

## Christmas spirit abounds at Mikado Tavern

**By Cheryl Peterson**  
Editor

If a visit to the Mikado Tavern during the holiday season doesn't instill the spirit of Christmas, then there might be a Grinch somewhere in the family tree.

The Christmas spirit is not

found in a liquid libation from behind the bar, but in the display at the other end of the room where several tables are laden with rosy cheeked Santas, reverent angels, smiling snowmen, a serene village and other figures silently

celebrating the season.

The Christmas display has been a tradition at the bar for 32 years and, like its owner Betty Sands, is sprinkled with color, character and a bit of impishness.

Like Santa who knows who

has been naughty and nice, Betty knows where each figure came from – who gave it to her or where she picked it up – and how long it's been in the collection.

"The old guy in the corner is from Texas," Betty said pointing to a Santa on a table of 25 or more. "This old boy is from Colorado... this little girl



Betty Sands, owner of the Mikado Tavern, talks about the growing collection of Santas on display that has become a Christmas tradition. Photos by Cheryl Peterson.



is 32 years old (an angel that moves its head and 'sings' 'Silent Night') ... this little boy is from Canada..." she said as she moved along the display slightly adjusting figures and talking about them like they were old friends.

The collection grows a bit each year as patrons, friends and pool team members bring in figures for Betty. The handmade village scene is from Phyllis Smith, a Mikado resident, who gave it to Betty 15 years ago and has since passed away. Betty also adds to the collection herself. "That's what I do, I collect my Santas."

Betty starts putting up the Christmas figures on Thanksgiving night and five days later the display is finished. It takes much longer to put it all away (two weeks) after the first of the year. "People start asking during deer season – before Thanksgiving – when the Christmas stuff is going up and they ask if I've gotten anything new... I know when one is missing out of that crew."

Betty was born in West Virginia in May of 1935 and was raised in Akron, Ohio.

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## Veterans receive honors from woodcarvers

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

Eight men, three of them from Alcona County, gathered at the Oscoda Senior Center earlier this month to receive recognition for their past dedication to duty.

A gift of a hand carved cane acknowledged their role in service to the United States. Each cane sported an eagle's head as a handle and were created by the Sunrise Wood Carvers of Oscoda, a division of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association.

The American Legion Color Guard of Oscoda ushered in the ceremony where John Gallaty of Barton City, Leroy Sands of Mikado and Randy Sharboneau of Lincoln received their canes along with five other veterans from northeast Michigan. Two other men from Alcona

County, Thomas Harmon and Jesus Yruegas, both of Mikado, were to receive their canes during the presentation, but were unable to attend the ceremony.

Every branch of the service, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard and Reserves were recognized during the ceremony with veterans ranging in age from 95 years and younger. They were honored for their time in the military service during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and even more recent conflicts such as the war on terrorism.

In many cases, the man or woman who carved the eagle's head on the cane presented the cane to the veteran and thanked him for his service. The exchanges between craftsman and veteran were tender and moving, as many of the wood carvers were also veterans and knew first hand what the recipients had endured.

"It's the very least we can do to honor them. Each fought to protect this country. Their simple love of America and freedom brought them here and today we salute you," Ray Matheson from the Sunrise Woodcarvers told the veterans.

Matheson also thanked veterans who could not be with them, the veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their life.

As their canes were presented, each veteran made brief remarks. Sands talked a bit about serving his time

on ship for the Navy. Gallaty, an Army veteran, told the audience that if he had to do it all over again he would in a heartbeat. Sharboneau, a Marine veteran, said it was a privilege to be sitting among such fine and honorable men.

The shaft of each cane is personalized for the recipient veteran with decals of their name, military service dates, rank and symbols and emblems for their branch of service and recognition of their military awards and commendations.

Also on each cane is the

name of the woodcarver along with a thank you and the words: "A veteran – whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve, man or woman – is someone who, at one point in life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America, for an amount up to and including their life."

"Each cane takes 20 to 30 hours to paint and decorate. We have a standard of what the eagle should look like, but there are no set rules.



Alcona County Road Commission crews assist a semi truck driver who pulled off of US-23 to clear snow from his windshield and got stuck in soft snow at the edge of the highway. The highway just south of Greenbush was closed for roughly 20 minutes last Friday morning. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

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## Obituaries

### Barry F. LaFave

Barry Franklin LaFave, 61, of Oscoda, died on Tuesday Dec., 17, 2013 at Jamieson Nursing Home, Harrisville. He was born May 18, 1952 in Black River to Edward and Yvonne (Potvin) LaFave.

He was raised in Black River. Later, he lived in Lincoln and Greenbush. He had recently moved to Oscoda.

In 1989 he married Sharyn Thompson.

Mr. LaFave is survived by his wife, Sharyn; one son Jeffrey (Angie) LaFave of Lincoln; three grandchildren, Sage, Krista and Cooper LaFave; six brothers; Don (Sharon) LaFave of Black River, James (Marcia) LaFave of Alpena, Kim (Tamara) LaFave of Black River, Duane (Faith) LaFave of Spruce, Scott (Laurie) LaFave of Hubbard Lake and Darryl (Hope) LaFave of Harrisville; two sisters: Janet DeLorge of Ossineke and DeEtta (Jeff) Campbell of Lewiston, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Lois LaVergne in 2005.

The funeral was held at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln on December 20.

### Wayne F. Siebert

Wayne F. Siebert, 64, of Barton City, died on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013 at his home.

He was born January 28, 1949 to Carl and Mary (Katona) Siebert in Barton City, where he was raised.

He graduated from Alcona High School in 1967 and from Michigan State University in 1971.

A long time resident of Clio, Mich., Mr. Siebert worked at Zack Construction in Flint, Mich. He retired in 2002 and moved back to Barton City.

He was the chairman of the Millen Township Planning Committee and a member of the zoning board.

He was president of the Barton City Improvement Association, a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado, Knights of Columbus, Alcona Council No. 4235 and Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141.

Mr. Siebert is survived by one sister, Arlene (Larry) Cirillo of Barton City; two brothers, James Siebert and Fred (Kim) Siebert, both of Barton City; and two nephews, Jaydon Siebert and Joshua Siebert.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln on Friday, Dec. 27, from 3 to 8 p.m. There will be a parish/Knights of Columbus prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday, Dec. 28 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado, from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. The Rev. Robert Bissot will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Ridge Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the Knights of Columbus Alcona Council No. 4235, or to the donor's choice.

### May "Dale"

### McIntyre

May "Dale" McIntyre, 87, of Royal Oak, Mich. died on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at Waltonwood in Royal Oak, Mich.

She was born in Lincoln April 16, 1926 to Theodore and Harriet (LeCuyer) Oliver.

She graduated from Oscoda High School in 1944, and shortly after graduated from a cosmetology program in Bay City, Mich. and became a licensed beautician.

She married Norman Eugene "Gene" McIntyre on April 12, 1947. They lived in Lincoln until 1973 when they moved to Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Mrs. McIntyre operated her own beauty shop in Lincoln before her family grew. Later, she helped her brother, Raymond, with his laundromat business.

She enjoyed taking care of children, particularly her grandchildren. She also loved knitting and watching her favorite movies.

Mrs. McIntyre is survived by three daughters, Connie Tucker of Warren, Mich. Beth McIntyre of Auxvasse, Mo. and Kathy (Tom) McIntyre of Bloomington, Ill.; two sons, Ted (Kris) McIntyre of Mt. Pleasant, Mich. and Tom (Susan) McIntyre of Melrose, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Norman Oliver of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene in August 1983; one grandson, Ken McIntyre; two sisters, June Miller and Pearl Oliver; and two brothers, Raymond Oliver and Donald Oliver.

The funeral was held at the Clark Family Funeral Chapel in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. on Sunday, Dec. 22. Pastor Michael Biedenbender officiated. Interment was in the Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to the NAMI (www.NAMI.org).

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2013						
Date	Weekly Report			Miles Per Hour		
	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
Dec. 15	25	12	0.05	3.6	20	NNE
Dec. 16	18	2	0.00	2.3	13	NE
Dec. 17	24	16	0.02	2.8	16	SSW
Dec. 18	28	17	0.00	3.8	25	SW
Dec. 19	33	17	0.00	2.0	15	WSW
Dec. 20	31	26	0.15	14.8	29	NE
Dec. 21	30	27	0.08	9.5	31	NNE
<b>Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2013-2014</b>						
	Water Content		Snow Fall		Normal Water Content	
Weekly Total	0.22		6.4		0.42	
December to Date	1.15		14.0		1.26	
Year/Season to Date	30.26		15.9		27.83	
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, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn at 2 p.m. during the family movie matinee at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

Food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

The Audubon Society will be conducting their annual Christmas bird count beginning at 10 a.m. Meet at the pavilion in the parking lot of the Harrisville State Park to get an assignment for one of four sections of Alcona County. For more information, call Frank Apsey at (989) 724-3056.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**

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, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Veterans join your fellow comrades for coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville.

Blood pressure clinic at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass.

The 4-H Archery group of Alcona will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior, 207 Church Street.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Exercise indoors, walk or use the treadmill upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

Exercise indoors, walk or use the treadmill upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

Support group for grandparents and caregivers raising children will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Alcona Elementary School media center, 181 North Barlow Road. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Kristin at (989) 736-8716.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary

supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township hall, 3029 Campbell Street.

Musical entertainment by the Swollen Fingers String band at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

Answers

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Noon - 4 p.m. ~ \$1.50 games



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>TH</sup>**

Noon - 6 p.m. ~ \$2 Games



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

3 - 6:30 p.m. ~ 2 games, pizza, pop and shoes \$7

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

3 - 9 p.m. ~ \$2 games  
9 - Midnight ~ \$7 All-You-Can-Bowl

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Noon - 4 ~ \$1.50 games

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**NOTICE**

**There will be a meeting of the Region 9 Rural Task Force at 10 a.m., Friday, January 10, 2014 at the Montmorency County Road Commission, located at 11445 M-32, Atlanta, Michigan.**

The purpose of the meeting will be to review the proposed Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) transportation projects utilizing federal-aid funding from the Rural Surface Transportation Program (STP-R) and Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) for the fiscal years 2013 to 2018. The Region 9 Rural Task Force covers Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties, and is comprised of 25 members: one MDOT member, and three members from each county representing the road commission, cities and villages under 5,000 population, and the area transit provider. Interested persons are invited to attend to give public comment.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Alcona County Road Commission**

The Alcona County Road Commission will hold a public hearing Monday, December 30, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. at the Road Commission office, 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 2014 through 2019 from the Surface Transportation Program of the current federal highway bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Map-21), 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](mailto:roads@alconacrc.com) prior to the hearing on December 30, 2013.

**LEGAL NOTICE of DECISION**

**ATV Connecting Communities Project  
USDA Forest Service  
Huron-Manistee National Forests**

On December 18, 2013, District Ranger Shawn Cochran signed a written decision to approve the ATV Connecting Communities Project. The Project Area is located on the Huron-Manistee National Forests within Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan. The ATV trail designation activities are proposed for implementation between the years 2014-2016.

The Connecting Communities ATV Trail Designation Project consists of six (6) separately proposed connector locations to communities and services. The decision authorizes the designation of National Forest System trail for use by motorized vehicles 50" in width or less. Approximately 28.47 miles of existing snowmobile trail and system road have been identified for ATV route designation. The project authorizes the construction of approximately 4.68 miles of new trail. The designations for ATV use would add approximately 33 miles of trail connecting to communities, services and other trails for ATV riding. Project map enclosed.

These trails will be part of the National Forest System of trails and the State-wide designated trail system. The trails would be operated and maintained by the Alcona County and the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commissions through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources ATV Trails grant program and by authorization of Forest Service Challenge Cost Share Agreements.

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 by those who supplied comments or otherwise expressed interest in this proposal during the official 30-day comment period specified in 36 CFR 215.6.

As all comments received during the 30-day comment period were supportive of the project there will be no appeal period as described during the comment period. This decision may be implemented immediately. A project development plan will be developed in partnership with the Iosco and the Alcona County Parks and Recreation Commissions to guide implementation.

The final Decision Memo and map describing this project has been published on the Forest Service website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/hmnf/landmanagement/projects>. Look for "ATV Trail Connecting Communities Project". The Decision Memo for the ATV Connecting Communities Project is also available upon request from the Huron Shores District Ranger at 5761 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda, MI 48750, (989) 739-0728, TTY (989) 739-0806. For further information on the project contact Gordon Haase at (989) 739-0728 x 3021.

**Organization Notes**



The snowy weather didn't stop people from coming to see Santa at the Barton City Eagles on Sunday, Dec. 15. There were lots of little ones with their families to tell Santa their wishes and receive gifts, candy and a pizza lunch. It couldn't have been done without all of Santa's helpers. (In photograph, but not in order) Jean Read, Sonja Clark, Jan Neil, Theresa Hartman, Judy Moore, Sean Flanigan, Jan Holtzman, Cassady Clemens, Karen Hearty, Marg Forsythe, Cathy Rodriguez, Wanda Kaminski, Santa (Rick Lamphier), Mrs. Claus (Trisha Figlioli), Deana Vilet, Hester Laird, Sue Remilong and Jennie Hartman. Not pictured: Larry Neil and Jan Hornstra. *Courtesy photo.*

**Local Notes**

**Lighting Contest Winners**

The Barton City Improvement Association had its annual Christmas lighting contest judging on December 19. The winners were Rodney and Missy Cordes, Dennis and Cheryl Smith, Fred and Kim Siebert and Frank and Frances Giglio. The commu-

nity of Barton City wants to thank all who put up lights and the residents who helped put up the city holiday decorations.

**New Heating System**

Mikado Township has replaced three existing forced air heating units with a more efficient overhead infrared heat system. Supervisor Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas applied to DTE Energy's Efficiency Program for Business in order to implement this energy saving project.

For showing the interest in achieving energy savings at the fire hall facility, Mikado Township was awarded \$1,200. Because of this effort, it is believed that energy consumption will be reduced for years to come.

**Reverse Glass Painting**

Use acrylic paints to create a reverse glass painting at the Adult Get Crafty class with local artist Armando Calles on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. No experience is necessary; all materials are supplied for \$5 per person. A sample is on display at the library. Call to register (989) 724-6796.

**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. 30—Pork tips in gravy over egg noodles, mixed vegetables, flavored applesauce, fruit and a cookie.
- Tuesday, Dec. 31—All sites and services closed.
- Wednesday, Jan. 1—All sites and services closed.
- Thursday, Jan. 2—Baked

chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, pineapple orange salad and fruit.

- Friday, Jan. 3—Fish almandine, broccoli and cheese rice, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw and fruit.

*(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

**Stuffing a Blue Goose**

On Saturday, Dec. 14 the Michigan State Police Alpena Post held the first Stuff a Blue Goose for Christmas event. Troopers and other staff members stood outside Wal-Mart and Neiman's Family Market for an eight hour period with blue geese (patrol vehicles) collecting non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys for families around the area who are in need this holiday season.

"We at the Alpena Post would like to thank the community for their very generous donations that allowed us to stuff our Tahoes three times and the Chargers twice," said Community Service Trooper Ashley Simpson. "These donations were then given to the Vietnam Veterans of America-Chapter 583 to be distributed to families in need in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties. The final estimated count as of Saturday night revealed that we had collected 967 toys and 1,342 food items.

"We would like to thank the numerous businesses for their assistance... Without the donations from these businesses and the very generous donations from all the members of the community our event would not have been possible. Thank you again for helping the troopers of the Alpena Post make a difference in the lives of those in need this holiday season." For further information, contact Trooper Ashley Simpson at the Alpena Post (989) 354-4101.



# Tigers face Mio and Tawas with split results

**By Ron Yokom**  
Basketball Writer

After facing a good Tawas basketball team Friday, Dec. 13, the Alcona boys varsity team had to host an even tougher Mio team on Monday, Dec. 16 and the results were not pretty.

Except for a last second jump shot by Trenton LaVergne, Alcona would have been shut out in the first quarter. Mio led 21-2. Alcona toughened up in the second quarter, outscoring Mio 8-6, but still trailed 27-10 at half-time. A three-pointer by Jason Steiner and jumper by LaVergne started the third quarter and brought the Tigers to within 14 points, but the offense only produced four more points.

The third quarter ended with the Thunderbolts leading 38-19. The final period was all Mio again, as they outscored Alcona 21-10 to go home with a 59-28 victory and remain undefeated.

LaVergne led Alcona with 11 points. No one else had more than four points. The junior varsity team fared much better pounding Mio 69-20. Alec Link had 19 points and Nate Swinson added 11. The JV team remains undefeated.

On Wednesday, Dec. 18 the Tigers hosted the Posen Vikings for the last game before the holidays. This time they defeated their opponents 65-45 in a much improved performance.

The first quarter was an exercise in momentum changes. Alcona came out on fire to take an early 9-0 lead. After a time out Posen ran off 14 consecutive points to take



Jason Steiner goes for a three-point shot against the Thunderbolts. Photo by Pat Brussel.

a 14-9 lead. The Tigers came right back and scored seven of the next nine points and the quarter ended tied 16-16. LaVergne carried his team with 11 points.

Alcona started the second period with five points from Carson Jamieson and led 21-16. The Vikings came back with an 8-2 run and led 24-23. Steiner then hit his second three-pointer of the game putting Alcona ahead for good 26-24. Steiner's third three-pointer gave the Tigers a 33-26 lead at halftime.

The third quarter was a battle but the Tigers managed to take it 12-8 and led 45-34 heading into the final period. The fourth quarter

was all Alcona. They outscored Posen 20-11, led by LaVergne's 10 points.

LaVergne had a dominating game scoring 28 points and pulling down 14 rebounds. Jamieson added 14 points, Dawson Forsythe made 11 points and Steiner made 10 points and had five blocked shots.

Alcona's record is now 2-4 and will continue play in January. The JV team continued their dominance thrashing Posen 55-19 and remain undefeated at 5-0. Alec Link led with 17 points.

## Christmas Continued from page 1

Her parents started coming to Mikado to a cottage on 80 acres they purchased in 1947. The family moved there permanently in 1950.

"I've been around the horn," Betty said listing all of the taverns in which she's bartended in the county before purchasing the Mikado Bar 32 years ago. She also worked in area machine shops as well, sometimes holding down several jobs and filling in at local bars when needed.

One of the people she met while tending bar was Mikado Leroy Sands, who she married long before she purchased the bar.

"I had two jobs forever," Betty said. "Now I have three jobs - I work here day and night and then at home too." She takes pride in never forgetting a face - although, the person's name might escape her for a while, but after talking to that person it doesn't take her long to remember

their name.

"Betty is a legend," said friend and patron Suzy Beckly. "She remembers people she hasn't seen in 15 years and the names of their kids and grandkids too."

Although, being the owner of a bar isn't always a warm and fuzzy experience. Betty does have a tough side that surfaces at times. "I can give 'em holy hell at times... I have my rules and regulations... if you don't like what I say or do - then get out..."

"Betty has given me 'holy hell' a time or two (over the years) and I still come back... I love her to death," Beckly said.

"I get to meet a lot of people and talk to a lot of people. It's been a good life. I've met a lot of good people and I've made good friends," Betty said. "I can recall more happier times than sad times. If I should leave this old world today, I have nothing to regret."

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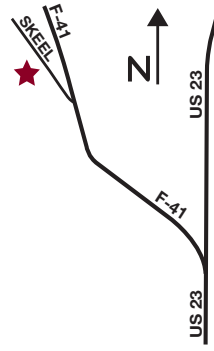
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**By Hope Smith**  
*Sports Writer*

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team is gaining momentum after picking up a fourth straight win on Tuesday, Dec 17 in Mio.

Alcona took control of the game by jumping out to an early 19-9 lead in the first quarter and keeping it (37-20) at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Lady Tigers fought off a determined Mio team which managed to match Alcona basket for basket to end the third period 51-34. Although Mio outscored Alcona 14-9 in the final quarter, the Lady Tigers held on to secure the 60-48 victory over the Lady Thunderbolts.

"We had a very aggressive first half. Our posts played very well and complimented our outside shooting," said coach Brad Cole.

Leading the charge for Alcona was Karina Cole with 16 points, six rebounds, four as-



Kendra Cole fights for the ball during the game against Mio. Photo by Pat Brussel.

sists and six steals. Kendra Cole had a double-double night with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Megan Quick added eight points and two assists. Samantha Schopfer delivered five points, five rebounds and three assists. Nicole Walen made four points. Alissa Terpstra had four points and five rebounds. Cassie Carpenter scored three points, Sydney Pierce made two points, grabbed five rebounds and three steals. Hannah Terpstra, Maddie Feldhiser and Torie Harmon each added two points.

Alcona's junior varsity team came away with the 37-31 win over Mio.

On Monday, Dec. 16 the Lady Tigers played host to the Tawas Braves for the first of two non conference match ups this season.

Alcona got off to a great start thanks to Quick who delivered what was the first of four three-point shots of the night 30 seconds into the first quarter. Offensively Alcona couldn't be stopped as multiple Lady Tigers scored on Tawas

After the first quarter, Alcona had a 25-10 lead over the Braves. The Lady Tigers continued an offensive drive in the second quarter to push Alcona's lead to 40-32 at the half. Alcona's offensive lineup outscored Tawas 19-4 in the third quarter and extended Alcona's lead to 59-36. The Lady Tigers defeated Tawas 73-44.

"Best team game of basketball we played this year. We got offensive contributions from many different players," Cole said.

Quick had 20 points, four assists and two steals. Karina

Cole delivered 16 points, grabbed six rebounds, had five assists and four steals. Kendra Cole put in nine points, grabbed 10 rebounds and made three blocks. Pierce made eight points and five assists. Carpenter had seven points. Somers added four points and six rebounds. Harmon made four points, Walen had three points and Terpstra added two points. The junior varsity team defeated Tawas 51-21.

The Lady Tigers will start the new year off with two games at home on January 6, 2014 against Tawas and January 10, 2014 against Rogers City High School. The junior varsity game starts at 6 p.m. followed by varsity at 7:30 p.m.

## Pool League

**Alcona Women's**  
 December 19

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Daffodils	186.5	197.5
Mums	166	218
Rosebuds	160.5	223.5
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**Wednesday Nite Women's**  
 December 18

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Lake Huron Inn	144	96
Stoney Acres	124.5	115.5
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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Age-friendly telephones help seniors stay in touch

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Can you recommend some good age-friendly home telephones for elderly seniors? My 82-year-old mother has a difficult time hearing over the phone, and her vision and memory isn't so great either.  
Shopping Son

Dear Shopping,  
There are literally dozens of different types and styles of age-friendly phones on the market today that can help seniors with a variety of challenges like hearing loss, low vision, memory problems and limited mobility.

To help you select a good age-friendly phone for your mom, you need to take into account her specific needs and wants because there are lots of options to choose from.

For example, for seniors with hearing loss there are "amplified telephones," both corded and cordless, that provide various levels of amplification usually ranging from

25 decibels (dB) up to around 55 dB, with some offering tone adjustments for high frequency hearing loss. Most amplified phones are also hearing aid compatible and come with extra loud ringers and bright ring flashers to indicate incoming calls.

Most amplified phones also come with big buttons and a lighted keypad that make them easier to see and easier to operate for seniors with hand tremors or dexterity problems. Some phones even offer "talk back" buttons that speak the number as you dial, and announce the number of incoming calls, which is great for people with low-vision.

If remembering is a problem, you may want to consider a "photo phone" for your mom that lets you insert pictures of family members or friends over preprogrammed buttons, so she can simply press the picture of the person she wants to call and they're automatically dialed.

"Emergency alert phones" are another option to consider, especially for elderly seniors who live alone. These phones come with a neck pendant or wristband (SOS button) that your mom would wear, so if she falls down and can't get up, she can press it and the phone's preprogrammed emergency numbers will automatically be dialed.

If mobility is an issue, there are "speaker phones" you can purchase that will let your mom activate the phone with her voice. And since telemarketing fraud is so common among the elderly, many age-friendly phones have built in caller IDs so she can identify who's calling before she picks up. Some phones even offer outgoing speech amplification for seniors with weak, difficult-to-hear speaking voices.

While there are many companies that make and sell age-friendly telephones, the

leading suppliers in the industry are Clarity (clarity-products.com), ClearSounds (clearsounds.com), Serene Innovations (sereneinnovations.com), Geemarc (geemarc.com) and VTech (vtech-phones.com). To find these and other models, visit their respective websites, or try assistive hearing sites like harriscomm.com, teltext.com and soundbytes.com. Prices typically range from \$30 up to around \$300.

Another option you should check into is state-funded specialized telecommunications equipment programs, which are available in 47 states. If your mom's state has a program, you may be able to get her an amplified telephone for free. Check with her local telephone company or visit tedpa.org to find out what her state offers.

If your mom has severe hearing loss, another option you should know about is captioned telephones that have a built-in display win-



down that would let your mom listen to the caller, as well as read written, word-for-word captions of everything the caller is saying.

Options available include: CapTel (captel.com) sold through Weitbrecht Communications, Inc. for \$75, however many states have programs that offer them for free to residents in need; the popular new Clarity Ensemble that sells for \$75 through clarityproducts.com; and the \$75 CaptionCall at captioncall.com.

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**By Kathryn Fritz Kniep**  
Columnist  
"Ah, look at all the lonely people."  
- Lennon/McCartney

If you're reading this, it's probably early Christmas evening or maybe the day after. Too late to write another Christmas piece, a little too early to start thinking about New Year's resolutions. (Especially with pie and fudge still in the house). Kind of the cusp of the old year and the new year, if you will.

What I've been thinking about, during this in-between week, is a quote making the rounds of e-mail, Facebook and even Pinterest of late. Oddly enough, I like it. It's been attributed to everyone from Plato to Snoopy, but basically no one's certain who first said it. "Always be kind. For everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."

It's true, you know. No matter how "okay" they may appear. As an example, it broke my heart last week to read my friend, Cheryl's column on the impact of joining the club of those who have suffered the loss of a loved one on family holidays. I knew she'd lost both parents in the last few years, but I had no idea how hard it remains for her.

I have two other friends who joined that particular club this year -- one with the sudden loss of a spouse, one with the death of an adult child. Both have been fairly straight forward on their desire not to "celebrate" anything right now, and I think that's a good way to deal with it. But that doesn't make me any less sad for them.

It's relatively easy, with friends or - in a small community, at least - even acquaintances - to recognize these lightning bolt "battles" that folks are fighting. It's harder with those we don't know or with the smaller flickers. I think of that, as an example, every time I use my handicapped parking privilege. Some days, it's a life-saver, allowing me to conserve the energy of making the long hike from the "nor-

mal" parking spots to the store itself.

Nonetheless, as someone with an invisible disease, I never hang up that little placard without thinking that someone out there is saying "That woman looks fine to me. If she'd just lose a few pounds, she'd probably be able to get around." And while it's true that losing a few pounds couldn't hurt, it won't resolve my health issues. In that situation, I try to smile at the disapproving soul, to say hello - maybe to reduce the animosity by making a human connection. Sometimes it works.

Being kind, I think, has a lot to do with managing our assumptions. Maybe the young woman buying what we view as microwave junk food with her Bridge Card has a stove that doesn't work. Maybe she's out of propane until her next pay check. Perhaps the seriously overweight individual with the overflowing cart finds food to be her only friend. Maybe the cranky receptionist was up all night with a sick child, or is waiting for the phone to ring with test results that frighten her. Or has had her chops busted by the last three customers for things she didn't decide and doesn't control.

It's important, in this situation, not to let the cranky receptionist pass her internal battle on to you. In most cases, it has nothing to do with you - it's situational. I'm not suggesting that you go around being a Pollyanna or allowing yourself to be treated poorly or disrespected. If the situation is on-going, it merits a word to a supervisor. But if it's a onetime thing, a little kindness may be the best antidote.

Kindness can include such tiny efforts as a few pleasant words, a sincere thank you, understanding what someone doesn't feel up to today. It can be listening, or conversely, changing the subject. It can be not passing along the gossip, even if you know it's true. It can be remembering that maybe the neighbor's sheets look dingy because your windows need washing.

I read and enjoyed my friend, Mary's piece on the Goodfellows in last week's edition. That, coupled with a story on the national news, reminded me of all the people out there who "put on a face

that they keep in a jar by the door" each day. Mary's piece mentioned a woman who cried when she received her Goodfellow gift of fruit because it represented the only Christmas gift she'd received that year.

The national piece was about a California college student who posted an ad on Craig's List, seeking a family to rent for a couple hours on Christmas. A child of a highly dysfunctional family, she just wanted, she said, to "be the light of someone's life for a couple hours." She was surprised at how many people responded, offering to take her in for free. But she was more surprised at the many responses from people who just wanted the same thing. She brought the two groups together, making several matches.

"People are hurting and broken and need to be together," she said at her match meeting. "I think we're a loving people. I think that's what tonight's about."

It's what I think it's about, too. Getting outside ourselves enough to recognize the people we encounter who are hurting and broken, and offering, if not empathy, at least civility and kindness.

It's an interesting concept and one, during this down period while the old year packs its socks and as I freshen things up for the new one, that I just might consider as a resolution this year. As John Lennon also said, "Imagine." Just imagine the impact if each of us tried, at least a day a week, to be kind to everyone we encounter, each of them fighting a hard battle.

I think it could be amazing. But just now, I'm going to sweep up the pine needles, here in the cusp between the two years, and maybe have a bit of that pie and fudge.

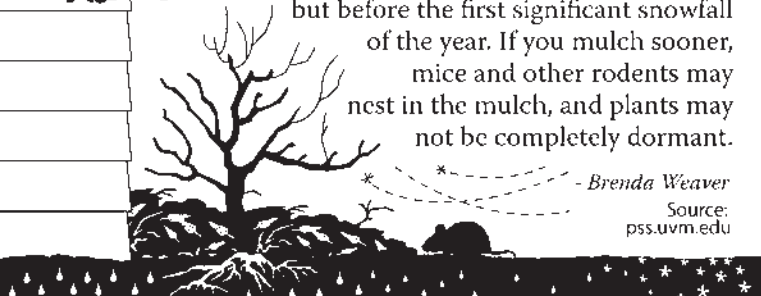
I'm starting by being kind to myself. You do, too.

*(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 Garden Bug**

**Mulch** protects against chilling temperatures and the repeated freezing and thawing of soil that causes plants to "heave" out of the ground. Mulching needs to be done after the ground starts to freeze but before the first significant snowfall of the year. If you mulch sooner, mice and other rodents may nest in the mulch, and plants may not be completely dormant.

- Brenda Weaver  
Source: pss.uvm.edu





# Relax while ice fishing by using tip-ups

Tip-ups are a perfect technique to use for the entire ice fishing season in Michigan. This method allows anglers to sit back and relax, yet still experience the thrill of the catch.

Early in the season stick by shallow structures where species like northern pike and walleye will congregate. Try a variety of depths to figure out where they're targeting exactly. However, if you are walleye fishing, the minnow should be hung 12 to 15 inches off the bottom. For pike the minnow should be hung three to seven feet off the bottom or just above the top of any vertical aquatic plants.

The minnows should be hung in these positions for walleye and pike regardless of the over water depth.

Tip-ups become even more productive later in the season as less-aggressive fish

are drawn to your presentation.

For more information on fishing during Michigan's winter, visit [www.michigan.gov/fishing](http://www.michigan.gov/fishing).

*(This tip is adapted from Michigan Outdoor News.)*

## Northeast Lower Peninsula December 19

- Grand Lake: Should have good ice, but use caution.

- Long Lake: Should have good ice, but use caution.

- Fletcher's Pond: Has fair to good ice and providing some good opportunities for anglers. Those using spikes and minnows have caught bluegill and perch. A few pike were taken on tip-ups.

- Hubbard Lake: Takes longer to freeze because it is much deeper. Anglers should wait a bit longer before they start to venture out.

- AuSable River: Has a good



number of steelhead. As of this report, the ramps at Rea and Whirlpool were usable but those launching are encouraged to have four-wheel drive and some rock salt or gravel just in case. The river near Oscoda is forming ice, so floating may be limited to the upper river below Foote Dam.

- Higgins Lake: Had some ice out to the drop-off but there is snow on the ice so anglers should stay off. The ice is not ready yet.

- Houghton Lake: Ice continues to build thanks to arctic temperatures in the region. The lake is snow covered so anglers need to use caution and watch for pressure cracks. Some are starting to take ice shanties out. Most are catching pike and a few walleye however bluegills should also be available.

- Lake Margrethe: Has ice and anglers are fishing for panfish.

# Ice is never good

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

Even though snow is piling up for Christmas, ice fishing is off to a bit of a slow start due to poor ice conditions on inland lakes.

While cold temperatures appeared early in the season - mid November, they haven't stayed long enough to let "good" ice form on area lakes to ensure safe fishing conditions.

"We never say any ice is good ice," said Warren MacNeill, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officer. "No ice is safe. You should always use caution."

According to MacNeill, ice on Hubbard Lake has frozen over at different rates and after it was frozen there have not been cold enough temperatures for a long enough period in order to sustain ice that will hold weight.

"Most of the ice on Hubbard Lake is slushy," MacNeill said. "We've gotten a lot of snow and that weighs the ice down and pushes water up over the ice... Slush hides pressure cracks and open water."

He encourages anglers to use caution and check ice depth before venturing out. And, to take safety precautions any time they are on the ice.

"It's important to plan

ahead. Don't have heavy things tied to you in case you do fall through. Carry equipment or use a sled to pull behind you. Use ice spikes which make it easier to crawl out after you've fallen in. They are inexpensive and all sporting stores have them.

"If you fall through the ice, don't panic - despite the initial shock of the cold water you have time to get out... as you work to get out of the water, roll or crawl to where you went in because you know that is (stronger) ice," MacNeill said.

MacNeill encourages anglers to remember where they "launched" from so if they need to call for help, it allows rescuers to know that ice is reasonably safe where the fisherman went onto the lake.

"If you are using a seat while fishing, use a boat cushion - since it floats - that way if a buddy goes through, you have something to throw to them... or have a coil of rope in your equipment so you have something to throw.

"Until you are extremely confident of ice conditions, don't drive onto the ice - if your vehicle goes through it's got to come out. Usually, the price of the tow (from the lake bottom) is more expensive than the price of the vehicle," MacNeill said.

## top ten

### HANGOVER EFFECTS

1. Headache
2. Tremors
3. Sweating
4. Rapid heartbeat
5. Muscle aches
6. Nausea
7. Dehydration
8. Light sensitivity
9. Fatigue
10. Depression, anxiety

Source: HealthPop

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## The Garden Bug

"Tom Thumb"

These fan-shaped evergreens from New Zealand make good garden focal points. The year-round colors of the many available varieties intensify in cool weather. Branched clusters of flowers appear in late spring or early summer. As leaves age, colors fade; cut out older leaves close to the base. To propagate, carefully split larger phormiums into 2 or 3 plantings with a sharp knife.

- Brenda Weaver  
Source: [plantfinder.sunset.com](http://plantfinder.sunset.com)

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## Veterans Continued from page 1

Each woodcarver puts their own artistic spin on their work but we try to stick to the basic design," said Bill Hastings, the co-chairman of the "Lean on Me" cane committee of the Sunrise Wood Carvers. Jim Phiney is also a co-chairman.

Each artist also carves his name or initials onto the eagle head before turning it over to Hastings to attach to a shaft. Hastings noted the canes

were not just for decoration and each veteran receives a certificate with his cane stating: "You can stand proud among all other veterans who have answered their nation's call, and for that we are deeply appreciative. When things tend to have a little wobble, use your cane to lean on."

"They are intended to assist our wounded military, so we have to make them sturdy," Hastings said.

The supplies to make the canes are donated by the Michigan Wood Carvers Association who receives donations to make the purchases. The hours invested carving, researching the proper decals to place on the shaft and decorating the canes are all volunteer.

Hastings explained certain criteria should be met by the veteran in order for their application to pass Michigan Woodcarver's standards to receive a cane.

- Any World War II veteran

Continued on page 12

John Gallaty U.S. Army veteran of Barton City, Randy Sharboneau, U.S. Marine Corps veteran of Lincoln and Leroy Sands, U.S. Navy veteran of Mikado with their new canes, a gift presented to them by the Sunrise Woodcarvers Club honoring their military service. Photo by Mary Weber.



In addition to carving an eagle head woodcarvers apply decals on the shaft to personalize each cane. Photos by Mary Weber.



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# Cougar illegally killed in Schoolcraft County

Michigan Department of Natural Resources law enforcement officials have confirmed a cougar was illegally killed last week in the Upper Peninsula's Schoolcraft County.

Acting on a tip that a cougar had been illegally killed at a hunting camp in northeast Schoolcraft County, DNR conservation officers and Special Investigations Unit detectives were able to successfully recover evidence and identify and apprehend two suspects from Bay County.

Upon completion of the DNR's investigation, the case will be turned over to the Schoolcraft County prosecuting attorney with warrant requests for charges. The state penalty for illegally killing a cougar, classified as an endangered species in Michigan, is up to 90 days in jail and fines and restitution of up to \$2,500.

Anyone with information about this or any other poaching case is encouraged to call the DNR's Report All Poaching (RAP) hotline at (800) 292-7800, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Information can also be reported online at [www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers](http://www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers).

Tips and information can be left anonymously; information that leads to an arrest and conviction is eligible for a cash reward funded by the state's Game and Fish Protection Fund.

A trail camera photo of a cougar near the same area as this incident was recently confirmed by the DNR's Wildlife Division. Wildlife officials believe the animal killed was most likely the same cougar seen in the recent photo.

Cougars, also known as mountain lions, disappeared from the state in the early 1900s. The last confirmed wild cougar in Michigan prior to 2008 was an animal killed near Newberry in 1906.

Since 2008, the DNR has confirmed photos or tracks of cougars on 23 occasions in 10 Upper Peninsula counties. The animals are believed to be young individuals dispersing from established populations in the Dakotas in search of new territory. There is no evidence of a breeding population of cougars in the state.

The Wildlife Division's specially trained cougar team welcomes citizen reports of possible cougar evidence or sightings. Cougar photos and other evidence - such as tracks, scat or cached kills - should be reported to a local DNR office or through the DNR's online reporting form at [www.michigan.gov/cougars](http://www.michigan.gov/cougars).

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HURRY IN... THESE WON'T LAST LONG

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is eligible for a cane no matter where he/she served. Typically this veteran must be eligible for the World War II Victory Medal.

- Korean War veterans who served in Korea or adjacent waters during the conflict from 1950 to 1951.

- Vietnam War veterans who served in Vietnam or adjacent waters during conflict from 1965 to 1973. Typically this veteran is eligible to receive the Vietnam Service Medal.

- Any wounded veteran of the war on terrorism from November 9, 2001 to present. Typically most of these veterans have been awarded a Purple Heart medal for his/her injury.

Hastings said that while these are Michigan Woodcarver's standards, the Sunrise Woodcarvers do have some flexibility and veterans should make sure to fill out an application and submit it with a copy of the veteran's discharge DD form 214 even

if they don't think they meet the standards. "There are times we feel a veteran may be deserving and we award them with one of our canes, especially if they need the cane," Hastings said.

The idea for the project first began several years ago by the Eastern Oklahoma Wood Carving Association and has grown to include many other states and woodcarver associations.

Hastings, a veteran himself, decided to spearhead the project with the Sunrise Woodcarvers Club. To date the club has carved and delivered 175 canes to local veterans. Hastings said they try to do group presentations of the canes two or three times a year.

Any veteran interested in receiving a cane may contact Hastings at 3775 N. US- 23, Black River, Mich. 48721 or call, (989) 724-6611 or (989) 724-7222 for an application.

**Grants help Michigan combat veterans weather financial crises**

Car repairs, medical bills and other emergencies can stretch a household budget to the limit. When the unexpected creates financial distress, Michigan combat veterans can turn to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for help.

After World War II, the state of Michigan established a trust to assist war-era veterans facing a temporary hardship. The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund helps veterans who have served the nation during time of conflict. Temporary assistance is available for a variety of needs, including housing, mortgage, health care, transportation and utilities, among others.

Qualified veterans can apply for grants through the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund county committee serving their county of residence. Applicants must demonstrate

need and show that they will be able to manage the obligation for which they are requesting aid after the grant is made.

"Decisions on smaller grant amounts are made on a local level," said Jason Allen, senior policy advisor for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. "Larger amounts must be reviewed by the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Board, appointed by Governor Snyder."

For more information on the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund or to locate a county veterans' counselor, visit [www.michiganveterans.com](http://www.michiganveterans.com) or call (517) 284-5299.

Alcona County's veterans counselor may be contacted by writing P.O. Box 308, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; by calling (989) 724-9510; or e-mailing: [alvets@alconacounty-mi.com](mailto:alvets@alconacounty-mi.com).

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## For the Week of December 16-22, 2013 Alcona County Sheriff's Report

**73 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 12 Arrests; 6 Warrant; 3 Driving While License Suspended; 2 Operating While Intoxicated; 1 Personal Protection Order Violation Domestic.**

### Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	18	Property Damage Accidents	9
Miscellaneous	5	Agency Assist	2
Dog/Animal	3	Traffic	5
Alarm	3	Sex Offender Violation	1
Domestic	1	911 Hang Up	1
Operate While Intoxicated	2	Warrant Arrest	6
Minor in Possession	1	Assault & Battery	2
Drive While Lic. Suspended	3	Open Door	2
Larceny	1	Medical	2
Lost/Found Property	1	Fire	1
Suspicious Events	3	PPO/Probation Violation	1

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	5	Caledonia	5	Curtis	8
Greenbush	11	Gustin	7	Harrisville	8
Hawes	10	Haynes	5	Mikado	1
Millen	4	Mitchell	2		
Harrisville City	5	Village of Lincoln	2		

# Identifying ice could help shipping industry, boaters

**By Gregg Monahan**  
*Capital News Service*

Think all ice is the same?

That's not the case on Michigan's Great Lakes. And now scientists have found out how to detect the differences - with math.

The development, reported recently in the International Association for Great Lakes Research, is important because it could help guide freighters through Michigan's icy lakes, assist the U.S. Coast Guard in breaking up large ice formations and help weather scientists predict evaporation that could lead to lake effect snow.

Researcher George Leshkevich of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Ann Arbor, Mich. led the study with help from Son Nghiem of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The two have developed a radar system and an algorithm to detect types of ice formations on the Great Lakes.

An algorithm is a set of steps that are followed to solve a mathematical problem.

The researchers use radar systems from satellites or mounted locations to bounce a signal off the ice.

The radar sends back what Nghiem and Leshkevich call a "signature," which can be interpreted using an equation to determine which type of ice lays on the water surface. This signature and resulting information from the equation allow scientists to measure things such as density and depth of ice.

Just as the handwriting of two people will never look exactly the same, different types of ice will return a unique signature that scientists can decipher.

Leshkevich created an algorithm that can differentiate one ice type from another by analyzing data from as far back as 1997. It allows re-



This photo shows ice covering the Great Lakes. *Photo courtesy of NASA Earth Observatory.*

searchers to differentiate among ice types by plugging in the data returned to the radar mechanism, and reading it to see which ice lies below.

It produces data that's specific to each kind of ice formation, Nghiem explained.

"You kind of create a dictionary which can translate the radar signature into a physical environment, like a different kind of ice type," Nghiem said.

Although the algorithm can detect up to 20 variations of ice formations, Leshkevich and Nghiem boiled those down to five key types:

- Brash ice - Large, thick ice chunks that break off larger ice formations.
- Pancake ice - Round pieces a few inches thick where the edges often curl up as ice pieces merge.
- Consolidated pack ice - Large ice floes that have frozen together.
- Stratified ice - Layered ice with differing thickness and density from top to bottom.
- Lake ice - traditional, thin blue ice that forms atop lakes.

The algorithm can also detect calm water.

One application of the data is for the U.S. Coast Guard, which has a large operation in Michigan that focuses on breaking ice to make pathways for commercial freighters. The information will help the Coast Guard maneuver

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around the dangerous and damaging ice, which makes the clearing of shipping paths much easier, said Leshkevich.

"Some types of ice, like brash ice, are very problematic to shipping," he said. "It's very angular and can get very thick, and this ice is difficult sometimes even for the Coast Guard icebreakers to break through."

The Coast Guard is anxiously waiting for the technology to be applied in the Great Lakes, said Mark Gill, director of vessel traffic service for the agency Sault Ste. Marie.

"This product will enable us to not only see the ice, but also tell what type of ice is there," said Gill. "We're really excited about being (able) to put that into use here as we come into the future domestic ice breaking seasons."

However, that application is at least a few years away.

By being able to locate the most troublesome areas of ice, Coast Guard navigators can lessen harm to both their own ships and the ones they create paths for, Gill said.

"Knowing where the brash ice starts and how we route traffic around it can mean avoiding damage and unne-

cessary delays if we know where it's at," he said.

The technology can also assist ecologists and fisheries workers in understanding how the winter's ice cover may impact fish populations in the Great Lakes, Leshkevich said.

"Fisheries are interested in it because some species need a stable ice cover over spawning beds for fish recruitment the next season," he said. "They want to know the extent of the thickness and type of ice."

The research can even help amateur boaters travel in the spring soon after a thaw with

a downloadable map that highlights current ice formations, Nghiem said.

Nghiem plans to post those maps online. Boaters could download them to plot a course that avoids ice and instead heads toward open water.

While all ice may seem the same, knowing the difference can be beneficial for a number of industries. Leshkevich said the technology isn't yet being applied directly, but he anticipates that in a few years their study will help make frozen Great Lakes waters a little easier to understand.



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*Birding by Season*  
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# DNR approves lease auction results on land near AuSable River

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director Keith Creagh has approved the results of an October 28 oil and gas lease auction, with the understanding that any oil and gas leases along the AuSable River corridor would be approved as nondevelopment leases only.

A nondevelopment lease does not allow the use of the surface for oil and gas exploration or development.

Creagh announced the decision at the December 12 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission in Lansing, Mich. The corridor in question includes part of the AuSable and encompasses an area east of Grayling, Mich. to Thendara Road, between North Down River Road and East M-72.

"Michigan has special places that deserve careful attention and thoughtful protection," Creagh said. "The AuSable River is one of those places. A nondevelopment lease lets us protect an area's valuable surface features. This, in turn, protects Michigan citizens against the loss of revenue if publicly owned minerals are removed without a lease in place."

Funds generated from oil and gas leasing on state-managed lands pay for recreational improvements and land acquisition for Michigan residents. A significant portion of the AuSable River corridor - known as the Rayburn Tract - was acquired by the DNR with \$1.2 million in funds from oil and gas lease development on public property.

Of the 23 leases eligible for approval on this tract of land, 14 were already classified as nondevelopment. The remaining nine leases were initially proposed to allow for restricted development, with additional restrictions such as limited surface disturbance and a quarter-mile buffer zone for protection of Kirtland's warbler habitat management.

Creagh's decision affects the nine remaining leases. "We can accomplish our oil and gas management goals in this corridor without surface development," Creagh said. "Advances in technology allow us to limit surface use. We look forward to working with citizens to identify special places where surface development should be limited."

Creagh explained his decision to approve these leases as nondevelopment came after careful consideration of comments submitted by various conservation groups and Michigan citizens, in addition to consultation with DNR staff.

"Anglers of the AuSable appreciate the willingness of Director Creagh to take special steps to protect this special place," said Bruce Pregler, chairman of the group. "The Holy Waters section of the AuSable is a vital part of Michigan's cultural heritage, as well as the epi-

center of angling activities that have been the economic lifeblood of the region for generations, and, if protected, will continue to be an economic driver long after oil and gas drillers have returned to their homes.

"We look forward to continuing to work with the department to identify and defend environmentally sensitive sections of the state while allowing appropriate mineral extraction to go forward."

Michigan Oil and Gas Association President Frank

Mortl said MOGA and its member companies have a long history of developing the state's oil and natural gas resources while protecting the environment and enabling public land stewardship. "We appreciate that the DNR strives to achieve both goals: Protect public resources while facilitating energy production responsibly," Mortl said.

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**9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE**

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


**New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
  
**Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.**  
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
 ¾ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
  
**Church Street at Traverse Bay Road**  
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227  
 Pastor Jacob Schwartz ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

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

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 3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan  
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 ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.  
 ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.  
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**Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.**  
  
 201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville  
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 9:45 a.m. Adult Class • Worship & Sunday School ~ 11 a.m.  
 Thursday office hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor ~ 724-6734

**Spruce Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.**  
**1246 E. Spruce Road, Spruce • 471-5013**  
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**2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264** • Pastor A. C. Caincross  
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 Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

**Haynes Community Church**  
 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740  
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 2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345  
 Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond  
 Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
 Monday: 6:30 p.m. \*Teen Program (Grades 7-12)  
 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study \*Youth Programs (Grades K-6<sup>th</sup>)  
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**Spruce Presbyterian Church**  
  
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**Worship 9 a.m.**  
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 Matt. 2:11b they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, myrrh.

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 Lincoln at 9:45 am (101 E. Main St.)  
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 Sunday morning service 11 a.m. **(989)735-3771.**  
 Sunday evening service 6 p.m. **Pastor Elmer Ash.**  
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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 Website: [www.ChapelInThePinesFellowshipChurch.com](http://www.ChapelInThePinesFellowshipChurch.com)  
 E-mail: [Pastor@ChapelInThePinesFellowshipChurch.com](mailto:Pastor@ChapelInThePinesFellowshipChurch.com)



# How to find the right vet

(BPT) - Pet owners have many responsibilities, and keeping their pet healthy with veterinary care is a significant one. To help make sure pets receive high quality medical care, several veterinarians offer advice on how to find the right vet for your pet.

• **Ask for recommendations**  
"A good way to begin your search for a high quality veterinary practice is to ask for recommendations from friends and family," said Dr. Meredith Hope, fulltime veterinary technology instructor at Brown Mackie College

in Louisville, Ky. "Word of mouth from people with experience as a client can be valuable. You can also read online reviews and look at veterinary websites for information on specific doctors and practices."

Dr. Barry Kellogg, senior veterinary advisor of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, suggested paring down a list of options by looking for a practice that is certified by American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). This independent organization has developed accreditation standards

to measure excellence in veterinary medicine. "AAHA represents the gold standard in quality," Kellogg said. "Certification is voluntary and shows that a practice goes above and beyond to ensure certain standards are met both for the doctors and the facility."

• **Visit the practice**  
"Practices grow by developing relationships that show you are valued as a client," Hope said. The temperament and qualifications of the overall staff say a lot about the practice. "Staff members trained as registered veteri-

nary technicians (RVTs) are a good sign of quality care. The training provides clinical competence and technical knowledge."

• **Doctor credentials**  
One of the first things many people notice about the veterinarian is his or her bedside manner. Kellogg suggested that pet owners ask themselves if they are comfortable talking to and listening to this person. "Keep in mind you are looking for a medical expert; you want to weigh more than personality. How do you know what the vet knows?" Kellogg


asked. "Technical knowledge and educational status aren't easy to judge from the outside. Your decision should come from a blend of interpersonal relationship and educational knowledge and credentials."

Credentials are typically displayed on an office wall in the form of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.


• **Accessibility matters**  
In addition to office visits, how accessible is the veterinarian or a professionally trained staff member to answer questions on the phone? "If a practice is too busy to respond, you may want to rethink your decision," Kellogg said. "You want access to guidance when you have a question about your pet. As a client, you deserve personal service and attention. Some practices now use e-mail as a forum to answer questions."


• **Overnight essentials**  
In case a pet ever requires surgery and an overnight stay at the veterinarian's office, it's a good idea to ask up front about overnight care. "Some practices have an attendant on site throughout the night," Hope said. "Others may assign a staff member to check in periodically. If there is no night staff, many will transfer the patient to a local ER veterinary clinic for overnight monitoring." Each pet owner must decide what seems right for each pet. "Animals need some kind of supervision, even after a simple spay procedure," Kellogg said. "The larger multi-doctor practices may be more available to staff the facility at night, sharing off-hour coverage."

• **No one knows your pet better**  
"Veterinary care involves give and take between you, the doctor and the staff. Most pet owners want to make their own decisions about their pets with appropriate guidance from the practice," Kellogg said. "I feel a veterinarian's responsibility is to present treatment alternatives objectively and let the individual decide how to proceed."



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## Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 25, 2013

**Seven Day Forecast**

**WEDNESDAY**  
Snow Likely  
High: 25 Low: 21

**THURSDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 26 Low: 12

**FRIDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 20 Low: 12

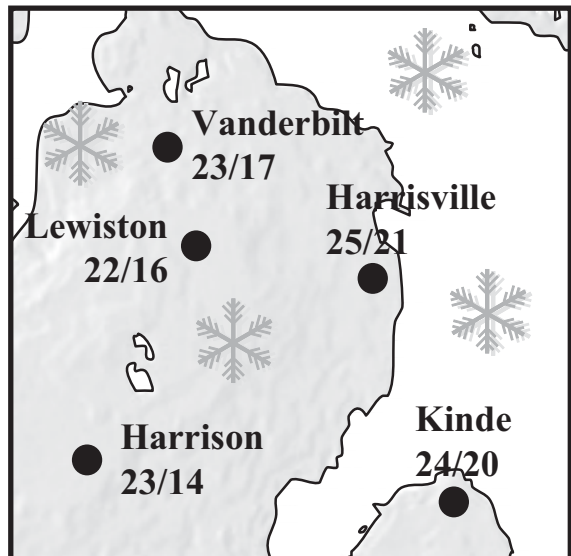
**SATURDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 28 Low: 22

**SUNDAY**  
Cloudy  
High: 27 Low: 19

**MONDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 27 Low: 15

**TUESDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 29 Low: 18

**Today's Regional Map**



**In-Depth Local Forecast**

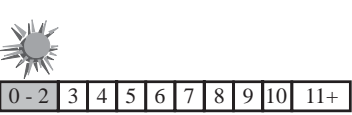
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 70% chance of snow, high temperature of 25°, humidity of 74%. The record high temperature for today is 45° set in 1997. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of snow, overnight low of 21°. The record low for tonight is -9° set in 1973. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow.

**\*Last Week's Almanac**

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Sunday	21	11	31/17	0.15"
Monday	13	-3	31/17	0.02"
Tuesday	23	11	31/16	0.06"
Wednesday	24	17	30/16	0.01"
Thursday	30	14	30/16	0.00"
Friday	27	22	30/16	0.33"
Saturday	26	24	30/15	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

**Local UV Index**




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

**Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
12/25	Wednesday	8:09 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	12:22 a.m.	12:14 p.m.	1/7
	Thursday	8:09 a.m.	4:59 p.m.	1:25 a.m.	12:44 p.m.	
	Friday	8:09 a.m.	4:59 p.m.	2:31 a.m.	1:17 p.m.	
	Saturday	8:09 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	3:39 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	
	Sunday	8:09 a.m.	5:01 p.m.	4:48 a.m.	2:41 p.m.	
	Monday	8:10 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	5:55 a.m.	3:36 p.m.	Full 1/15
	Tuesday	8:10 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	6:59 a.m.	4:40 p.m.	

**National Weather Summary This Week**



The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated snow today and Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 45° in Baltimore, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 78° in Naples, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear skies today, partly cloudy to cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 46° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 78° in Chino, Calif.

**Tonight's Planets**

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:09 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Venus	9:37 a.m.	6:59 p.m.
Mars	12:55 a.m.	12:48 a.m.
Jupiter	5:48 p.m.	9:10 a.m.
Saturn	4:29 a.m.	2:26 p.m.
Uranus	12:34 p.m.	1:04 a.m.

**Weather History**

**Dec. 25, 1987** - Residents of Tucson, Ariz. awoke to a white Christmas for the first time in 47 years of records as a winter storm blanketed the area with up to four inches of snow. Unseasonably mild weather prevailed in the southeastern part of the nation.

**Weather Trivia**

What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?

**Answer:** In July 1990, Denver had damages totaling \$625 million.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

**StarWatch By Gary Becker - Two "Stars" Light the Yule Sky**

The Star of Bethlehem has long intrigued scholars, but because of its distance in time, it may be a problem that will never be solved to the satisfaction of everyone. Two astronomical hypotheses have been favored. The first is a triple conjunction (coming together) of the planets, Jupiter and Saturn, which played out during the years 7 to early 6 BC. The second is an extremely close conjunction of Venus and Jupiter which happened in June of 2 BC. And then there are the Magi who saw the star in the east, or as many scholars have interpreted, while they were in the east, Persia, since historians have generally considered the Wise Men to be Zoroastrian priests who originated from the modern country of Iran. Both theories favor a more westerly view for the culminating aspects of the star. I personally favor the triple conjunction supposition, but that is not the premise of this article. It is really to alert everyone that this Yuletide Season hosts a beautiful "Star of Bethlehem" in the east as well as an even brighter "Star of Bethlehem" in the western sky. I have been watching the "star" low in the west for the past six months, but because of Christmas, it has taken on a whole new meaning. It is none other than the planet Venus, currently at its greatest brilliancy, easily bright enough to cast shadows on the ground if you are in its presence on a snowscape in a rural locale. View Venus low to the horizon in the SW about 30 minutes after sundown. The second "star" is indeed low in the east around 8 p.m., and it is also at its greatest brilliancy. Jupiter cannot be missed rising with the stars of Gemini the Twins. To Jupiter's immediate left are the bright luminaries of Castor and Pollux, and to Jupiter's right the glittering stars of Orion the Hunter. With snow blanketing the Northeast, this may be one of the most politically correct Christmases that we have had in quite some time. Happy Holidays during this season of heavenly light. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

**top ten**

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3. Speedway
4. Shell
5. Sam's Club
6. Valero
7. Hess
8. ExxonMobil
9. Marathon
10. Chevron

Source: 2013 Harris Poll EquiTrend



## TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY:** In what U.S. state is Salt Lake City located?
- 2. HISTORY:** Where did abolitionist John Brown's famous raid take place in 1859?
- 3. ENTERTAINERS:** Which stand-up comedian, who starred in the movie "Back to School," was born with the name Jacob Cohen?
- 4. ANATOMY:** What is the most common type of blood?
- 5. MOVIES:** "Anne of the Thousand Days" is a film about which historical couple?
- 6. GAMES:** What early version of a video game mesmerized TV viewers in the mid-1970s?
- 7. RELIGION:** What are the first four books of the Bible's New Testament, in order?
- 8. COMICS:** What is Catbert's title in the "Dilbert" comic strip?
- 9. BUSINESS:** What popular business did Judy Sheppard Missett create?
- 10. TELEVISION:** What was Ray's last name in the series "Everybody Loves Raymond"?

Answers: 1. Utah; 2. Harpers Ferry, (West) Virginia; 3. Rodney Dangerfield; 4. O positive; 5. Anne Boleyn and King Henry VIII; 6. Pong; 7. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; 8. Evil Director of Human Resources; 9. Jazzercise; 10. Barone. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword

- |  |  |   |   |  |                                      |
|--|--|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                              | <b>54</b> Mouthpiece, tank, flippers, etc. | <b>98</b> World's lowest lake                         | <b>5</b> Central courtyards                               | <b>43</b> "— Mir Bist Du Schön"            | <b>86</b> Foldout bed                |
| <b>1</b> "No" voter                        | <b>59</b> Former Golden Arches burger      | <b>99</b> Horror maven Craven                         | <b>6</b> Rice —   | <b>44</b> Adj. modifier                    | <b>88</b> "Norma —"                  |
| <b>5</b> Lhasa — (small dog)               | <b>63</b> — Space Telescope                | <b>100</b> Smidgens                                   | <b>7</b> Silvery fish                                     | <b>45</b> Joplin piece                     | <b>91</b> Simple vow                 |
| <b>9</b> Obscured                          | <b>64</b> Sculling tool                    | <b>104</b> Popeye's gal                               | <b>8</b> Sugar suffix                                     | <b>46</b> Suit's partner                   | <b>92</b> Emmy-winning Jane          |
| <b>12</b> Curtail                          | <b>65</b> Marker bobbing on the water      | <b>105</b> Libertarian presidential candidate of 2004 | <b>9</b> Regular visitor                                  | <b>47</b> Pitcher Hideki —                 | <b>93</b> Fitness guru Jack          |
| <b>19</b> Sports side                      | <b>67</b> West of old Hollywood            | <b>113</b> — -arms (soldier)                          | <b>10</b> Quitter's cry                                   | <b>48</b> D flat's equivalent              | <b>94</b> "Thwack!"                  |
| <b>20</b> Rice and Curry                   | <b>68</b> Big name in car rental           | <b>117</b> Scottish tyke                              | <b>11</b> Actress Pfeiffer                                | <b>49</b> Big name in contact lenses       | <b>95</b> Gave a blue ribbon, say    |
| <b>21</b> Trick-taking card, often         | <b>69</b> Medieval lyric poets             | <b>118</b> In a restless way                          | <b>12</b> Live  | <b>50</b> Red gems                         | <b>96</b> Acute                      |
| <b>22</b> Plant ailment                    | <b>74</b> "Je t'—" (Fifi's "I love you")   | <b>119</b> 1955 "Arabian Nights" adventure film       | <b>13</b> Jurist Robert                                   | <b>51</b> Dies away                        | <b>97</b> Kauai, e.g.: Abbr.         |
| <b>23</b> "To Kill a Mockingbird" novelist | <b>75</b> Wish undone                      | <b>121</b> Intrepid type                              | <b>14</b> Suitor's gift                                   | <b>55</b> Betting slip                     | <b>100</b> Fez dangler               |
| <b>25</b> Wisconsin, with "the"            | <b>76</b> "For — the Bell Tolls"           | <b>122</b> Permafrost regions                         | <b>15</b> "Keep — yourself!"                              | <b>56</b> Catch cold                       | <b>101</b> Melodious passage         |
| <b>27</b> Of the aorta, for example        | <b>77</b> Nissan Xterra, e.g.              | <b>123</b> Filled up on                               | <b>16</b> Seems to last forever                           | <b>57</b> Lawn growth                      | <b>102</b> Thin down                 |
| <b>28</b> San Fran NFLer                   | <b>78</b> Hotel giant                      | <b>124</b> Do followers                               | <b>17</b> Injured oneself                                 | <b>58</b> Karel Capek sci-fi play          | <b>103</b> First U.S. space station  |
| <b>29</b> Alternative to a Roth IRA        | <b>80</b> Green basil-based sauce          | <b>125</b> This, in Avila                             | <b>18</b> Summer, to Sartre                               | <b>60</b> Composer Kabalevsky              | <b>106</b> Part of many Arabic names |
| <b>30</b> Annual hoops drawing             | <b>82</b> New Mexico tourist attraction    | <b>126</b> Do a mailroom job                          | <b>24</b> Go wrong  | <b>61</b> Cranston a.k.a. "the Shadow"     | <b>107</b> Political plot            |
| <b>33</b> Seek damages, perhaps            | <b>87</b> NHL's Bobby "Yoo- —!" ("Hey!")   | <b>127</b> Kin of "Inc."                              | <b>26</b> Mutt's noise                                    | <b>62</b> Microscopic                      | <b>108</b> Singer/guitarist John     |
| <b>35</b> Unit of force                    | <b>88</b> County seat near Cedar Rapids    | <b>128</b> "The — lama, he's a priest": Nash          | <b>28</b> Tube lover's punishment                         | <b>66</b> Part of the Greater Toronto Area | <b>109</b> President Martin Van —    |
| <b>36</b> Poker great Ungar                | <b>89</b> "Yoo- —!" ("Hey!")               | <b>129</b> Leopold's partner in crime                 | <b>31</b> Narc's find                                     | <b>70</b> Bird of myth                     | <b>110</b> "What's in —?"            |
| <b>37</b> Captivates                       | <b>90</b> County seat near Cedar Rapids    | <b>DOWN</b>   | <b>32</b> "Assuredly"                                     | <b>71</b> Siouan tribe                     | <b>111</b> Real imp                  |
| <b>41</b> Internet pop-ups, e.g.           | <b>91</b> A South Asian capital            | <b>1</b> Within reach                                 | <b>34</b> Lion chaser?                                    | <b>72</b> Give the title                   | <b>112</b> Scots' "no"               |
| <b>48</b> Lurched side-to-side             |  | <b>2</b> Within reach                                 | <b>38</b> Flanders of Springfield                         | <b>73</b> Eggs in labs                     | <b>114</b> Signals "OK"              |
| <b>52</b> It's breathed                    |  | <b>3</b> Kilt material                                | <b>39</b> "— brother's keeper?"                           | <b>74</b> Guinness of "Cromwell"           | <b>115</b> Frizzy hairdo             |
| <b>53</b> One crying "Cut!": Abbr.         |  | <b>4</b> Hinder                                       | <b>40</b> Ford make, for short                            | <b>76</b> Fish bait                        | <b>116</b> Russian autocrat          |
|  |  |   | <b>41</b> Public prosperity                               | <b>77</b> "Terrible" guy                   | <b>119</b> Slick 50 rival            |
|  |  |   | <b>42</b> "The noise of them that rejoice —": Isaiah 24:8 | <b>78</b> Frog's kin                       | <b>120</b> Solo finish?              |
|  |  |   |   | <b>79</b> Angling pole                     | <b>121</b> Sis' sibling              |
|  |  |   |   | <b>83</b> Hack (off)                       |                                      |
|  |  |   |   | <b>84</b> Insult, in rap                   |                                      |
|  |  |   |   | <b>85</b> Insult, in rap                   |                                      |

## BAD MOVIES

### STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• It was noted wit Ambrose Bierce who defined an egotist as "a person more interested in himself than in me."

• If you could go back in time and sample a beer from the 1700s, you would find it to be significantly stronger than similar libations that are served today. The higher alcohol content helped the brew survive the long voyage from England to colonial India.

• Those who study such things say that roughly half of American women remove hair from their bikini area. Perhaps unsurprisingly, as women age, they become less likely to keep up the shaving or waxing, with only 19 percent of women aged 50-plus doing so. In Brazil, though, the practice is far more widespread; there, 65 percent of women in the 50-plus age group reported bikini hair removal.

• The average horse will produce 10 gallons of saliva every day.

• Historians claim that President John Quincy Adams kept a pet alligator in a White House bathroom. He reportedly was amused when unsuspecting guests had to make a trip to the loo.

• I wouldn't be surprised if you've never heard the word "pilgarlic" -- it's not a term you hear every day. Its literal meaning is "peeled garlic," but colloquially it was once used to describe a bald-headed person.

• In the U.S. in 1900, imported perfume was taxed at a higher rate than imported opium.

• If you are planning a trip to Hawaii, you might want to go to the Sea Life Park on Oahu. There you can see a rare creature: the wolphin. This cross between a killer whale and a bottle-nosed dolphin also reportedly exists in the wild, but I imagine they're a bit more difficult to find.

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Thought for the Day: "In any contest between power and patience, bet on patience." -- W.B. Prescott

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### MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On Jan. 9, 1776, writer Thomas Paine publishes his pamphlet "Common Sense," setting forth his arguments in favor of American independence. Originally published anonymously, "Common Sense" is considered one of the most influential pamphlets in American history.

• On Jan. 8, 1916, Rembrandt Bugatti, a sculptor and younger brother of Italian auto designer and manufacturer Ettore Bugatti, commits suicide at the age of 31. Bugatti's sculpture of a dancing elephant was featured as a hood ornament on a 1920s Bugatti Royale auto.

• On Jan. 12, 1926, the two-man radio comedy series "Sam 'n' Henry" (later named "Amos 'n' Andy") debuts in Chicago. Freeman Gosden and Charles Carrell, both white, played characters who were two black men from the Deep South. Over the next 22 years, the show would become the highest-rated comedy in radio history.

• On Jan. 11, 1935, American aviator Amelia Earhart departs Wheeler Field in Honolulu on a solo flight to North America. Hawaiian commercial interests offered a \$10,000 award to whoever accomplished the flight first. The next day, after traveling 2,400 miles in 18 hours, Earhart safely landed at Oakland Airport in Oakland, Calif.

• On Jan. 7, 1959, just six days after the fall of the Fulgencio Batista dictatorship in Cuba, U.S. officials recognize the new provisional government of the island nation. Despite fears that Fidel Castro might have communist leanings, the U.S. government believed that it could work with the new regime.

• On Jan. 10, 1961, Dashiell Hammett, author of "The Maltese Falcon," dies. Hammett left school at age 13, eventually landing at Pinkerton's detective agency. He worked as a detective for eight years and turned his experiences into "hard-boiled" crime fiction.

• On Jan. 6, 1975, a crowd of 2,000-plus lines up outside Boston Garden to buy tickets to the rock band Led Zeppelin. Someone pried open the Garden's locked doors around midnight, and soon hundreds of beer-drinking, bottle-throwing Led Zeppelin fans had the run of the arena.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★

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# Financial decision

Dollars And Sense  
By David Uffington

According to a recent poll by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, when it comes to marriage, health, job and money, a whopping 80 percent of us say we make our worst decisions when it comes to personal finances. The New Year is a great time to take a hard look at how we handle money.

The first step is basic: You need to know where your money is going. Unfortunately, it's this first step that many people avoid, because they fear that knowing the facts may force changes in spending. Without tracking it, however, you have no way of knowing where you stand. Keep a small notebook with you to write down each purchase, no matter how small. Knowing where each dime goes actually puts you more in control of your money.

Do you know what you owe, where you owe it and the interest rate

for each debt? Calculate how much in interest the debts cost you each month. Create a chart that you update each month as you make payments and ideally reduce those balances.

Break the patterns. Small expenditures, such as morning coffee on the way to work, a few lottery tickets and snacks, can add up to significant amounts when totaled together. Take some "no money" days each week when you don't spend on any incidentals, coffee, lunches out or snacks.

Can you do it yourself? Consider what you spend on convenience, whether it's ready-made foods, carryout meals, the kid who mows your lawn or shovels your walk and the maid once a week. How much would you save by making the effort to do things yourself? Calculate by both the month and the year for your total possible savings. Consider the times you hire others to do work for you,

and decide if you can learn to do some of those things yourself, such as simple sewing, oil changes and computer software installation.

Go back over your past credit-card statements, and think about your miscellaneous expenses over time. How much did they come to? In hindsight, were they worth it?

According to the NGCC, being aware of poor financial decisions is often all that's needed to encourage changes in habits.

For more ideas, go to its website at [www.nfcc.org](http://www.nfcc.org). Don't miss the MyMoneyCheckUp Online Financial Self-Assessment Tool.

*(David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to [columnreply2@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply2@gmail.com).)*

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# Resolutions for 2014

Veterans Post  
By Freddy Groves

With the New Year coming soon, we have an opportunity to make some resolutions for changes in 2014. Even if we don't typically make resolutions, there are some that are worthwhile to consider. Here are a few:

- Is your paperwork in order? If you have an ongoing claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs, keep everything in a file, newest on top. Do you have a list of your personal information, including date of birth, list of places and dates you served (include names of personnel you remember from then to jog your memory later, if necessary), DD-214 or equivalent, marriage certificate, children's birth certificates and life-insurance policy?

If anything should happen to you, make it easier for your survivors: Have copies (print out online) of Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes, Claim for One Sum Payment Government Life Insurance, Claim for Monthly Payments National Service Life Insurance and Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker. Gather all this information and keep it all in one place.

- If you're not a member of a veterans service group, like American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars, join up. If you are a member, step forward and participate. Consider projects that would help other veterans and propose them to the group. Be an example: Set up regular dates to volunteer at the closest VA medical cen-

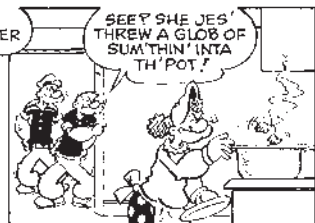
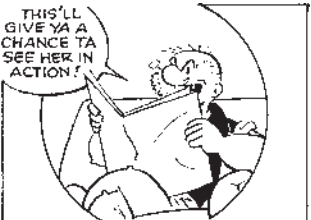
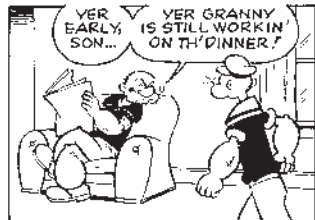
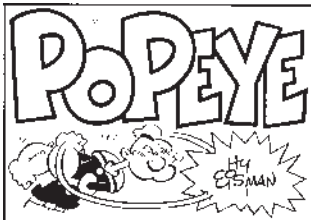
ter.

- Make a health goal and take small steps toward it on a regular basis.

- If you have a mental-health concern but haven't sought treatment, stop trying to deal with it by yourself. Whether you have depression, possible PTSD or suicidal thoughts, there is help. There's no stigma attached to looking for a fix. At the end of the day, it doesn't matter what others think or say. Your first responsibility is to yourself and being the best you can be.

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## MITCHELL TWP. MINUTES

The Mitchell Township Board met on December 9 with the following members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Donita Charron, treasurer Kevin Small and trustee Sheri Sanford. Trustee Carla Brimm was absent. The board: Approved the November 11 regular meeting minutes; approved the November financial reports as presented; approved the zoning administrator's November report; approved 2014 board meeting dates; approved the Disabled Veterans Exemption Affidavit Application; approved the Mitchell Township treasurer to collect C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District tax payments; and approved the re-investing of \$20,000 of the general fund CD and to place the balance into the general fund checking account. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. on February 10, 2014. For the full board minutes or for more information, contact clerk Donita Charron at (989) 884-1354.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Allen Bennett and Judith Bennett, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Community Bank, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated July 19, 2005, and was recorded on July 21, 2005, in Liber 420, on page 974 of the Alcona County records. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$210,575.68, including interest at 3.25 percent per year variable. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing. The mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The

sale will be held on January 15, 2014, at 10 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Alcona County Court Facility, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan, that being the place of holding circuit court for Alcona County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale. The property to be sold is located in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, Michigan and is described as: T25N, R9E, Section 22, Lots 18, 19 and 20, McClatcheys Cedar Lake Estates Subdivision, as per plats page 145 of Alcona County records. Commonly known as 3639 W. Cedar Lake Road, Greenbush, Mich. Tax I.D. 041-195-000-018-00. If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be

held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period. The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C. Dated: December 2, 2013 By: Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Huron Community Bank, Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707 (989) 892-4574 12-4, 12-11, 12-18, 12-25

If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior one year, please contact our office at (248) 502-1400. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Buddy T. Sawyer, an unmarried man, to National City Mortgage Services Co., mortgagee, dated April 29, 1999 and recorded May 13, 1999 in Liber 331, page 68, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifteen thousand eight hundred four and 65/100 dollars (\$15,804.65) including interest at 7.375 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, Michigan at 10 a.m. on January 15, 2014. Said premises are located in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan. Commencing at the northeast corner of Government Lot 3, Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 9

East, Section 34, thence north 87 degrees west 1,637.5 feet, thence south 11 degrees 15 minutes west 195 feet to the point of beginning, thence south 87 degrees east 150 feet, thence south 11 degrees 15 minutes west 50 feet, thence north 87 degrees west 150 feet, thence north 11 degrees 15 minutes east 50 feet to the point of beginning. 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. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: December 18, 2013 Orleans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 13-015310 12-18, 12-25, 1-1, 2014, 1-8, 2014

#### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, 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 3.125 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 Curtis, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Lot 10 and 15 of the Supervisor's Plat of Oakdale Subdivision, according to the recorded plat therefore as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 190-A, Alcona County records. The above described premises may be located within

the vicinity of farmland or a farm operation. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easement, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any. Please be advised that you and any other person liable on the mortgage is liable to the purchaser at the sale, or the mortgagee, payee, or other holder of the obligation secured by the mortgage if the mortgagee, payee, or other holder takes or has taken title to the property at sale either directly or indirectly, for any physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of you or other person liable on the mortgage. The redemption period shall be six months 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: November 25, 2013 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511 12-11, 12-18, 12-25 & 1-1-14

#### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Gruel Mills Nims & Pylman, PLLC. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Barbara L. Wade, a single woman, of 31952 Charlevoix Court, Westland, Mich. 48186 and NPB Mortgage, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 3333 Deposit Drive, NE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49546, dated October 10, 2001 and recorded on October 15, 2001 in Liber 355, Page 1006 of the Alcona County Register of Deeds, which mortgage was assigned to Northpointe Bank, a Michigan banking corporation by virtue of an assignment of mortgage dated September 23, 2013 and recorded on September 27, 2013 in Liber 502, page 19 of the Alcona County Register of Deeds, upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of forty-seven thousand five hundred five dollars and sixteen cents (\$47,505.16), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 10.95 percent, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof; Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on January 22, 2014 at 10 a.m.,

the undersigned will sell at the west entrance of the Alcona County courthouse, Harrisville, Mich., that being the place of holding the circuit court for the county of Alcona, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in the mortgage located in the township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan and which are described as follows: West half (W-1/2) of the southwest quarter (SW-1/4) of the southeast quarter (SE-1/4) of Section 30, Township 27 North, Range 8 East. P.P. No. 071-030-400-035-00 which has an address of 271 Ritchie Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. Northpointe Bank 3333 Deposit Drive, NE Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Dated: December 13, 2013 Drafted By: William M. Azkoul (P40071) Attorney for Mortgagee 99 Monroe Avenue, NW Suite 800 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 235-5500 12-18, 12-25, 1-1, 2014, 1-8, 2014

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described as: Parcel 1: T28N R7E Sec 10 com E 1/4 cor, N 88 deg W 1,320 ft to NW cor of N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and pob, S 88 deg E 440 ft alg 1/4 ln, S 5 deg W 636.90 ft to S ln of N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, N 88 deg W 440 ft, N 5 deg E 636.90 ft to POB; and, Parcel 2: T28N R7E Sec 10 com 1,320 ft W of E 1/4 cor, th W 1273.8 ft th SWLY to int. of ln. ext. NELY of Ln. bet lots 13 & 14m dr. pt. sub, on NE row Oak St. Sd. Sub, Th SE 50 ft alg Oak St. th NELY 175 ft th SELY 58.4 ft th S 71 deg E 458.4 ft th SWLY 175 ft th SE 50 ft alg Oak St, th N 19 deg E 294.5 ft th S 58 deg E 425 ft th N 51 deg E 743.5 ft th W 300 ft alg S ln. N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 th N alg. 1/8 ln to POB. Parcels 1 and 2 are more fully described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 10, Township 28 North, Range 7 East; thence north 88°09' west 1,320 feet along the east-west 1/4 line to the northwest corner of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 to the point of beginning; thence south 88°09' east 440 feet along east-west 1/4 line; thence south 05°39' west 636.90 feet to the south line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4; thence north 88°09' west 440.00 feet along the south line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 to the southwest corner of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4; thence north 05°39' east 636.90 feet along west line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 to point of beginning. Being the west 1/3 of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 10,

Township 28 North, Range 7 East; and, Parcel 2: Commencing 1320 feet west of the east 1/4 corner of Section 10, Township 28 North, Range 7 East, thence west 1,273.8 feet; thence southwesterly to intersection of line extending northeasterly of line between Lots 13 and 14 of Doctor's Point Subdivision on northeast right of way of Oak Street in said subdivision, thence east 50 feet along Oak Street; thence northeasterly 175 feet; thence southeasterly 58.4 feet; thence south 71° east 458.4 feet; thence southwesterly 175 feet; thence southeasterly 50 feet along Oak Street; thence north 19° east 294.5 feet; thence south 58° east 425 feet; thence north 51° east 743.5 feet; thence west 300 feet along said line of north 1/2 of northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4; thence north along 1/8 line to point of beginning. Being part of Government Lot 2. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: December 13, 2013 Paul D. Blanchard, Trustee, Mortgagee By: Joel B. Moore (P35432) Ramer, Moore, Schmoll & Martin, PLLC 100 Spring Street, P.O. Box 5 Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (231) 526-6214 12-18, 12-25, 1-1-2014, 1-8, 2014

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