, including crochet, knitting, and Swedish embroidery. She liked playing cards and bingo.

Mrs. Gauthier is survived by two daughters, Nancy Bowman of Harrisville and Sharon (Leo) Somers of Lincoln; three sons, Michael (Joeann) Gauthier of Rochester, Mich., Patrick (Marilyn) Gauthier of Rochester Hills, Mich. and Brian (Cindy) Gauthier of Xenia, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Townsend of Bay City, Mich. and Vi (Jim) Thomas of Zephyrhills, Fla.; one



brother, Leonard (Margaret) Mondeau of Kawkawlin, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, on August 20, 1999; two sisters; and four brothers.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln on Wednesday, Jan. 4 from 4 to 8 p.m., with a rosary service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Thursday, Jan. 5 at St. Anne Catholic Church, Harrisville, from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. The Rev. Lawrence Boks will officiate. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery.



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Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Dec. 25	40		30	0.00	1.8
Dec. 26	44	32	0.00	5.3	25	SW
Dec. 27	40	18	0.31	3.8	33	SW
Dec. 28	18	10	0.00	2.2	25	N
Dec. 29	34	15	0.02	6.2	28	S
Dec. 30	36	32	0.10	2.0	13	SSW
Dec. 31	36	32	0.00	5.0	20	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2011-2012			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.43	0.8	0.42
Month of December	0.89	2.7	1.83
Year/Season to Date	33.49	2.7	28.40

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

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coach and referee and not necessarily 'aha, we've gotcha!' I don't know how many times I've run into a first time (deer) hunter who is screwing up left and right and he doesn't know it. He's just happy to be there. I don't want to give out a \$1,000 ticket because he'll never come back out again," Warren said.

The job essentially revolves around the four seasons - winter, spring, summer and

fall. With each season comes specific hunting and fishing seasons as well as recreational pursuits. This week, Warren is testing ice conditions at area lakes for ice fishing and encouraging safety practices as well as common sense. Next week, if snow accumulates, he will be on the snowmobile trails. In the spring he will be working fish runs, turkey hunting and then forest fires. Summer brings more fishing, boating

season where he covers Lake Huron, Hubbard Lake, the AuSable River and other area lakes and streams. Fall, of course, brings a variety of hunting seasons - small game, water fowl, bear and whitetail deer.

With all of the seasons comes the need for using different equipment - snowmobiles, ATVs, several boats - and, of course, to be proficient in using them safely and effectively. It also means maintaining all of the equipment he is issued to do his job.

He also attends various, mandatory training sessions to keep up on a multitude of laws that change, job-related issues, new or upgraded equipment - conservation officers now carry Tazzers - and computer upgrades and training in order to keep up on the technology necessary to complete reports, et cetera.

"(The job) is more than I thought it was originally," Warren said. "This job is who you are...Most people in law enforcement get to go home at the end of their shift. But we don't punch a time clock. We are on duty all of the time - 24/7. People often ask 'what shift do you work?' I tell them 'I work all of the time.' In the spring I am up early checking on turkey hunters, then I can get called to a forest fire and then have to be up most of the night keeping an eye on fish runs...It just depends on what is going on."

As encompassing as the position is, Warren said one of the things he likes best about it is the fact that he doesn't have to punch a time clock. "I love the freedom of being able to come and go as needed." He also likes that

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Jean M. Frasher

Jean M. Frasher, 71, of Glennie, formerly of Inkster, Mich. died on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011.

She was born October 4, 1940 in Dearborn, Mich. to Charles and Wilma (Kotts) Nichols.

She married Ronald Frasher on July 30, 1976 in Hale.

She was a homemaker and day care provider. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Frasher is survived by her husband, Ron; one daughter, Sue (Mike) Gray of Hale; two sons, Kevin Deichert of Glennie and Steven (Donna) Deichert of Tulsa, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and her beloved dog and companion, Sandy.

Visitation will be held at noon Friday, Jan. 6 at the Hale Chapel of the Buresh Funeral Home, 121 S. Washington. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Hospice of Tawas.

Sharon L. Kutzli

Sharon L. Kutzli, 74, of St. Pete's Beach, Fla. died on Friday, Dec. 30, 2011.

She was born February 11, 1936 in Commerce, Mich. to Jim and Polly (Sanford) Shultz. She moved to Harrisville at a young age with her family.

Ms. Kutzli loved all animals and enjoyed feeding raccoons, deer and fox from her mother's porch on summer evenings. She loved to read, play Rummy Cube, and sing "Ole Time Rock and Roll" songs. She also enjoyed collecting antique purses and compacts.

Ms. Kutzli is survived by one daughter, Cally Thompson of White Lake, Mich.; one grandson, Shawn Thompson of White Lake, Mich.; one nephew, Mark Shultz of Harrisville; and special friend, Abigail Jesiek of Greenbush.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Ken Shultz; and her beloved cat, Sweetie.

A memorial service will be held in Florida on February 11. In lieu of cards and flowers, memorials may be made to the Alcona Humane Society.

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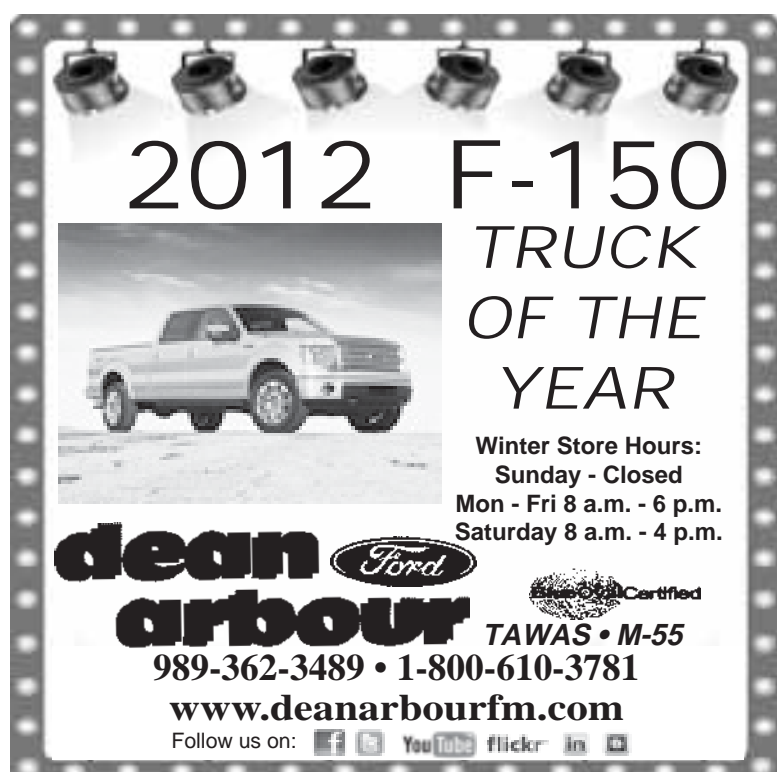
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I don't want to think about what may have happened to me if he had not found me!

Louis had offered to call an ambulance for me but I had been concerned about my dogs. He was able to assist me and wrangle my dogs into his pick-up and take me back to my house where he then notified my dearest next door neighbors, Jim and Barb Potter, who then took me to the Alpena Regional Medical Center and stayed with me as I was assessed, treated and released.

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the weather and seasons dictate what he does – he enjoys being outdoors, using the various necessary equipment and meeting people.

“My number one focus is safety – whether its firearms or marine – what most of us work is the safety aspect. We want to keep the recreational user safe. Number two is looking for violations – rules are set for a reason and they need to be followed. Third is revenue protection – that’s the furthest down on my list for me, but it’s my job to check licenses and use permits.”

His laid back approach, genuine interest in keeping people safe and sense of humor usually make for a low key encounter with anglers, hunters and outdoor enthusiasts. However, don’t let the gentle demeanor fool those who are truly breaking the law.

“When I see someone exploiting natural resources for personal gain – that makes me furious,” he said. “When someone explains their violation for selfish reasons... ‘If I can’t bait, I’ll quit hunting’...well, that isn’t cool.”

Whether he’s in on foot in the woods, astride a snowmobile or ATV, at the helm of the 32 foot Sea Arc with twin 200 horse power engines, or behind the wheel of his Chevy Silverado duty vehicle, most who meet up with Warren would never get the impression that besides being an experienced law enforcement officer, he is also a highly decorated one as well.

In August 1995 Warren was awarded the Medal of Valor by his department. According to the guidelines, the medal is “awarded to officers who voluntarily distinguish themselves by extraordinary heroism. The officer must have been fully aware of the imminent threat to personal safety, and have acted above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of their own life.”

Warren was given the Medal of Valor for assisting the Alcona County Sheriff’s Department with a suicidal subject who had barricaded himself in his house with a firearm. The individual recognized Warren, who was an acquaintance, and struck up a conversation with him.



MacNeill (left) and former DNR Conservation Officer Gary Sims teach firearm safety at a Hunter's Safety Class at the Harrisville State Park. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

Warren entered the individual’s home and spent over three hours with him trying to resolve the matter peacefully.

In February 2006 Warren received two awards – the Shikar Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year and DNR Conservation of the Year. These awards recognized Warren’s work in Mississippi when he helped the disaster relief effort following Hurricane Katrina and for his leadership role in the bovine tuberculosis issue. He met with every prosecutor in the five-county area to gain their support for deer baiting regulations in the DNR’s enforcement efforts.

If asked about the awards, various leadership positions and numerous job related “adventures” – everything from dispatching a rogue and volatile turkey that was attacking outdoor Christmas decorations, to rescuing a lost canoeist over an extremely busy Labor Day weekend, to attempting to rescue deer from various predicaments they get themselves into, to arresting snaggers who as-

saulted him, to releasing a previously injured bald eagle at Sturgeon Point – the work he’s most proud of includes none of the above.

What Warren feels most satisfied with is the time he’s spent with area youth. “My entire career has been spent working with youth to promote outdoor recreation,” he said. He spends countless hours teaching hunter’s safety courses in the area and working with school programs to educate youngsters. He enjoys watching youth of the community grow up and evolve. “It’s always fun watching a kid, whether I’ve had any interaction with him or not, turn into a responsible, productive adult.”

With 21 years of service in the DNR and retirement several years away, Warren said, after a brief pause, that he would do it over again – but differently. “If I had to do it over again, I don’t think I’d dedicate so much of my emotion to the job...treat it more as a job and not who I am. I wouldn’t take the job so personally.”

With the luxury of his experience, Warren has learned that one thing is always constant – change. “Not only do the seasons evolve and change, but the issues evolve and change as well. When I first started out the issue we were dealing with was the salmon runs and the thousands, not hundreds, but thousands of people who were mostly illegally snagging them. It was such a huge portion of my entire fall – now, the issue is almost non-existent.”

Warren and his wife, Judy, live in Harrisville. They have two children, Scott, who recently joined the U.S. Marine Corps and Meghan, who is a senior at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

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The Alcona 4-H Archery Club will be holding registration from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Senior Center in Lincoln. Youth of all abilities with an interest in archery are welcome to attend and register for the 12 week program. Enrollment fee is \$10 to join any 4-H club as well as \$2 per week for dues. For more information, call Les Thomas (989) 724-6478.

Digital download to your laptop instruction from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call, (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

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Popcorn and a movie at 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

Fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion hall, 2205 Alger St., Mikado. Adults \$8, children age six to 12 \$4, five and under eat free. The public is welcome.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

The academy award winning film "Gandhi" will be shown at 2 p.m. in the George N. Fletcher Alpena County Public Library conference room. This event is open to the public at no charge.

The Barton City Eagles 4141, 671 Sanborn Rd., will be having an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Adults \$7, age six to 12 \$3, under six free. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Get crafty for adults from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The project for January is "Drawing by Design" with Kathryn Cubalo. There is a \$3 charge for supplies. Call, (989) 724-6796 to register.

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Computer games that help seniors stay sharp

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend some good brain-fitness computer games that are designed to help seniors keep their minds sharp? I love to play solitaire on my computer but I'm interested in expanding to some other games that can benefit my mind and memory.

Forgetful Frank

Dear Frank,
There are actually a handful of great brain-training websites and computer software products on the market today that are backed by research and proven to help boomers and seniors improve their memory, slow age-related mental decline and even build a stronger brain. But there's no evidence that these games will prevent Alzheimer's disease.

If you're interested in exercising your brain but don't want to spend a lot of money, brain-training websites are a good place to start. While there are many sites that offer games that claim to sharpen the mind, the most valid and highly rated one is Lumosity.com which boasts around 15 million users.

Developed by neuroscience researchers from Stanford University and UC San Francisco, Lumosity offers more than 35 games and exercises aimed at increasing alertness, sharpening memory skills, improving concentration and faster thinking. The games are fun and engaging, and in each game, as your skill improves,

the tasks become progressively more difficult to keep you challenged. The costs: \$14.95 a month or about \$80 for a one-year subscription. Lumosity even offers mobile apps for smart phone users so you can train wherever you are.

Another good site to check out (but not the quality of Lumosity) is Cognifit.com. This site starts with a brain fitness assessment that lets you know where your stronger areas are, and where you could use some extra training. Cognifit offers around 20 games that are free to play, or you can pay \$4.95 for each of their two advanced games for memory and concentration training.

In addition to the websites, there are also a number of computer software brain-training products that you can purchase and use on your home computer.

Some of the best are made by Posit Science (posit-science.com, (866) 599-6463), which sells three types of brain-training software including "BrainFitness," which speeds up and sharpens the auditory system of the brain for faster thinking, sharper focus, and better memory; "InSight" which targets visual processing to improve how your brain takes in, reacts to, and remembers what you see; and "Drive-Sharp" which strengthens the cognitive skills essential for safe driving.

All software is available in PC and Mac versions. The only downside is the price. You can



buy the Brain Fitness and InSight software together for \$690, or individually for \$395 each. The DriveSharp software costs \$89.

Another excellent option is Dakim BrainFitness Software (dakim.com, (800) 856-5502) that costs \$249 and is designed specifically for adults over 60, as well as for seniors with memory loss. And for non-computer users, Diakim offers a touch-screen console for \$2,349 that's pre-loaded with BrainFitness software. Just plug it in and you're ready to go.

If you don't want to rely on a computer for playing brain-boosting games, consider electronic games like Brain Age, Brain Age 2 (see brainage.com) and Big Brain Academy (bigbrainacademy.com). Made by Nintendo, these games cost around \$20 each, but to play them you'll need to purchase a hand-held Nintendo DS Lite game unit which runs around \$100. You can buy these products online at amazon.com or at retail chains like Wal-Mart, Target and BestBuy.

There are also dozens of mind-challenging books and puzzles you can purchase that can help too. Check your local book store, or visit amazon.com to find them.

Are your medications right for you?

Senior News Line
By Matilda Charles

Are you taking a PIM? That's a Potentially Inappropriate Medication. New research at Cornell University revealed that 38 percent of seniors getting home health care are taking medications that aren't effective or safe, or aren't appropriate for seniors.

The study, reported in the Journal of General Internal Medicine, says that those who receive home care are three times more likely to be prescribed an inappropriate medication. Being in a nursing home can result in 50 percent of patients getting at least one PIM.

Many of us take multiple medications (the average is 11) prescribed by a number of doctors, and therein can lie the problem if someone isn't keeping an eye on possible drug interactions. If a patient is taking 15 or more different medications, the risk is five times higher that one of those is inappropriate.

The risk seems to drop the most for those who actually go in to see the doctor.

The suggested resolution to the problem is to add a

"safety mechanism" in the form of having a medical professional actually come in to check all the medications. (There are 77 medications we shouldn't take, according to the study.)

All of this is a bit mind-boggling. At my local pharmacy, the prescriptions come with a leaflet that tells about possible drug interactions, but before it even gets to the point where patients are handed the bag with their prescription, the pharmacist himself would have piped up and said something. I've even seen him place a call to the doctor's office to verify and warn them of a possible problem.

If you're given a new prescription, ASK about potential interactions with other drugs you take.

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

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The AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 3:15 p.m. in the Tawas High School library, 255 M-55, Tawas City. All visitors are welcome.

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My Brother's Hope Potluck Café - Take 2 serves a free meal, plus free "harecuts" on the fourth Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Mikado.

Drawing Class

Explore your inner artist with a "drawing by design" class at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Monday, Jan. 9 at 11 a.m. Instructor Kathryn Cubalo will teach pencil drawing techniques to adults, with an emphasis on design. Beginners are welcome. All materials provided for \$3, must call (989) 724-6796 to register. The February 6 "Get Crafty" class will be a quilted heart pillow with Anne.

New Arrival

Tyler Lloyd Roe is the new son of Joshua and Michelle (Parrish) Roe of Scott AFB, Ill. He was born on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, Ill. He weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. He joins one brother, Logan, 11 and one sister, Kyleigh, 3. He is the grandson of John and Eileen Roe of Harrisville, Jessica and Wayne Terry of Redding, Calif. and David and Pamela Parrish of Rio Linda, Calif.

Senior Menu

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

• Monday, January 9—Herb chicken, sweet potato puffs, wax beans, tossed salad and fruit.

• Tuesday, January 10—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, sauerkraut salad, cake and ice cream.

• Wednesday, January 11—Breaded pork chop, baked potato, squash, coleslaw and fruit.

• Thursday, January 12—Barbecued chicken, baked beans, Brussels sprouts, raspberry applesauce salad and fruit.

• Friday, January 13—Fish almondine, wild rice, sugar snap peas, tossed salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Political Leadership Grad

Harrisville resident Cynthia Bauer, a blood drive organizer for the American Red Cross, is one of 24 students in the Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) Class of 2011 who will graduate in February. The future graduates have completed 10 months of weekend leadership training to gain new skills in practical politics, in leadership on a local and statewide level and in

analyzing policies affecting citizens around the state.

They will join more than 500 alumni who hold office in the Michigan House of Representatives and in local city councils, county commissions, school boards and township boards throughout the state. An estimated one quarter of MPLP's graduates has held elected or appointed office, or holds that office now. The 2011 class met for the last time in November, and will be celebrated at MPLP's 17th Annual Dinner on February 23 in Livonia, Mich. and the 10th Annual Breakfast on February 24 in Grand Rapids, Mich. The two events

will feature Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Eugene Robinson and former White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer, two speakers with well-honed insight into Michigan's upcoming primary and the nation's 2012 presidential election.

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Jan. 4, 2012

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Snow Possible
High: 31 Low: 23

THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 26

FRIDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 39 Low: 31

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 25

SUNDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 29 Low: 22

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 20

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 30 Low: 15

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 31°, humidity of 74%. West wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 44° set in 1966. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 23°. West wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is -19° set in 1981.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	44	31	29/14	0.00"
Tuesday	40	16	28/14	0.04"
Wednesday	17	4	28/13	0.00"
Thursday	33	12	28/13	0.21"
Friday	35	28	28/13	0.02"
Saturday	36	29	28/12	0.00"
Sunday	37	29	27/12	0.13"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	8:10 a.m.	5:06 p.m.	1:29 p.m.	3:56 a.m.
Thursday	8:10 a.m.	5:07 p.m.	2:09 p.m.	4:54 a.m.
Friday	8:10 a.m.	5:08 p.m.	2:56 p.m.	5:50 a.m.
Saturday	8:09 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	3:51 p.m.	6:42 a.m.
Sunday	8:09 a.m.	5:11 p.m.	4:53 p.m.	7:28 a.m.
Monday	8:09 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	5:59 p.m.	8:07 a.m.
Tuesday	8:09 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	7:08 p.m.	8:42 a.m.

Local UV Index

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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 48° in East St. Louis, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 69° in Miami, Fla. The Northwest will see isolated rain today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 62° in Colville, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in Los Angeles, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:51 a.m.	3:41 p.m.
Venus	10:11 a.m.	7:58 p.m.
Mars	10:40 p.m.	11:39 a.m.
Jupiter	12:48 p.m.	2:21 a.m.
Saturn	2:01 a.m.	12:56 p.m.
Uranus	11:41 a.m.	11:43 p.m.

Weather History

Jan. 4, 1989 - Up to a foot of snow blanketed the mountains of West Virginia and strong winds in the northeastern United States produced wind chill readings as cold as 60 degrees below zero in Maine. Mount Washington, N.H. reported wind gusts to 136 mph.

Weather Trivia

Does the sun always give off the same amount of energy? **?**

Answer: The amount varies, but only by a small margin.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Fastest, Closest in January

H a p p y N e w Y e a r ! The Holiday rush may be behind us, but for the Earth, the first week in January means that it's moving at its fastest pace. In fact on January 5 at 7 p.m. EST, the Earth reaches this location called perihelion which is also its closest position to the sun. That may seem strange, especially since we are approaching the coldest time of the year, but for the Earth the seasons have nothing to do with distance and everything to do with the change in the sun's angle or its altitude in the sky. This changes because the Earth's axis is tilted. The variation in Earth's distance from the sun causes its orbital velocity to change. When the Earth reaches perihelion, the gravitational attraction between it and the sun are at a maximum, and the Earth responds by moving fastest. This has a curious effect on the seasons because it makes the period of time from fall through winter about a week shorter than from spring through summer. A week may not seem like much time, but a little more summer is always preferable over winter. Because its orbital speed is always changing, Earth cannot revolve around the sun in a circular path. Its orbital shape is oval in contour, an ellipse to be precise. Two points of interest called the foci, connect to the boundary of the ellipse in such a way that the distance from focus one to a boundary point, plus the distance from the same boundary position to focus two, are always the same for any point along the ellipse. At one focus the sun is found; at the other focus, only an empty point in space exists. Opposite Earth's perihelion position and along the longest axis of the ellipse, called the major axis, lies Earth's farthest position from the sun, identified as aphelion. Earthlings won't have to consider being there until July 4, 2012 at 11 p.m. EDT., around the time that most fireworks extravaganzas will be ending along the East Coast. www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **COMICS:** What is the name of Hi and Lois' youngest daughter?
2. **HISTORY:** Which Allied general defeated German field marshal Erwin Rommel in North Africa during World War II?
3. **POETRY:** Who was the Greek creator of pastoral poetry?
4. **ART:** Which Early Renaissance artist painted "The Birth of Venus"?
5. **TELEVISION:** Who were the only witnesses to the shooting of Mr. Burns on "The Simpsons"?
6. **EXPLORERS:** What was the nationality of explorer Edmund Hillary?
7. **MUSIC:** Which actress/singer's theme song was "Que Sera, Sera"?
8. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the only bachelor to serve as U.S. president?
9. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** What famous 20th-century leader once said, "If I had no sense of humor, I would long ago have committed suicide"?
10. **LANGUAGE:** What is the meaning of the word "aplomb"?

Answers 1. Trixie; 2. Gen. Bernard Montgomery; 3. Theocritus; 4. Botticelli; 5. Maggie and Santa's Little Helper (the dog); 6. New Zealand; 7. Doris Day; 8. James Buchanan; 9. Mohandas Gandhi; 10. Confidence (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword PUNBLICATIONS

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| 30 Solidify | 73 Byzantine art form | 121 Bring to light | 20 Nigerian city | 67 Slender trace | 104 Cabbage concoction |
| 31 Weber's "— Freischutz" | 76 Pants parts | 122 Goatish gamboler | 22 "Aida" river | 68 Be a wise guy | 105 Philosopher |
| 32 Prepared to drive | 77 Ram's ma'am | 123 Have unpaid bills | 24 Forest ruminant | 69 French impressionist | 106 Bronte heroine |
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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

- On Jan. 22, 1779, famed Tory outlaw Claudius Smith meets his end on the gallows in Goshen, N.Y. Smith earned the label "Cowboy of the Ramapos" for his use of guerrilla tactics against Patriot civilians. Legend has it that Smith's skull was filled with mortar and included in the edifice of the Goshen Court House.
- On Jan. 19, 1809, poet, author and literary critic Edgar Allan Poe is born in Boston. In 1836, Poe married his 13-year-old cousin, Virginia Clemm, and completed his first full-length work of fiction, "Arthur Gordon Pym." He became known for dark horror stories like "The Fall of the House of Usher" and "The Tell-Tale Heart."
- On Jan. 17, 1893, on the Hawaiian Islands, a group of American sugar planters under Sanford Ballard Dole overthrow Queen Liliuokalani, the Hawaiian monarch, and establish a new provincial government with Dole as president. Three hundred U.S. Marines were called to Hawaii, allegedly to protect American lives.
- On Jan. 18, 1912, after a two-month ordeal, the expedition of British explorer Robert Falcon Scott arrives at the South Pole, only to find that Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen had preceded them by just more than a month. Caught in a storm on the way back to base camp, Scott and two others perished.
- On Jan. 16, 1945, Adolf Hitler, leader of Nazi Germany, takes to his underground bunker, where he remains for 105 days until he commits suicide on April 30 in the waning days of World War II. Hitler and his wife swallowed cyanide capsules (which had been tested on his "beloved" dog and her pups). For good measure, he shot himself with his pistol.
- On Jan. 21, 1957, Patsy Cline, one of the greatest figures in country music history, first gains national attention with her appearance on "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts," wowing the studio audience with her performance of "Walkin' After Midnight."
- On Jan. 20, 1980, bleachers at a bullring in Sincelejo, Colombia, collapse, killing 222 people. The deadliest tragedy at a sporting event in Colombia's history was the result of overcrowding and poor construction.

STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

- It was 19th-century German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche who made the following sage observation: "One will rarely err if extreme actions be ascribed to vanity, ordinary actions to habit, and mean actions to fear."
- Are you an agelast or an abderian? If you never laugh, you're the latter; if you laugh too much, you're the former.
- There is one species of frog, found in the Southeast Asian country of Indonesia, that has no lungs; it breathes entirely through its skin.
- You might be surprised to learn that the largest employer in the United States is the Department of Defense. Wal-Mart is No. 2, followed by the U.S. Postal Service.
- Those who study such things say that as we age, a man's brain shrinks more rapidly than a woman's.
- According to Tibetan tradition, a man must get permission from his lady love's maternal uncle before the couple can get married.
- If you're in Florida and make a trip to the hair salon, keep in mind that in that state, it's illegal to fall asleep under a hair dryer. Both the client and the salon can be fined.
- It seems that almost every little girl has a Barbie doll, but have you ever thought about what a life-size Barbie would look like? She would be 7 feet, 2 inches tall, weigh 125 pounds and have bust-waist-hip measurements of 40-22-36.
- The white rhinoceros is not actually white. The "white" part of the name comes from the Afrikaans word "wijd," which means "wide"; it describes the animal's lips.
- Iconic German-American actress Marlene Dietrich once said that her favorite meal was hot dogs and champagne.

Thought for the Day: "We all have strength enough to endure the misfortunes of others." — Francois de La Rochefoucauld

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting held December 14, 2011 was called to order by supervisor Brown with the pledge to the flag. Present on board: Brown, Thornton, Timm, Ott and Scott. Also present zoning administrator Nancy Beck and three citizens. Motion to approve agenda with additions. Motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2011 adding "Is Vernell Gauthier, deputy supervisor, living in the township?"
 Correspondence: District Health Department-water check at park okay; Alcona County Road Commission – list of seasonal roads; MTA Education Conference January 25-27; Board of review training February 7.
 Motion to pay the bills. Motion to place treasurer's report on file. Planning commission report: Still working on the ordinance revisions; e-mail sent to R. Young about right of way for any obstructions, signs, et cetera; Sec. 302 sub point 3 sent to board members for review, recommendation to delete this language. Also sent Section 410 for review,

Agricultural Districts, regarding ethanol production. Planning commission recommends the approval of the two amendments. Planning commission schedule for 2012 will be on web site. Next Tri-Township meeting is April 26 at Alcona Township.
 Zoning administrator report: Jahn property still trying to split into two lots; Thunder Bay Power-fence eight feet high and seven feet long down Cottage Lane. Nancy will look at site plan. Park report: Historical people, after their studies at the park, have given us the go ahead to begin construction at the Northend Park. There will be a park meeting January 3.
 The CBU (mail boxes for box holders) for Spruce Post Office, our board recommends the northeast corner of parking lot and to consult with us for specifics. Henry Freigruber letter asking not to be reappointed to the planning commission after serving the township since 2000. J. Preston pointed out that the Rondeau sign has another sign over the top of his.

Supervisor Brown stated that her deputy Vernell Gauthier is no longer a resident of the township, and supervisor chooses not to appoint a deputy at this time. Motion that we appoint the supervisor's recommendations of Gary Grove and Kathy Vichunas to the planning commission for a three year term.
 Motion that we approve the recommendations of the planning commission and direct them to conduct a public hearing if necessary for Section 302, sub point 3 deletion, and to adopt Section 410, points 2 and 3.
 Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. The next meeting is January 11. Planning commission meets January 9. Website is Caledoniatwp.net.
 Helen Timm, Clerk

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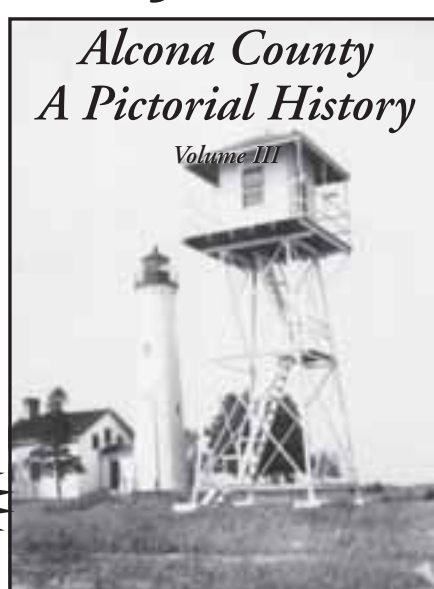
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Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by James S. Duetsch and Betty J. Duetsch as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated April 24, 2007, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on May 21, 2007, in Liber 441 at pages 1,472-1,491, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$65,780, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of

Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 5.750 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Mitchell, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: T28N, R5E, Section 33, W 720 feet of N 700 feet of the NE 1/4. The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 19, 2011 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511 1-4, 1-11, 1-18, 1-25

Foreclosure Notice (All counties)

As a debt collector we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty. Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Cynthia Bauer and Paul R. Bauer, wife and husband, of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to National City Mortgage Services Co. dated the 29th day of January, 2003, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 29th day of January, 2003, in Liber 376, page 605 of Alcona records; which said mortgage was assigned to PNC Bank, national association successor by merger to National City Bank doing business as National City Mortgage, thru mesne assignments. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for

principal of \$42,891.02 (forty-two thousand eight hundred ninety-one and 02/100) plus accrued interest at 3.50 percent (three point five zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 11th day of January, 2012, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Greenbush, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Situated in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: Lot 608 of Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 5, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 155-7 Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 4651 S. Evergreen Drive. Tax Parcel No.: 041-148-000-608-00. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 14, 2011 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR No. 10086366 12-14, 12-21, 12-28, 1-4, 2012

Order for Service By Publication Posting and Notice of Action

State of Michigan, Judicial District, 23 Judicial Circuit James Scott, individually, and James Scott, as next friend of, Mariah Scott, a minor v. Shain Karsen, Aaron Lee Fowler, Wade Oliver, Haley Oliver, QBE Insurance Company, the Assigned Claims Facility, Property and Casualty Insurance Company of Hartford Case No. 11-1795 NO Skupin & Lucas, P.C. Attorney for Plaintiffs by Charles G. Skupin (29282) 155 W. Congress, Ste. 350

Detroit, MI 48226 (313) 961-0425

To: Aaron Lee Fowler

Plaintiff, James Scott Individually and James Scott as next friend of Mariah Scott, a minor in this court, to recover for personal injuries arising out of an auto accident occurring on October 24, 2010. Upon consideration of the verified motion of plaintiff, and the affidavit in support thereof attesting to the fact that the defendant in this action cannot be personally served with a summons and a copy of the complaint herein, and it appearing that defendant, Aaron Lee Fowler has a last known address is 808 S. McConnell Road, Harrisville, MI 48740, and plaintiff having attempted service; and it appearing that personal service of

the summons and complaint in this action cannot be made in a manner reasonable calculated to give defendant notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard: It is hereby ordered that a copy of this order, summons and complaint be sent by first-class United States mail and by posting a copy of the above pleadings at defendant's usual place of abode or business address and/or 808 S. McConnell Road, Harrisville, MI 48740. It is further ordered that notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper in Alcona County once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. Date: December 28, 2011 Judge: /s/ Ronald M. Bergeron 12-26, 1-4, 1-11

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 11-5014 DE

Estate of Anne Catherine Moore Date of birth: July 12, 1923 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Anne Catherine Moore, who lived at 511 S. Huron Avenue, Harrisville, Mich. died December 23, 2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Hugh James MacMaster and Barbara MacMaster, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: December 29, 2011 David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, MI 48740 (989) 724-5155 Hugh James MacMaster 103 Oakridge Drive New Holland, PA 17557 Barbara MacMaster 103 Oakridge Drive New Holland, PA 17557

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 11-5012 DE

Estate of Henry I. Liske, deceased Date of birth: December 12, 1919 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Henry I. Liske, deceased, who lived at 1781 Monica Drive, Caledonia Township, Mich. died December 2, 2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donald G. Liske, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Building, P.O. Box 328, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: December 19, 2011 Bueche, Failer, O'Callaghan & Zintsmaster John A. Zintsmaster P35487 G-6258 W. Pierson Rd. Flushing, MI 48433 (810) 733-6960 Donald G. Liske 6353 Seymour Rd. Flushing, MI 48433 (810) 659-9239

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gagee to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-six thousand four hundred seventy-four and 33/100 dollars (\$66,474.33), including interest at three 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 4, 2012. Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8,

Block 9 and the north 132 feet of Block 16 of the village of Killmaster, a subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 13, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 7, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 385914F01 12-7, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 11-5013 DE

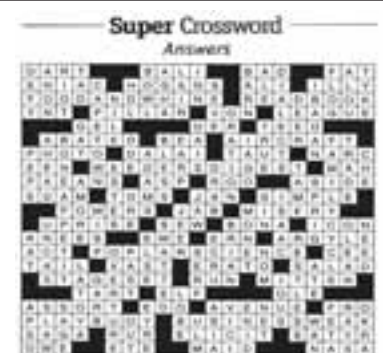
Estate of Joe W. Goodrich Date of birth: August 1, 1924 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Joe W. Goodrich, who lived at 1140 Stuve Ranch Road, Barton City, Mich. died November 17, 2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

Rebecca J. Goodrich, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: December 29, 2011 David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, MI 48740 (989) 724-5155 Rebecca J. Goodrich 113 Conestoga Trail N. Fort Meyers, FL 33917

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TO: Shain Karsen Plaintiff, James Scott, individually, and James Scott, as next friend of, Mariah Scott, a minor in this court, to recover for personal injuries arising out of an auto accident occurring on October 24, 2010. Upon consideration of the verified motion of plaintiff, and the affidavit in support thereof attesting to the fact that the defendant in this action cannot be personally served with a summons and a copy of the complaint herein, and it appearing that defendant, Shain Karsen has a last known address is 1288 N. McConnell Road, Lincoln, MI 48742, and plaintiff having attempted service; and it appearing that personal service of the summons and complaint in this action cannot be made in a manner reasonable calculated to give defendant notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard: It is hereby ordered that a true copy of the summons and complaint and order of substituted service at defendant's last known address, or by personally serving a person of suitable age at the last known address and discretion informing that person of the nature of the process served. It is further ordered that a copy of this order, summons and complaint be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and also regular first-class United States mail and by posting a copy of the above pleadings at defendant's usual place of abode or business address and/or 1288 N. McConnell Road, Lincoln, MI 48742. It is further ordered that notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper in Alcona County once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. Date: December 28, 2011 Judge: /s/ Ronald M. Bergeron 12-28, 1-4, 1-11



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