



A happy day for the Harris family and court officials. (Front) Camaron and Jesslyn Harris, (back row, from left) Jeff and Kim Harris, Probate Judge Laura Frawley and Tamyra Ranger, juvenile officer for Family Court. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Deputies rescue submerged resident

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Acts of heroism are rarely planned and can arise in desperate situations, which was the case last Wednesday night in Lincoln.

The situation began simply enough – a resident looking for his lost dog. It turned desperate when he ventured onto thin ice at the northeast corner of Lincoln Lake around 10 p.m. on November 27. He fell through the ice into cold water about 40 yards from shore.

sponded to a general call for assistance after being notified that a man could be heard screaming for help in the distance.

While enroute they were notified by central dispatch that Lincoln resident Justin Durfee had identified the source of the calls of distress and when they arrived at his home on Alger Street, he showed deputies where he believed the man had gone through the ice.

They found David C. Bose

“Our deputies did a fantastic job. They went above and beyond the call of duty and put themselves in harm’s way.”

Douglas Atchison
Alcona County Sheriff

Alcona County Sheriff deputies Gerald Soboleski and Chas Neff and marine deputy Scott MacNeill re-

Jr., 38, of Lincoln submerged in the water and mud to his shoulders. He was unresponsive to their calls due to probable exhaustion and hypothermia and was going in and out of consciousness. As deputies tried to get a response from Bose, MacNeill found a long stick and attached it to a life ring. Deputies Soboleski and Neff crawled out onto the ice with the safety device and made several unsuccessful attempts to pull him from the icy water with it.

They then crawled further onto the ice, closer to Bose’s location in order to gain more leverage. After several attempts, they pulled him free and carried him to shore and then several hundred yards beyond to members of Lincoln first responders and Alcona County Ambulance EMS personnel. Bose had been submerged in the lake for approximately 45 minutes. He was transported to Alpena Regional Medical Center for treatment. Bose’s dog returned home.

“Our deputies did a fantastic job. They went above and beyond the call of duty and put themselves in harm’s way,” said Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison.

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Probate court celebrates National Adoption Day

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Balloons decorated each side of the judge’s bench in the courtroom of the Alcona County Building, a rare sight in a place that usually handles criminal matters.

The balloons were intended as gifts for two girls and marked a special day across the United States -- National Adoption Day.

Seated before Judge Laura Frawley were 11-year-old Camaron Harris and her nine-year-old sister, Jesslyn. Flanked on each side of the girls was their dad, Jeff, and the woman they’ve grown to love as their mom over the past four and a half years, Kimberly Harris. This was the day their family would become complete -- legally.

It was a day none of them ever doubted would come to fruition.

This was not the first time the sisters had been in Frawley’s court. Their first visit before the judge was in 2008 when their biological grandfather, Jeff Harris, adopted his granddaughters as his own. Not long after that day he began dating Kim. They were married in 2009.

“It wasn’t too long after we were married when we were taking a drive and Camaron asked if she could start calling me mom. I told her she could call me whatever she wanted and I’ve been ‘mom’ ever since. Today we are making it official,” Kim said.

Frawley smiled from her bench at each of the girls, her eyes sparkling from the sight of such a happy family. “November is National Adoption Month and today is National

Adoption Day. Today these two young ladies before me will soon have a mother to call their own,” Frawley said. “Adoption is a wonderful thing and a happy, happy alternative for many families.”

She explained to the courtroom that, typically, adoptions were done in closed session (not in open court), however, to mark National Adoption Day she invited other adoptive families and a reporter from the Alcona County

Review to attend this adoption to help make it special and memorable.

Looking at the girls Frawley said there was no doubt whatsoever they were sisters. From the glasses on their face to the braces on their teeth, the girls resembled each other, with height and hair color being the only exception.

The girls sat fairly still, obviously respectful of their presence in court. They lis-

tened intently to Frawley while occasionally adjusting their skirts and lifting their heads slightly to smile at each other and to gaze at their dad and mom-to-be.

A few questions were asked of each girl: Did they understand why they were there and did they want Kimberly Harris to be their mom. Smiling and nodding each girl took their turn to answer “yes.”

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Alcona athlete signs letter of intent

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

It was a good week for an Alcona High School senior who not only bagged a 300 pound whitetail deer but also signed his letter of intent to play college baseball.

Cody Franklin of Lincoln will be playing ball with the Spring Arbor Cougars next

year. The 18-year-old son of Terry and Donna Franklin sat in the high school lobby anxiously waiting for Sam Riggelman, head baseball coach of Spring Arbor University, to present the paperwork for his letter of intent.

Franklin’s past coaches, John Klingler and Seth

Coffing were a big part of why Franklin was introduced to Spring Arbor University. Both coaches attended the school and suggested the university take a look at Franklin. Riggelman saw Franklin play this summer when Franklin was part of a Gaylord, Mich. sandlot team and invited him to attend Spring Arbor baseball camp.

Things just fell into place from there.

“I’ve been playing baseball ever since I could hold a bat,” Franklin said while holding on to a massive eight-point rack. “We just got back from hunting in Manitoba, (Canada) where I shot this deer. It’s been a really good week.”

Franklin’s father, Terry, who is the head Alcona varsity baseball coach, is proud of his son, “He’s always been interested in sports, he’s played football (and) basketball and he hunts, fishes and traps. We believe in supporting our children; if they like

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Cody Franklin (left) and Sam Riggelman, head baseball coach of Spring Arbor University. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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Obituaries

James A. Howell



James A. Howell, 63, of Black River, died on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013 at his home.

He was born August 10, 1950 in Grand Rapids, Mich. to Albert and Mary (Chapman) Howell.

He was a resident of Black River for most of his life.

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

Mr. Howell was a skilled carpenter and worked for G&G Construction of Black River for 25 years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golfing.

Mr. Howell is survived by his significant other, Sheila Gauthier; three daughters, Dawn (Levi Stone) Baldwin of Branch, Mich., Ashley (Mike) Connell of Perry, Mich.; and Courtney (Jason Tymczyn) Gauthier of Grand Rapids, Mich.; eight grandchildren;

and two sisters, Patricia VanWormer of Lansing, Mich. and Merry Babcock of Virginia.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, Wednesday, Dec. 4 from noon until the funeral service at 6 p.m. The Rev. Bob Bissot will officiate.

Robert J. Fall Sr.



Robert James Fall Sr., 82, of Glennie, died on Monday, Nov. 25, 2013, at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born October 5, 1931 in Romulus, Mich. to Edward and Naomi (Foster) Fall.

He married Dorothy Kirby on July 30, 1948.

He was a carpenter.

Mr. Fall is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Sharon (Joel) Rogers and Karen Herrera; three sons, Robert (Tammy) Fall Jr., Steve Fall and Ronald Fall; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held December 1 at the Cur-

tis Township Hall in Glennie. Cremation arrangements were handled by the Bannan Funeral Home.

George A. Champagne

George A. Champagne, 88, of Laingsburg, Mich., formerly of Harrisville, died on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2013.

He was born July 19, 1925 in Harrisville to Nelson and Marion Glendolia (Weir) Champagne.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University.

Mr. Champagne worked for the United States Postal Service for 28 years and was a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Mr. Champagne is survived by two daughters, Ann (Jim) McDaniel of Lees Summit, Mo. and Dawn Jones of Columbia, Tenn.; five sons, Al (Shelley) Champagne of East Lansing, Mich., Paul (Marge) Champagne of Ripley, Mich., Joe (Betty) Champagne of Laingsburg, Mich., Jim Champagne and John Champagne, both of Bremerton, Wash.; several grandchildren; one sister, Lois Foster of Pennsylvania; and two brothers, Charles Champagne and Bob Champagne, both of Harrisville.

There will be no services. Arrangements were handled by Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns, Mich.

Rena L. Wanzer

Rena L. Wanzer, 82, of Harrisville, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

She was born October 2, 1931 to Jay and Lu Lu Belle (Nestle) Struthers in Mikado. She was a resident of Harrisville for most of her life.

She was married to the late Eldon Wanzer.

Mrs. Wanzer was a retired school bus driver for Alcona Community Schools.

Her hobbies included camping, fishing, playing pool, knitting, quilting, and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Wanzer is survived by four daughters, Gloria (Jack) Foster of Harrisville, Renee (Bob) Larson of Barton City, Cheryl (John) Holmes of Harrisville, Marie Dean of Oscoda and Jo (John) Allen of Harrisville; two sons, Emmet (Nowanna) Wanzer of Lander, Wyo. and Eldon (Theresa) Wanzer of Texas; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Jeanne Kalt of Manchester, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.

Funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 30 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial was in West Lawn Cemetery, Harrisville. Memorial donations may be made to the Harrisville Goodfellows.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2012-2013

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Nov. 24	25		11	0.00	3.0
Nov. 25	32	15	0.00	10.1	35	SW
Nov. 26	35	19	0.00	5.4	16	SW
Nov. 27	24	16	0.05	7.1	27	N
Nov. 28	26	15	0.00	6.0	20	NE
Nov. 29	32	19	0.01	5.8	21	SW
Nov. 30	37	31	0.00	7.8	31	SW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		2013-2014	
Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content	
2013	2012		
Weekly Total	0.06	1.3	0.47
November to Date	1.66	1.9	2.08
Year to Date	29.11	1.9	26.57

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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.

Free items for children, newborns through age five, that are residents of Alcona County. Diapers, formula, clothes, bedding, et cetera will be available. A Christmas party is planned from 1 to 3 p.m. for children age infant to four years old. Santa Claus will be on hand to deliver presents. Sponsored by The Alcona Baby Pantry at their only location, St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena. Lunch will be served. Bring a can of food for the needy. For reservations call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

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.

Swollen Fingers string band and other local artists will perform at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

Advent service will be held at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3639 M-65, Glennie (just south of the golf course).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

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.

Potluck lunch for Alcona retirees at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

"Piecing Memories Together" a unique grief support group will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hospice Sunrise Shore, 2078 M-32 West, Alpena. Participants will have the opportunity to share and learn with others experiencing grief and make a huggable remembrance bear from an article of their loved one's clothing. Space is limited. To register, call (800) 664-8587. There is no fee and sewing experience is not required.

A group work-out benefit for Toys for Tots will be held at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 202 Main Street, Lincoln. Entry fee is an unwrapped child's toy or a minimum \$5 cash donation. Sponsored by Turbo for a Cause. All fitness levels welcome, ages 13 and up.

Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

Explore the story of the birth of Jesus and retrace the steps of those involved in the Holy Land by using the book "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, corner of US-23 and Medor Road, Harrisville. You do not need to purchase a book, but it is helpful. Cost is \$12.

Community Walking Club for everyone, will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

A yuletide celebration of carols and songs "Lights and Rainbows" presented by Huron Shores Chorus at 7 p.m. at the Oscoda United Methodist Church, 120 West Dwight Street. Free to the public. Donations are welcome. For more information, call (989) 739-8591 or (989) 362-2371.

Popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

An open house will be held for Christine Brackett and Anne Krueger, artists in-residence for the month of December from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at

Thunder Bay Arts Council Gallery at 127 West Chisholm Street, Alpena. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (989) 356-6678.

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 7

Christmas in the Village activities include a holiday bazaar at Maria Hall adjacent to St. Anne Catholic Church from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Hayrides from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., pick-up and drop-off at the Harrisville Arts Council building on Third Street. For more information, call Alcona County Chamber of Commerce at (989) 724-5107.

Visit with Santa from noon to 1:30 p.m., listen to the storyteller, create a holiday craft and decorate and eat a cookie during Christmas in the Village at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Annual cookie walk from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at 201 North Second Street. Sponsored by the Westminster Presbyterian Women of Harrisville.

Christmas bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at New Life Lutheran Church, 25 East Kirche in the Woods, Spruce. Holiday baked goods, pantry and handcrafted items, note cards and much more. A luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-7816.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Sunrise Ringers Christmas concert at 3 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North 2nd Street, Harrisville. Contact Margaret Fox at (989) 736-3025.

A yuletide celebration of carols and songs "Lights and Rainbows" presented by Huron Shores Chorus at 3 p.m. at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church, 2095 East US-23, East Tawas. Free to the pub-

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My Brother's Hope is in urgent need of personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo) and clean, gently used sheets, blankets, and towels. Donations may be taken any time to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Free Luncheon for Men

"Lunch and Learn" for men will be held Thursday, Dec. 5 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. This event is free and open to all men who would like to learn "The Disciplines of a Godly Man" taught by Brian Benoit from Holland, Mich. The event will take place in the fellowship room of Grace Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church and is open to men of all ages. Membership to the church is not required to dine on sandwiches and drink while engaging in this interactive study. The church is located next to the Parks Library on the former Air Force Base in Oscoda (6012 N. Skeel Ave.). For more information, call Pastor Dale Robertson at (989) 739-3424.

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Senior Menu

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

- Monday, Dec. 9—Italian sausage, noodle casserole, Prince Charles blend, tossed salad and fruit.
- Tuesday, Dec. 10—Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, coleslaw and fruit.
- Wednesday, Dec. 11—Ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, fluff salad, fruit and cheesecake.
- Thursday, Dec. 12—Vegetable soup, turkey sandwich, carrot sticks and dip, pickled beets and fruit.
- Friday, Dec. 13—Smoked sausage and sauerkraut, red potatoes, broccoli, tropical fruit salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Christmas at the Library

Children of all ages are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Saturday, Dec. 7 for Christmas in the Village activities. The library's theme this year is taken from the book, "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree," by Colleen and Michael Glenn Monroe. Children are invited to celebrate this theme with story, crafts and cookies from noon until 2 p.m. Santa will arrive at noon to greet children and listen to their Christmas wish lists until 1:30 p.m. All children are invited to choose a free book to take home. Note: The library will be closed at noon to facilitate Christmas in the Village activities only. For more information, visit the web at www.alconalibrary.org or call (989) 724-6796.

Caroling for Cash

The Harrisville United Methodist Church Youth Group will be raising funds to put a new roof on the 150 year old sanctuary by caroling for cash. From Friday, Dec. 13 through Sunday, Dec. 15 the youth group plans to be singing at nursing care centers, churches or businesses in the area. As a community service, the youth from St. Anne Catholic Church will be singing with the Methodist youth group. The fee to send carolers to serenade someone is \$10. Anyone from the community can support this effort. A card, stating the giver of the gift, will be presented at each location. Contact Meg Nesbit at (989) 335-1467 for more information.

Community Turkey Dinner

My Brother's Hope Pot Luck Café will be providing a full turkey dinner at the Harrisville United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for those in need. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Harrisville and Trinity Lutheran

Church of Oscoda will be preparing and serving the free meal. Toys for Tots will also be distributing toys at this time. In conjunction with the meal, the Alcona Food Pantry will be open at the church during the same time with a possible appearance from Santa.

AuSable Valley Audubon

The December 10 meeting of the AuSable Valley Audubon will be at 1 p.m. at the Robert J. Parks Library located on Skeel Ave. on the former Air Force base. The theme of the meeting will be setting up the Christmas Bird Count areas. The Tawas count will be on Monday, Dec. 16, meeting at 7 a.m. at Big Boy Restaurant in East Tawas. The Oscoda count will be on Friday, Dec. 20 meeting at 7 a.m. at Mama's Kitchen in Oscoda. Winter bird feeding tips, identification tips for spotting local birds, possible Christmas gift ideas, et cetera will be discussed. The public is invited to join the festivities as well as volunteer for the count. Call Ruth Golm at (989) 724-5679 for more information.

Timber Tax Workshop

The Alcona/Iosco Conservation District's Forestry Assistance Program will present a workshop concerning federal tax provisions related to forestland management and timber sale income for forestland owners, natural resource professionals, tax preparers, and other interested citizens of Northeast Michigan. The workshop will feature the expertise of Susan Metcalfe of Metcalfe Forestry LLC. Participants can expect to learn about forest management expense deductions, how to minimize timber sale income tax, capital gains treatment, and an introduction to Michigan's Qualified Forest Property Act (QFP) and Commercial Forest Act (CFA).

The workshop will take place from 1 p.m. to approximately 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is a free program, although donations will be accepted. The Timber Tax Workshop is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts. To RSVP or for more information, call district forester Andrew Beebe at (989) 335-1056 or e-mail at andrew.beebe@macd.org.

Clean Water Documentary

The first documentary ever that focuses on the emerging tissue of pharmaceutical compounds in water is being broadcast on Michigan PBS stations. The film was recently produced by Great Lakes Clean Water organization (GLCW) and Stone Bridge Productions with funding from the Michigan Department of Environmental Qual-

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Local Notes

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ity. According to Chris Angel, president of GLCW, this is the first documentary ever produced that looks at the potential environmental impact of improper disposal of pharmaceuticals. It has been broadcast on several PBS television stations across Michigan to date, with all PBS stations in Michigan scheduled to air over the next few months. Broadcast dates can be found at www.greatlakescleanwater.org. The documentary, "The Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program," a solution to the emerging issue of pharmaceutical compounds in ground, surface and municipal water is also available for viewing on the GLCW YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/-user/GreatLakesCleanWater>.

Angel stated, "This documentary will be tremendously helpful in educating more people about the importance of proper disposal of unused, unwanted drugs. The documentary will also highlight the positive impact that local pharmacies have had in proper collection of pharmaceuticals."

With recent collections at participating pharmacies in Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program has collected and properly disposed of 42 tons of unused, unwanted drugs to date. The program was started by Great Lakes Clean Water, a nonprofit or-

ganization in May 2009. Yellow Jug Old Drugs is a program that works in partnership with local pharmacies to collect and properly dispose of unwanted, unused drugs in a safe and approved manner to help keep our water clean.

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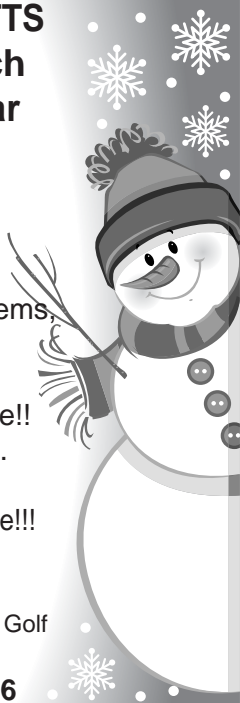
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to help them enjoy it.
 "Cody fell in love with baseball and we encouraged him to continue with it. We're very proud, Cody worked hard. Spring Arbor has a great ball and scholastic program."

Cody is the oldest of the Franklin children. His brother, Brock, is 15 and sister, Abby, is 12. His grandparents, Dick and Sharon Schefferly, of Lincoln were also present when Franklin signed the letter of intent last Monday.

Franklin said both of his parents lived athletic lifestyles, his mom was a track runner and his father played college baseball. Franklin's father stated his son probably got his speed from his mom.

"I'm thanking my coaches and my mom and dad today for their support -- especially my dad -- for taking me to camp and pushing me to suc-



(Back row from left) Sharon Schefferly, Donna Franklin, Terry Franklin, Dick Schefferly, (front row) Cody Franklin and Sam Riggelman. Photo by Mary Weber.

ceed," Franklin said.

The Spring Arbor Cougars reached the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Midwest Regional last season and finished 27-18, just short of a NCAA World

Series berth.

Franklin will pitch and play center field for the Cougars. He hopes to pursue a degree in physical education while attending the university.

Rescue

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"They recognized that an individual was in need and realized that without further action a tragedy could result. As an administrator, I am proud to have them working with me and for the citizens of Alcona County."

Additionally, Atchison recognized the efforts of Justin Durfee for his role in the rescue. "It is all too often that people don't want to get involved or don't even notice that something is happening. Justin's willingness to step up and take the initiative to look for this person is uncommon," Atchison said. "This is a good example of emergency personnel and (private) individuals coming together to get the job done."

Atchison reminded residents that it is not safe to be out on ice.



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Making sure all formalities were in order and checking over the home visit report, Frawley declared Kimberly Harris to be the girls' mother.

Kim said it didn't take long to process the adoption since the only person who could contest it was her husband, Jeff, and he was all for it from the beginning. "Even when Jeff asked me out for the first time, I knew he came with baggage, but it's all really good baggage. When we started dating the girls were just making the transition from sometimes calling Jeff 'Papa' and sometimes calling him 'Daddy.' Now we are mom and dad," Kim said.

The Harris' paid a filing fee of \$160 per child and \$50 each for the girl's birth certificate. A price Kimberly said paled in comparison to what the adoption meant to her and the girls. "You can't put a price on that."

"We are so grateful to Judge Frawley for allowing us to complete the adoption on this day and making it special for each of our daughters. It will be a day they will never forget. Judge Frawley has been a big part of our life and will always remain very special to us. She gave me two more daughters.

"I'd recommend adoption in a heartbeat, especially if the child is already a family

member. I just couldn't live with myself and not open my home to a family member," Kim said. She explained that shortly after she married Jeff his mother, Vivian, came to live with them as well. She is grateful for Vivian and added it was a joy to have her mother-in-law there.

Kimberly said she didn't realize how full her life would be. Her son, Kody McMaster is 24 and has a daughter of his own. "I'm a Grandma and now I also have two daughters. You just never know how wonderful your life can become. I love my family."

Frawley said adoption is, by far, the most joyful part of her job as a probate judge. "Adoptive parents are open-hearted and giving. Everyone is born with the ability to change someone's life and adoptive parents do just that.

"When a child is adopted the most amazing thing is that being a part of a family means being a part of something very wonderful. They will love and be loved for the rest of their lives, no matter what. Is there anything more hopeful, more beautiful, more demonstrative of what the human heart is capable of than that? I don't think so. Every time I finalize an adoption I am reminded there is great goodness in the world and love really is the answer," she said.

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How to guard against wintertime heart attacks

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Leery Senior

Dear Leery,
Everyone knows winter is cold and flu season, but most people don't know that it's also the prime season for heart attacks too, especially if you already have heart disease or have suffered a previous heart attack.
Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you protect yourself.
In the U.S., the risk of having a heart attack during the winter months is twice as high as it is during the summertime. Why? There are a number of factors, and they're not all linked to cold weather. Even people who live in warm

climates have an increased risk.
Here are the areas you need to pay extra attention to this winter.
• Cold temperatures: When a person gets cold, the body responds by constricting the blood vessels to help the body maintain heat. This causes blood pressure to go up and makes the heart work harder. Cold temperatures can also increase levels of certain proteins that can thicken the blood and increase the risk for blood clots.
So stay warm this winter, and when you do have to go outside, make sure you bundle up in layers with gloves and a hat, and place a scarf over your mouth and nose to warm up the air before you breathe it in.
• Snow shoveling: Studies have shown that heart attack rates jump dramatically in the first few days after a major snowstorm, usually a result of snow shoveling. Shov-

eling snow is a very strenuous activity that raises blood pressure and stresses the heart. Combine those factors with the cold temperatures and the risks for heart attack surges.
If your sidewalk or driveway needs shoveling this winter, hire a kid from the neighborhood to do it for you, or use a snow blower. Or, if you must shovel, push rather than lift the snow as much as possible, stay warm, and take frequent breaks.
• New Year's resolutions: Every January 1, millions of people join gyms or start exercise programs as part of their New Year's resolution to get in shape, and many overexert themselves too soon. If you're starting a new exercise program this winter, take the time to talk to your doctor about what types and how much exercise may be appropriate for you.
• Winter weight gain: People tend to eat and drink

more, and gain more weight during the holiday season and winter months, all of which are hard on the heart and risky for someone with heart disease.
So keep a watchful eye on your diet this winter and avoid binging on fatty foods and alcohol.
• Shorter days: Less daylight in the winter months can cause many people to develop "seasonal affective disorder" or SAD, a winter-time depression that can stress the heart. Studies have also looked at heart attack patients and found they usually have lower levels of vitamin D (which comes from sunlight) than people with healthy hearts.
To boost your vitamin D this winter, consider taking a supplement that contains between 1,000 and 2,000 international units (IU) per day. And to find treatments for SAD, visit the Center for En-



vironmental Therapeutics website at cet.org.
• Flu season: Studies show that people who get flu shots have a lower heart attack risk. It's known that the inflammatory reaction set off by a flu infection can increase blood clotting which can lead to heart attacks in vulnerable people.
So, if you haven't already done so, get a flu shot for protection. See flushot.healthmap.org to find a nearby vaccination site.
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Bringing a child home: One local family's journey to adoption

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

While many children are adopted by family members, there are more still who have no family members capable of making such a commitment. More than 3,000 children in Michigan are waiting for loving homes to call their own each year.

Many wait in foster homes or facilities for years for a family to step forward and agree to get to know them, eventually love them for who they are and accept them as one of their own. Most never get adopted and simply just age out of the system, never receiving the benefits that a stable home with loving parents can provide.

Fulsher shared the story of how she and her husband, Mark, found their new son, Daniel, a perfect fit to their home joining their sons still living at home, Robert, 16 and Josh, 14.

When she felt the time was right to think about adoption, Fulsher turned to the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (www.mare.org). She looked at many profiles and videos of children. She first looked at girls and thought maybe it would be fun to have a girl in the house again.

"A lot of the girls talked about friends and things they enjoyed doing like going to the mall and shopping. We couldn't exactly provide that

allowed to visit with him outside the facility and then bring him to their home for visits. Because of many previous traumas in his life, the case workers wanted to make sure he had a long transition period.

"We first met Daniel in January 2012, a day before his 13th birthday and it took until April 2013, before we were able to move him into our home. We were impatient about the time it took, but it was probably a good thing for Daniel," Fulsher said.

During the transition the Fulshers attended classes to better understand their duties and what was expected of them. They applied to be-



Daniel's new family (back row, from left) Missy Hall (aunt), Holly Fulsher (aunt), Josh Fulsher, Robert Fulsher, Mark Fulsher, Leroy Hall (uncle) (middle row) Ray and Delores Chase (grandparents), Daniel Fulsher, Candy Fulsher and (front row) Jamie Hall (cousin). Older brother Caleb Fulsher is not pictured. *Courtesy photo.*

Candy Fulsher had heard of these children's stories and had witnessed one child's desperation that had been left behind by parents who didn't want or could no longer care for their child.

"I had a daughter with a lot of medical problems and I'd see these other children in the hospitals while we were there. The parents were just so overwhelmed by their child's medical needs they would just take the child to the hospital and abandon them," Fulsher said. "I wanted to take every one of those children home with me. It broke my heart. Adoption was always on my mind even before my daughter died."

living on a farm in Alcona County," Fulsher said.

She considered adopting a child with physical needs since Fulsher knew she had the medical knowledge necessary from having gone through so much with her daughter. She also knew her own limitations and realized physically she couldn't handle lifting a grown child to give them the care they would need.

When she read Daniel's profile and watched his video it just made sense to take a closer look at the boy. Daniel dreamed of a place where he could hunt and fish and do things outdoors -- things Fulsher's biological sons enjoyed doing every day.

Fulsher admitted she didn't really know if her husband was all that into the idea of adoption but he was supportive and willing to meet the boy. The Fulshers learned more about Daniel, the traumas he had gone through and the challenges he was facing. Daniel was becoming a product of the system and had already been waiting four years to find a loving home. "We went to visit Daniel. He had been placed in a facility because he had behavioral issues while living in foster care homes. After meeting him my husband was about in tears and we both wanted to bring Daniel home with us that day," Fulsher said.

Bringing Daniel home was a slow process. The Fulshers went to visit him every two weeks and, over time, were

come foster parents, there were background checks and home studies and a lot of paper work. All of which Fulsher said was well worth it.

"The good thing about the process is that you don't have to be perfect people with a perfect home, you just have to be willing to put in the time and effort the child will need and have enough room in your home and budget to provide basic needs," she said.

The Fulshers became Daniel's parents legally on November 21. Both Mark and Candy didn't push him to call them mom or dad or force Daniel to take their last name. Fulsher explained how children in the adoption system, such as Daniel, had already had so much stripped away from them. Many times the children are taken to foster homes with nothing but the shirt on their backs.

They didn't want Daniel to ever feel they were forcing something such as a name on him. They left it up to him. She said when he first met them he called them "Mr. Mark" and "Miss Candy," but after a while he decided he would rather call them mom and dad.

Just before the adoption proceedings he informed them both that he would like to have his last name changed to Fulsher.

As for his new brothers, "Well, they act just like brothers. The boys have good days and bad and tease each other.

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Safety: You should always stay safe when heading on the ice. These five tips can help: 1.) Never fish alone; 2.) Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return; 3.) Always test the ice with a spud; 4.) Take the appropriate emergency items, such as a lifejacket and ice picks; and 5.) Take a cell phone with you in case you need to call for help. Keep it in a plastic, sealable bag to make sure it doesn't get wet.

Want more information on ice fishing? Visit www.michigan.gov/fishing.

Weekly Fishing Report November 28

River anglers are out however others are getting their ice fishing gear ready to go as they wait for the transition from open water to ice fishing. Some of the lakes are starting to get skim ice however there is no safe ice yet.



- **Thunder Bay River:** Anglers are catching some perch in the river and boat harbor. No word on whitefish this week but anglers should still find some.

- **Oscoda:** Steelhead have been caught by pier anglers floating spawn or using small spoons and body baits. The occasional walleye was caught near the mouth, however it is hard to get a read on the volume of walleye that might be present because few anglers are targeting them.

- **AuSable River:** Has a good number of steelhead moving in. Fish have been caught all the way up to the Whirlpool and Foote Dam. There are plenty of fish and they are good size. Boat and shore anglers are taking fish. Shore anglers are drifting or floating spawn up toward the dam.

- **Tawas:** Those fishing off the state dock were still taking the occasional whitefish and some perch. Try tear-drops with wax worms or minnows.

- **AuGres River:** Has steelhead. Those surfcasting near the Singing Bridge are taking a few fish on spawn or small spoons.

(This report has been provided by the DNR Fisheries Division; (517) 284-5830; located in Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Mich. 48933.)



Alex Stephenson shot this eight point while hunting with his dad Scott in Barton City Thanksgiving day. *Courtesy photo.*

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Family

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But let anyone else tease their new little brother and the older boys will make sure they wished they hadn't," she said.

Fulsher explained that because Daniel has many emotional and some educational needs, it isn't always easy for her other two sons to understand all that Daniel has been through, but they all receive whatever additional assistance is available to help cope with everyday life.

She recommended anyone thinking about adoption to take a look at the mare.org website. "Many people may think they have to be financially wealthy to adopt, which isn't the case at all when considering an older child. The state will help with adoption costs and there are many resources available for helping the child and families," she said.

"My husband and I are not financially wealthy, but we have the time, energy and room in our home and heart to do this. All my life all I really wanted to do was be a mom. Adopting an older child is challenging, but just knowing what you are doing is making a difference in a child's life makes it worth it. You fall in love with a child and they end up making a difference in your life too," she said.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CURTIS DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING 1:00 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013 CURTIS TOWNSHIP HALL 4932 F-30 GLENNIE, MICHIGAN 48737

The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only.

For Principal Residence Exemption appeals the owner of property that is a "Principal Residence" on June 1, 2013 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the three immediately preceding tax years pursuant to section 7cc as amended.

For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on May 1, 2013 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the immediately succeeding tax year pursuant to section 7ee. The Board of Review will address all other exemption appeals over which they have jurisdiction.

A person in poverty may appeal to the December Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on June 1, 2013 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A Hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Supervisor by 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2013.

A qualified "disabled veteran" must file a Veteran's Affidavit by the close of the December Board of Review to receive a Veterans Exemption for the current year.

No other appeals may be considered at this meeting.

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2	Unlimited	9	Unlimited
3	Unlimited	10	Closed
4	Unlimited	11	Closed
5	Unlimited	12	Closed
6	Unlimited		

Applications for limited seats available for second semester of the 2013-2014 school year will be accepted from December 12, 2013 to January 16, 2014. Applications received after January 16th cannot be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified by mail after January 16, 2014. For further information or an application, contact Alcona Community Schools, 51, N. Barlow Rd., P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, MI 48742 or call (989) 736-6212 or visit www.alconaschools.net.

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 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
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 CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP HALL
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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of November 25 - December 1, 2013

75 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 1 Warrant; 1 Enter without Permission.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	22	Property Damage Accidents	5
Message/Well Being Check	3	Miscellaneous	5
Agency Assist	3	Dog/Animal	9
Traffic	1	Malicious Destruction of Prop.	1
Alarm	4	Abandoned Vehicle	1
Drugs	1	Enter without Permission	1
Adult/Child Abuse	1	Domestic	2
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	2	Warrant Arrest	1
Civil	1	Breaking and Entering	1
Medical	1	Personal Injury Accident	1
Larceny	1	Be On The Lookout	1
Lost/Found Property	1	Fire	3
Suspicious Events	1	Power Lines Down	1
Death Notification	1	Gunshots Heard	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	6	Caledonia	3	Curtis	4
Greenbush	2	Gustin	7	Harrisville	10
Hawes	12	Haynes	8	Mikado	5
Millen	2	Mitchell	6		
Harrisville City	6	Village of Lincoln	4		

District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in November by the Honorable Allen C. Yenior and the Honorable Laura A. Frawley.

- Benjamin Joseph Blaker, 32, of Holt, Mich. was sentenced to 60 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,662.10 for possession of marijuana/spice/salvia.

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- Steven James Leveille, 27, of Oscoda was sentenced to one day in jail, two years of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,515 for use of a police scanner/93 day misdemeanor.

- Jesse Allen O'Dell, 18, of Greenbush was sentenced to two days in jail and court costs and fines of \$1,485 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Joseph William Checks, 37, of East Tawas was sentenced to 10 days in jail, three months of probation, \$27.98 for victim restitution and \$815 in court costs and fines for attempted retail fraud, 3rd.

- Leo John Kreft, 47, of Alpena was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and court costs of \$1,140 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Mikel Ainsley Mills, 38, of Wayne, Mich. was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$815 for operator's license suspended/revoked/denied.

- Jacob Earl Fettes, 23, of Oscoda was sentenced to three days in jail, six months of probation, victim restitution of \$496.11 and court costs and fines of \$865 for embezzlement under \$200.

- Terry Lee Brooks, 50, of Oscoda was sentenced to 41 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$975 for assault or assault and battery.

- Jon Phillip Sherman, 28, of Warren, Mich. was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$500 for allowing unlicensed person to drive.

- Richard Herman Schultz, 70, of Westland, Mich. was sentenced to 20 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,850 for operating while intoxicated.

- Nathan Scott Kautz, 24, of Clawson, Mich. was sentenced to seven days in jail, one year of probation and court costs and fines of \$1,965 for operating while visibly impaired and use of a controlled substance - marijuana.

- William Allen Landrum, 22, of Harrisville was sentenced to three days in jail and court costs and fines of \$1,140 for operating while intoxicated.

- William Lloyd Preston, 23, of Omer, Mich. was sentenced to 10 days in jail and court costs and fines of \$575 for assault or assault and battery.

- Ted Louis Shottroff, 45, of Dearborn Heights, Mich. was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$315 for failing to report an accident.

- Timothy Michael Krisan, 42, of Harrisville was sentenced to 120 days in jail, two years of probation and fines and court costs of \$3,390 for operating with a high blood alcohol content and operator's license suspended/revoked/denied.

- Travis Wayne Agosa, 19, of Harrisville was sentenced to six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$730 for minor purchase/consume /possess, second offense.

- Victor Wayne Ferguson Jr., 52, of Indianapolis, Ind. was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$1,140 and five days of community service for operating while visibly impaired.



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Christmas express

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

I don't like the years like this one, when Thanksgiving is late and Christmas follows just three weeks behind. While there have been lots of times in my life that I'd like to shorten, the Christmas season isn't one of them. So when finishing up the last of the turkey conflicts with the advent calendar, it makes me a little sad.

It isn't about the shopping. While I know there are people who get up in the wee hours of Black Friday (or this year, got up from their Thanksgiving table) and drive long distances to join the melee in the fervent hopes of saving 15 percent on an EZ Bake oven, that would be my idea of purgatory.

Our family doesn't give a lot of gifts and those we do are usually purchased locally or online. Until this year, we were largely adults and when necessary, the "gift" of a lovely computer printout of the delayed or back-ordered item had to suffice, and usually did.

It's not about wrapping the gifts, either. We tend to do our wrapping on Christmas Eve day. When pressed, we've been known to resort to a gift done up in an old copy of the Alcona County Review, tied with parcel twine. No one ever gave one back because of the wrapping.

We will shop for the kids, of course, but since they're all still at the easy to please age, it won't be a hassle. And perhaps we can subtly "re-gift" the four-year-old with the snow saucer he got last year and didn't get to use when the weather didn't cooperate.

It's not the decorating – certainly not this year. Decorating is usually a big job, incorporating every Christmas item we've ever owned. Our ornaments range from the crystal snowflakes and icicles I found in Christmas, Michigan to the canning jar lid with yarn hanger and second grade photo type of stuff. But with two new grandchildren in the family, we'll be celebrating Christmas at the kids' house (much easier for Santa, you see). At home, we plan a very small tree, the small village I created and the manger scene. Maybe a few candles.

I do worry a bit about the baking. We have a tradition of gifting family and dear friends with cookie trays, which they've come to expect over the years. But it will get done. Maybe fewer varieties and no new items this year, but fudge, cookies and buck-eyes for sure. Like the wrappings, I've never had a cookie tray returned because the recipient didn't think it was good enough. And who knows, maybe the victims of my holiday baking binge will be relieved to get less this year.

No, it's none of those things that make me regret the shortened Christmas season. It's the abbreviated period of time when peace and joy abound and our somewhat crabby of late citizenry seem happier than usual. I abso-

lutely loved Chef Mario Battali's comment last year about his favorite part of Christmas. "It's when everybody catches up with me," he said. "I'm always happy, and at Christmas, so is everyone else." His statement epitomized how I feel about life, and the holidays in particular.

This is my 62nd Christmas and I've spent every single one of them in my home town. Like the Grinch, I've learned over the years that maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe it comes without presents, hoo-ha and tags. But it does come. So as the snow begins to twinkle down and the lights appear on neighbor's windows and shops in town, I'm prioritizing more than usual this year. There are things that are more important to me than others and in this brief, three-week holiday season; I want to be certain that I get them all in.

Aside from the baking, which is an act of love and makes me happy, I want to be sure to have time to sit, at the end of each evening, with the living room lights off and the tree on. I want to munch on the "crips" (the cookies that are too lumpy or otherwise damaged to put on a gift tray) and revel in the comfort and joy of my less decorated than usual home. Those few minutes each night are some of the most special to me.

I want to take Boy for a ride to see the Christmas lights reflected in his big, blue eyes. Four is a magical year and Christmas is a magical time. We'll bring a bag of popcorn and some juice and just take our time marveling at the creativity of our friends and neighbors.

We'll also take a night to go visit the nativity scene on the corner of US-23. I've made that visit every year since I was a little girl (I think, actually, from the first year they put it there). It's usually bitter cold on the night I choose, and we don't linger long. Just long enough to absorb the miracle that's the reason for all the hoo-ha, pat the donkey's head and brush the snow off the baby Jesus. If it's not too bad out, I'd really like to take the new baby to see the New Baby. Somehow, it just seems serendipitous this year.

I want to celebrate our usual Christmas Eve with church and roast beast and all the appetizers and sweets we like best and afterward, to sit on the couch and look around me with wondering eyes and realize how very, very rich we are. In the people we love and who love us, in our warm homes and our trees and our roast beast. And sometime prior to that, I want to be certain I've done something to increase the riches of someone (or several someones) who may not be as rich as we.

On Christmas morning, perhaps earlier than usual this year, given Boy's wake-up time, I want to open our stockings, packed with little, thoughtful or funny things that seemed right for each of us, from each of us. We wrap

Puttin' On The Fritz

them individually, and we take turns opening so it takes positively forever and requires a little sustenance in the form of cinnamon buns and coffee and it's time very dear to my heart.

And I want to spend the day after Christmas – the feast of Stephen – bumming around in my pajamas, eating pie for breakfast and leftovers all day long and admiring the things beneath the tree and reviewing all the special moments one more time. Truly, it's my favorite day.

I don't want a "No-No" hair removal system (although some may argue I need one) or a Clapper or even a Chia Pet (always my fall back request) under my tree. I just want comfort and joy and love and some chocolate. Most especially, I'd like it to last more than the three weeks we've penciled in for it this particular year.

Most of all, I want time. Time to remember that love came down on Christmas... and somewhere in the melee, to find the inner peace to make it last the whole year long.

(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.)



In the Moment
What's happening in your bird garden right now? As I write this, a mama cardinal is feeding her female baby on my tray feeder. They look so peaceful together. Watching birds is a great way to stay in the moment. That way, you won't miss a thing!

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The Garden Bug
Watering in winter

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- Brenda Weaver

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Bowling

Minors
November 30

Team 2	48	12
Scorpions	36	24
Pin Busters	19	41
Tigers	17	43

Boy's high game: Brenden Hudgins, 122.
Boy's high series: Jake Tanner, 215.
Girl's high game and series: Hannah Tanner, 83 and 160.

Majors
November 30

Destroyers	94	56
Broken Lane	92.5	57.5
Kingpins	71.5	78.5
Team 2	42	108

Boy's high game and series: Leigh Gibson, 198 and 513.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Nathaniel Schultz, 241 and 662.
Girl's high game: Brittney Foster, 165.
Girl's high series: Raegen Eller, 423.

Girl's high handicap game and series: Brittney Foster, 242 and 589.

Huron
November 26

Back Alley Bar	104	46
Rob's Repair	86	64
Robert's Floor.	70	80
B & D Sales	69	81
Gary Oil	62.5	87.5
Shotmakers	58.5	91.5

High game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 279 and 685.
High handicap game: Dave Baker, 304.
High handicap series: Pat Gonyea, 816.

Early Bloomers
November 26

Violets	188	124
Buttercups	181.5	130.5
Daffodils	154.5	157.5
Marigolds	148	164
Mums	135	177
Rosebuds	129	183

High game and series: Carla Travis, 174 and 442.

High team game and series: Marigolds, 451 and 1,278.

Wednesday Nite Women's
November 20

Lake Huron Inn	94.5	25.5
Alcona Dredge	75	45
Stoney Acres	74	46
Back Alley Bar	69	51
Ark Plumbing	61	59
Alcona Abstract	54	66
Lincoln Prec.	49.5	70.5
Alcona Tool	49	71
Cole's Appl.	44	76
JB's Auto	30	90

High game and series: Mary Jackson, 209 and 570.
High handicap game: Sonia Smith, 251.
High handicap series: Lea Krause, 655.

November 25

Lake Huron Inn	113.5	36.5
Alcona Dredge	85.5	64.5
Stoney Acres	84	66
Ark Plumbing	81	69
Back Alley Bar	80	70
Alcona Abstract	73	77
Alcona Tool	63	87
Lincoln Prec.	60.5	89.5
Cole's Appl.	60	90
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High game and series: Theresa Somers, 210 and 507.
High handicap game: Theresa Somers, 257.
High handicap series: Barbara Bastion, 666.

Harrisville's Annual Holiday Celebration

Christmas In The Village

Saturday, December 7



Holiday Bazaar
Maria Hall
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9:30 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.
40 Booths offering a wide selection of hand-crafted items, wreaths and baked goods.
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Children's Crafts

Children's Activities
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Noon ~ 2 p.m.
Visit with Santa (Noon to 1:30 p.m.)
Children's Craft Activities
Cookie Decorating
Story Time
Children's Book Give-A-Way

Westminster Presbyterian Church
9:00 ~ 11:30 a.m.
(on Second Street)
Annual Cookie Walk

United Methodist Church
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"Three families are asking to be matched with a parent aide," said Linda Stemen, the coordinator for the Exchange Club Parent Aide Program. "Giving the gift of one's time is a great gift to give this time of year."

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Partners, instructors help make off road vehicle safety a priority

Michigan is a hot destination for off-road vehicle (ORV) enthusiasts, offering nearly 3,700 miles of designated ORV trails and routes, as well as designated ORV scramble areas and the most unique ORV state park east of the Mississippi River – the 450-acre ORV scramble area within Silver Lake State Park in Oceana County.

As the popularity of ORV riding in Michigan increases, so, too, does the demand for quality, comprehensive safety education. That's where the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and its many partners enter the picture.

The DNR's Law Enforcement Division has a Recreational Safety Section that heads up the state's ORV safety education program. The section consults with involved users, ORV organizations and existing ORV instructors to continually improve this program.

According to Lt. Andrew Turner, who oversees the DNR's recreational safety programs, everyone's working to ensure that all ORV opportunities offered in the state are covered in the safety education program content.

"DNR volunteer instructors are required to be well-versed in all disciplines of ORV equipment," said Turner. "To ensure these instructors possess the required skills to provide competent, consistent delivery of the state's ORV safety education program, the DNR and its volunteer instructors have developed a free, comprehensive, three-day ORV Instructor Academy for all new ORV instructor applicants.

Once instructors successfully complete the academy course, they're equipped to go into their own communities and teach ORV safety education."

Turner said anyone seeking certification as a DNR ORV safety education instructor must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be a high school graduate or possess a graduate equivalency diploma (GED).
- Have no felony convictions.
- Have no misdemeanor convictions within the past three years.
- Have no convictions that resulted in the revocation of ORV operation privileges within the last five years. (Other convictions of natural resource law violations are subject to review and may result in the rejection of any application.)
- Maintain a high moral, ethical and mental character.

Although the DNR aims to offer three academies each year in different regions of the state, Turner said there have been logistical challenges with locating appropriate training facilities (which must have classroom accommodations, cafeteria services, lodging and a large



Volunteers like Alan and Cheryl Nelson of Shiawassee County, who are also affiliated with the Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan, offer their expertise and knowledge to the DNR's ORV Instructor Academy. Here, they work with academy participants on best practices for off-highway motorcycles. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

and flat area for the hands-on, ORV range portion of the academy).

Presently, ORV instructor academies have been exclusively held in Roscommon County near Higgins Lake, though the DNR is actively searching for appropriate locations in the southern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula.

"With the aid of our partners and volunteers, since 2011 we've been able to train 110 instructors through seven ORV instructor academies," said Cpl. John Morey, the DNR's ORV and snowmobile coordinator. "In order to maintain that success rate and ensure broader safety training, it's vital that we secure quality training opportunities and locations in other parts of the state."

Participation is limited to 24 students per academy, and applicants are educated in areas dealing with policy and procedure, state laws, industry standards, classroom management and teaching concepts. Additionally, applicants receive hands-on instruction covering off-highway motorcycles

(OHMs), all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs), as well as electric winches and recovery strap equipment. The hands-on portion of the academy gives participants a firsthand understanding of safe and responsible operational techniques dealing with various ORV disciplines.

The DNR's ORV safety education effort is 100-percent user-funded. Every ORV operated in an area open to the public must display a valid DNR ORV license. One dollar from the sale of every license goes directly to the safety education program, providing the sole funding source for the program's printed materials such as the ORV Handbook, student manuals, tests and other administrative materials. The funding also covers support equipment and administrative personnel costs.

While DNR conservation officers do teach at the academy, Morey said the financial constraints of the program have been somewhat relieved by the interest of

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people outside the DNR who possess certain skills and expertise and are willing to share it.

D.J. "Buck" Niles is an experienced educator from Jackson County. Niles provides instruction at the academies, helping would-be instructors learn how to manage a classroom and grasp teaching concepts that work with students of various ages. He said that maintaining the attention of a diverse group of students certainly has its

member of the Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association and United Four Wheel Drive. Brower also sits on the ORV Advisory Workgroup, which provides recommendations to the DNR regarding the entire ORV program. He has been extremely valuable in the development of the existing safety education program content - especially vehicle extraction - due to his extensive off-road experiences.

"Every vehicle extraction

on loaned equipment for the academies. The DNR reaches out to ORV manufacturers and dealers to partner with the department to assist with the safety education equipment needs.

Polaris Industries recently donated two UTVs (an RZR S and Ranger) with a retail value of roughly \$21,000, and Yamaha has loaned two TTR230 motorcycles to the last four academies. Motorsports dealer Peacock Ltd. in Baldwin, Mich. has also been



Off-roading veteran Pat Brower - a regular contributor to the DNR's ORV Instructor Academy - walks participants through a variety of recovery equipment and proper techniques for using them.

challenges, but the program works.

This is a quality program," Niles said. "Helping people learn the fundamentals of transferring knowledge makes it a safer sport."

The Shiawassee County husband-and-wife team of Alan and Cheryl Nelson plays a big role in delivering off-highway motorcycle instruction for the academies. The Nelsons, who are affiliated with the Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan, coach academy participants on "real world" techniques like how to properly and safely ride over and around obstacles.

Hands-on instruction begins as if each applicant is a novice ORV user. The academy teaches basic safe and responsible operational techniques. By the end of the academy, applicants have experienced a variety of ORV equipment and are aware of their own confidence level with each piece of ORV equipment.

Pat Brower is an active

involves forces that can quickly turn deadly. We are proud that our program includes safe extraction techniques," Brower said. "While we hope students never need the information provided in this section of study, should it ever become necessary, we feel much better knowing they can perform the task in the safest manner possible."

ORV Instructor Academy participant William Cobb, from Bark River, Mich. in the Upper Peninsula, recently attended a course. He said the experience was well worth the drive. "The instructors in this program are second to none and the academy was an excellent learning opportunity," Cobb said.

Having adequate equipment on hand for academy participants to use and learn on is an ongoing challenge, but one that Morey said several manufacturers and dealers have already answered.

The program requires six ATVs, six UTVs and six OHMs. Due to funding constraints, the DNR has to rely

instrumental in arranging loaner equipment.

"We could not offer the ORV Instructor Academy without the help of our partners, and we're hoping to work with even more manufacturers and dealers in the future," Morey said. "Quality ORV safety education programming - and having the right equipment and training spaces to do it - means safer off-roading enjoyment for even more Michigan residents and visitors. That's a goal we can all work toward."

Anyone with suggestions about possible training locations or who would like to contribute to the DNR's ORV Instructor Academy may contact Morey at (989) 619-3784 or at moreyj1@michigan.gov.

ORV enthusiasts who have an interest in volunteering their time to teach the DNR's ORV safety education program in their communities can begin the application process by calling the DNR's Marketing and Outreach Division at (517) 335-3418 and request an application packet. Additional ORV Instructor Academies will be held as funding and appropriate training locations permit. Learn more about the DNR's outdoor recreation safety courses at www.michigan.gov/recreationsafety.

(Editor's Note: This feature story was provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as an aspect of "Showcasing the DNR" program, which promotes the importance of conservation in Michigan.)

A Time To Give

Holiday time seems to be a time when several local agencies are in need of our help.

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This project will run from Nov. 27th to Dec. 31st.

Bear shooting highlights poaching problem

By Lacey Shepard
Capital News Service

A bear-poaching incident in Manistee County has shed light on a continuing poaching problem throughout Michigan.

"A poacher is nothing more than a criminal. If someone goes into a department store and steals a blender, that would be the same thing as someone who goes into the wild and steals a deer," said Dean Molnar assistant chief of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) law enforcement division.

"They're a criminal. They're not ethical, licensed hunters. They're taking away from the public."

Hunting is an ethical sport that's used to manage resources, said Molnar, as well as a recreational sport and a critical management tool for wildlife biologists to maintain healthy animal populations.

Molnar said reported problems tend to stay at a consistent level most of the time, as in the spring with illegal fishing or a big spike in the fall for many game animals. "A lot of people are trophy poachers—they want the big trophies or antlers," said Molnar.

During the fall hunting season, when there are more than 600,000 hunters in the woods, there is more opportunity for illegal takings, he said. For example, Molnar cited the recent illegal shooting of a black bear in Manistee County's Cleon Township.

The case attracted a lot of public and press attention because it is a big game species and such animals as black bear are more protected, said Lt. David Shaw, a DNR district law supervisor based in Cadillac, Mich. The fact that the bear was a sow that had been photographed

with three cubs raises a little more concern about the shooting, he said.

As winter comes, cubs typically follow the mother into a good, safe denning site, Shaw said, and now her cubs will be without her to guide them.

All animals are protected, regardless of their size, said Shaw, but when it comes to bear, elk and moose – the larger animals – poaching is more noticeable because there aren't as many of those species. Molnar said game animals aren't the only natural resources taken illegally. For example, evergreen boughs are popular this time of year for wreaths and garlands, and there is a problem with people illegally gathering them up north.

"People seem to think that they are stealing from the DNR but that's not true. The resources of this state belong to the people of the state of Michigan — it's everybody's resource," said Molnar. "If someone goes in and takes something illegally – be it out of season, doesn't have a license or in the middle of the night – anything other than the legal method, they are nothing more than a criminal and stealing that resource."

There are already strict penalties for poaching. For instance, illegally killing a deer carries a minimum \$200 fine, plus court costs and mandatory \$1,000 restitution for the animal, said Molnar. On top of the fines, poachers lose hunting privileges for the year they are caught and for the next three years.

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) supports a bill sponsored by Sen. Phil Pavlov, (R-St. Clair), which makes the law even stricter. Gov. Rick Snyder has signed a bill that increases the amount poachers must pay the state in restitution

for illegally taking large antlered whitetail deer. In addition, it extends the current three-year hunting ban to five years for a first-time violator. Repeat offenders couldn't get a hunting license for 10 years.

According to a Senate Fiscal Agency analysis, supporters of the measure argued that "although poachers might claim that they need the meat, they will pass up unantlered deer or deer with small antlers in order to stalk a big buck. In some cases, such a deer is legendary among local hunters, who might spend years pursuing the animal legally until it is taken down by a poacher."

Co-sponsors are Republican Senators John Proos of St. Joseph; Howard Walker of Traverse City; Tom Casperson of Escanaba; Darwin Booher of Ewart; and Rick Jones of Grand Ledge.

MUCC Executive Director Erin McDonough said, "People really look at regulations in place outside of the hunting area to see what number works as a deterrent, so people look at that and don't want to poach because they don't want that penalty."

"We were very focused on this bill because we thought the penalty was too low," McDonough said. "We have a license system in place for a reason to guarantee we have viable wildlife population for the future. Anybody doing illegal activities needs to be prosecuted."

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF ALCONA
DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013
ALCONA TOWNSHIP HALL
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The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only.

For Principal Residence Exemption appeals the owner of property that is a "Principal Residence" on June 1, 2013 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the three immediately preceding tax years pursuant to section 7cc as amended.

For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on May 1, 2013 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the immediately succeeding tax year pursuant to section 7ee. The Board of Review will address all other exemption appeals over which they have jurisdiction.

A person in poverty may appeal to the December Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on June 1, 2013 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A Hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Supervisor by 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2013. A qualified "disabled veteran" must file a Veteran's Affidavit by the close of the December Board of Review to receive a Veterans Exemption for the current year.

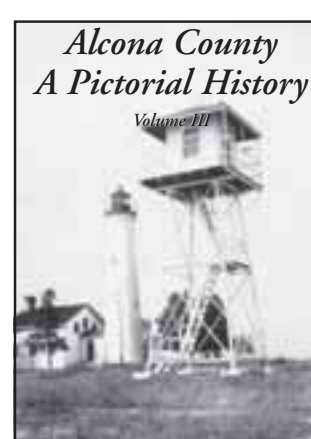
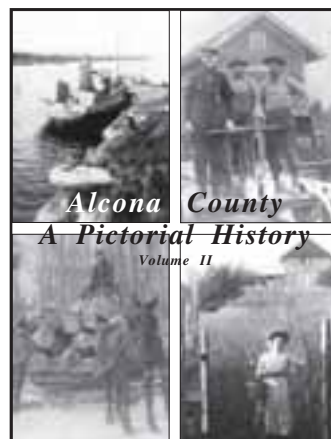
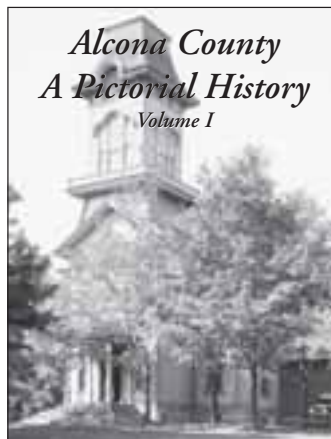
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Jim Potter of Harrisville saw this snowy owl fly past his house on Huron Street and he followed it to the Harrisville Harbor where it sat on the south breakwall. This yellow-eyed, black-beaked white bird is easily recognizable. It is 20 to 28 inches long, with a 49 to 59 inch wingspan and can weigh anywhere from 3.5 to 6.6 pounds. It is one of the largest species of owl and, in North America, is on average the heaviest owl species. The adult male is virtually pure white, but females and young birds have some dark scalloping. Its thick plumage, heavily feathered taloned feet, and coloration render the snowy owl well-adapted for life north of the Arctic Circle. Snowy owls nest in the Arctic tundra of the northernmost stretches of Alaska, Canada and Eurasia. They winter south through Canada and northern Eurasia, with irruptions occurring further south in some years. Snowy owls are attracted to open areas like coastal dunes and prairies that appear somewhat similar to tundra. They have been reported as far south as the American states of Texas, Georgia, the American Gulf states, southernmost Russia and northern China.

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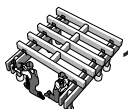


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Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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Create gifts in a jar for giving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of

the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Cost is \$7 for supplies. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
The Alcona County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. in the commons at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville.

Weight loss support group will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 East Main Street, at 4 p.m. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more

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In an effort to recruit foster parents, the Alcona Alpena Montmorency County Department of Human Services will conduct an information session for those interested in learning more from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more info., contact the licensing worker at (989) 395-0877.

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

Harrisville Lady Lions Christmas dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the AuSable Inn in Oscoda. To reserve a place, call Fran at (989) 739-8735 or e-mail fbsrber@charter.net.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
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.

The Barton City Improvement Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW hall on Trask Lake Road. Discussion will include the Christmas tree lighting contest. Citizens of Barton City are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Arlene at (989) 736-3294.

Advent service will be held at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3639 M-65, Glennie (just south of the golf course).

Donations will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at My Brother's Hope, 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

Christmas time with Crime Stoppers is bringing the best of Nashville back to Alpena for their annual music concert at 7 p.m. at the Alpena High School auditorium. This year's headliner is Jim Glaser with special guest Grammy award winner Bobby Tomberlin and Candi Carpenter. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the door. For tickets and concert information, call the ticket hotline at (989) 354-4375.

Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

Blood pressure clinic at 3:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township hall, 3029 Campbell Street.

Community Walking Club for everyone, will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

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Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 4, 2013

Seven Day Forecast

- WEDNESDAY**
Scat'd Rain
High: 46 Low: 26
- THURSDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 24
- FRIDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 29 Low: 18
- SATURDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 25 Low: 17
- SUNDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 26 Low: 20
- MONDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 30 Low: 23
- TUESDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 30 Low: 24

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 50% chance of rain, high temperature of 46°, humidity of 74%. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 61° set in 1961. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 26°. South wind 5 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 2° set in 1966.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	32	21	38/24	0.00"
Tuesday	34	22	38/24	0.04"
Wednesday	21	17	37/23	0.01"
Thursday	23	6	37/23	0.00"
Friday	31	0	37/23	0.00"
Saturday	35	23	36/22	0.00"
Sunday	34	29	36/22	0.01"

*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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 61° in Annapolis, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today, scattered showers and thunderstorms Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Punta Gorda, Fla. The Northwest will see isolated snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 39° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see a few showers today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 78° in Artesia, N.M.

Weather Trivia

Where is the driest place on Earth in terms of average annual rainfall?

?
Answer: Atacama Desert, Chile.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:44 a.m.	4:11 p.m.
Venus	11:03 a.m.	7:42 p.m.
Mars	1:23 a.m.	1:48 p.m.
Jupiter	7:22 p.m.	10:41 a.m.
Saturn	5:40 a.m.	3:43 p.m.
Uranus	1:57 p.m.	2:27 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 4, 1786 - An early December storm produced 18 inches of snow at Morristown, N.J. and 20 inches of snow at New Haven, Conn. It also resulted in high tides at Nantucket, which did great damage.

StarWatch By Gary Becker - It's Raining Comets

Lately, all of the talk has focused on Comet ISON; however, there are three other interlopers gracing the predawn skies of the northern hemisphere. It just seems to be "raining comets" these days, a much better situation than raining if you're into astronomy. Two of these comets are strictly binocular, 2P/Encke and C/2012 X1 (LINEAR), while the third, C/2013 R1 (Lovejoy), should be a faint naked eye/easy binocular target this week, moving from Bootes, the Bear Driver, into the star pattern of Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown. Comet Lovejoy was discovered on September 7 by Australian, Terry Lovejoy, who resides about 15 miles to the southeast of Brisbane. During the past several weeks his comet has proven to be a real overachiever. Predicted to be barely binocular at its brightest, Lovejoy, just like Comet ISON, underwent an outburst in brightness in mid-November that propelled it to faint naked eye visibility. Unfortunately, the gibbous moon entered the picture, snuffing out any chance to see the comet easily. Now that the moon has faded, Comet Lovejoy has the sweet spot in the morning heavens for the next several days before Comet ISON steals the show later in the week. View Comet Lovejoy between 4:00-5:30 a.m. when it is highest in the sky. During the first week in December, look NE at 5 a.m. to find the Big Dipper, and follow the arc of the Dipper's handle to a bright orange star, Arcturus, in the constellation of Bootes. Scan to the left of Arcturus, across the constellation of Bootes, about four binocular fields, and you should come across a fuzzy looking object with a stubby tail. That will be Comet Lovejoy. If you are observing from a rural locale, lower your binoculars while keeping your gaze fixed in the same direction to see if the comet is visible to the unaided eye. By the end of the week, Comet ISON should become visible in the same morning sky. www.astronomy.org

We need more whistleblowers

Veterans Post
By Freddy Groves

Let's give a big thumbs-up to Dr. H, a physician at a regional Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center ... and a whistleblower.

Dr. H testified before a House Veterans Affairs oversight and investigations subcommittee about her whistleblower complaints to the Office of Special Counsel, which have resulted in numerous investigations and findings of serious wrongdoing at the regional center. For example:

- Nurse practitioners weren't supervised. They were labeled Licensed Independent Practitioners, which they weren't, and they were "practicing outside the scope of their licensure." There was never any oversight or review

of the care they gave.

Thus empowered, nurse practitioners prescribed narcotics "in flagrant violation of Federal and individual state laws and VA Handbook regulations," using one-size-fits-all institutional DEA tracking numbers on the drugs, with no physician oversight whatsoever and no means of tracing who prescribed what.

- Doctors were pushed to sign prescriptions for patients they hadn't even seen. When the doctors objected, the chief of staff brought in residents from a local medical school to write prescriptions after hours.

- Veterans were scheduled into fictitious "ghost" clinics where there were actually no doctors, only nursing staff. Many veterans were unaware

that they were being seen only by a nurse, not a doctor.

- Doctors were pushed to sign collaborative agreements concerning the nursing practitioners' status (essentially monitoring agreements), and when they objected (they could be sued for the work of the nurse), they were told that 55 percent of their performance pay would be withheld.

- Nurses weren't taking complete histories for patients, just "pasting in" previous information.

I've read a lot of terrible medical-center reports over time, but this beats them all. I haven't named the medical center because I fear these problems aren't unique in the VA health-care system.

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What is Goofus glass?

Collecting
By Larry Cox

Q: I have inherited a bowl that has been identified as "Goofus Glass." What exactly is "Goofus Glass"? -- Beth, East Greenwich, R.I.

A: According to David Shotwell, author of "Glass A to Z," Goofus Glass -- also known as Mexican Ware, Hooligan Glass and Pickle Glass -- is an inexpensive type of luster-painted glassware that has been sprayed before firing. Shotwell points out that Harry Northwood was a major maker of this type of glass during the late 1800s. Some of the companies that produced it include Crescent Glass, Imperial Glass and LaBelle Glass, from 1890 until about 1930. Incidentally, this type of glass often was given away at regional carnivals and fairs as premiums.

Q: I sent you a question more than a month ago. I even enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope, but so far I have not received an answer. -- Betty, Rio Rancho, N.M.

A: If you sent me a self-addressed, stamped envelope, it was a waste of money, since I do not provide personal replies. All questions that I am able to address appear in this column, and due to the high level of mail received, not every inquiry can be answered. My only help in writing this weekly column is a rather cranky black cat that acts as my personal secretary. She takes notes

in short paw, but has a rather disturbing habit of occasionally shredding a letter or two.

Q: I have three older milk bottles from Michigan dairies. I have done a little research, and none of the dairies now exist. I think the bottles are probably pre-World War II. Are they worth keeping? -- Jim, Grand Rapids, Mich.

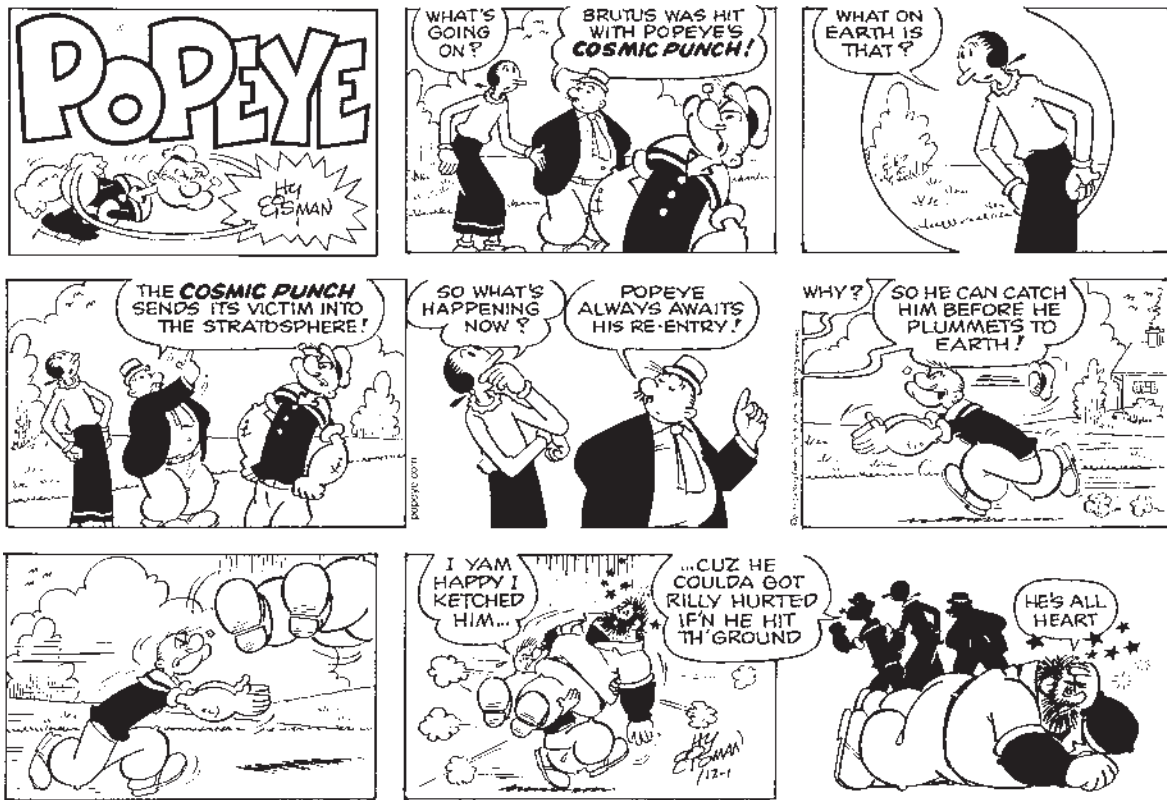
A: The National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors, a group that publishes a monthly newsletter, "Milk Route," is probably your best bet. Contact is 18 Pond Place, Cos Cob, CT 06807; and milkroute@yahoo.com.

Q: I have a jigsaw puzzle featuring a scene from "Thunderball," the James Bond film. Is it worth saving? -- Charles, Decatur, Ill.

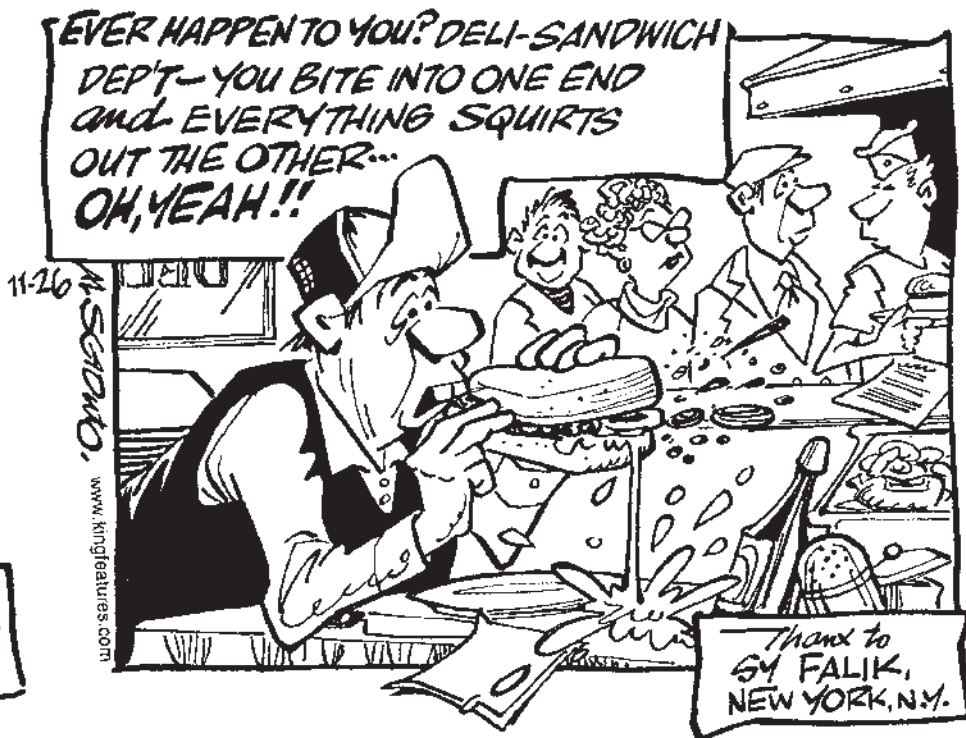
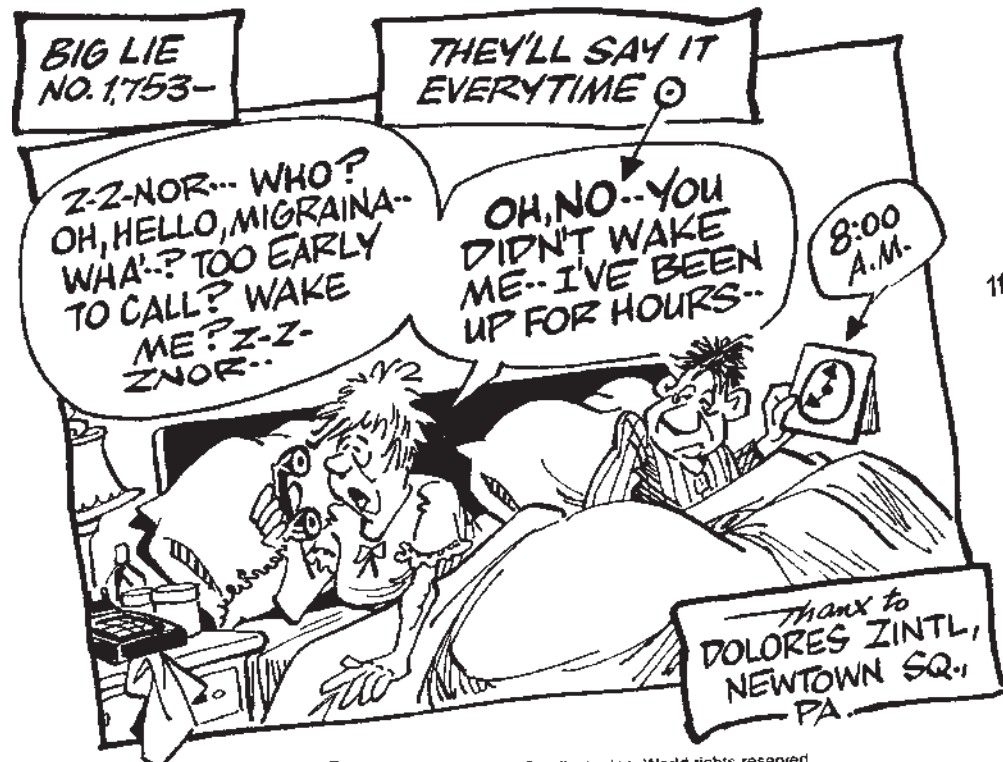
A: Your puzzle was issued by Milton Bradley in 1965. According to "Toys & Prices" by Mark Bellomo, your puzzle is worth between \$20 and \$95, depending on condition.

Write to Larry Cox in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to questionsforcox@aol.com. Due to the large volume of mail he receives, Mr. Cox is unable to personally answer all reader questions. Do not send any materials requiring return mail.

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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- MUSIC:** Who wrote the song "A Boy Named Sue," which was made famous by singer Johnny Cash?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state's capital is Augusta?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which fashion designer popularized the miniskirt?
- COMICS:** What was L'il Abner's last name in the comic strip?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the first president for whom women could cast a ballot?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which Canadian province lies between Alberta and Manitoba?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What bird is the fastest runner on land?
- SCIENCE:** What was inventor Thomas Edison's middle name?
- LITERATURE:** What was the pen name of William Sydney Porter?
- LANGUAGE:** What kind of game is "draughts" in Great Britain?

Answers: 1. Shel Silverstein; 2. Maine; 3. Mary Quant; 4. Yokum; 5. Warren Harding, 1920; 6. Saskatchewan; 7. Ostrich; 8. Alva; 9. O. Henry; 10. Checkers. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

JOKE TIME JUMBLES

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 52 "Hawaiian Favorites" singer | 96 Hot tub locales | 5 Prefix with red | 45 Sassy talk | 83 Yoko — |
| 1 Joe of "Raging Bull" | 57 "Yer darn —!" | 100 Succor | 6 Pal of Ernie | 46 Big inits. in fashion | 84 Sticking by |
| 6 Boss woman | 58 Show off parquet work? | 102 Beaverlike rodent | 7 Savings plans, briefly | 48 Many a sharable PC file | 85 In addition |
| 13 Gabs with flirtatiously | 62 Ocean Spray flavor prefix | 103 Driver's peg | 8 Jazz poet Scott-Heron | 51 Soft as a — bottom | 88 35mm camera type |
| 20 Routinely | 63 Take — (chance it) | 104 Inundate | 9 Cato's 1,150 | 53 Ending for Rock | 89 Maui paste |
| 21 Explorer Leif | 65 Oil qty. | 108 Size up from medium: Abbr. | 10 Withdrawn from people | 54 Like the United Way and NPR | 91 Impassioned |
| 22 Carolina of fashion | 66 "... some kind of —?" | 111 Actor Brando | 11 "True Blood" co-star | 55 Locale-specific regulation | 93 Letter shuffle |
| 23 Bought brass and bronze? | 67 Ruminant's chew | 112 Big drink | 12 Adams of photography | 56 Meal bits | 94 Hwy. crime scandal inits. |
| 25 Swallow greedily | 68 Guthrie launches a Jedi master into a somersault? | 113 Recurring melodic fragment | 13 "Evita" role | 58 "What's the —?" | 95 Old religious gallery in western CA |
| 26 Selected passages | 73 Addenda to ltrs. | 118 Scale ranges of this puzzle's eight longest answers is a 93-Down of | 14 Title king for the Bard | 59 Molokai or Maui: Abbr. | 96 Gallery in western CA |
| 27 Mediocre grades | 74 Blind as — | 120 What each of this puzzle's eight longest answers is a 93-Down of | 15 Strong rival of Sparta | 60 Penny-pinch | 97 Sites |
| 29 Field marshal Erwin | 76 Hesiod's H | 123 Least nice | 16 — l'oeil | 61 Municipal pol. | 98 Big arteries |
| 30 Took a chair | 77 Like Carroll's "borogoves" | 124 Hit from behind | 17 Homily | 63 Certain female opera solo | 99 California county |
| 31 Where a beautiful woman swims? | 78 Part of TLC | 125 Rainer of film | 18 Spur | 64 Writer Dahl | 101 Bad: Prefix |
| 34 Jay-Z hit, e.g. | 80 Tinkerbell's ancient milky gem? | 126 Classifies cartoon guy | 19 Simmered Spanish dish | 65 Not a bus. | 105 Capital of Delaware |
| 37 Moon of Jupiter | 84 "The Raven" maiden | 127 Myopic | 24 Decided to enter | 67 Snug eatery | 106 Bee cluster |
| 40 Restroom, for short | 86 Blasé feeling | 128 Rocker Bob | 28 "My Gal —" | 69 GI's address | 107 Pied — |
| 41 City in central Sicily | 87 Yemen port | DOWN | 31 Dandy fellow | 70 Ms. Zadora | 109 Fish parts |
| 42 "Alas, it's true, Ms. Bergen?" | 88 Sugar quantity | 1 Pontiff | 32 GI's address | 71 Size that's the opp. of 108-Across | 110 Come after |
| 47 Autumn chill | 90 During each | 2 PC-sent page | 33 Popular Irish ballad | 72 — clubs (certain card) | 113 — concern |
| 49 Dolled (up) | 92 Maneuver to avoid a traffic jam doesn't work? | 3 Glue — (adhesive brand) | 34 Spellbound | 75 Capote, to his buddies | 114 "— I" ("Me too") |
| 50 Library of Congress ID | | 4 Gives up | 35 Like the conga drum, ethnically | 79 Kournikova of the court | 115 Take — at (insult) |
| | | | 36 Destine | 81 Quick bark | 116 Hit with a zapping gun |
| | | | 38 Manipulate | 82 Berlin article | 117 — and terminator |
| | | | 39 Fishing stick | | 119 Aves. |
| | | | 43 "— girl!" | | 121 Lyric-penning |
| | | | 44 1986 book by rocker Turner | | 122 Tripod piece |

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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

- It was American author Erica Jong who made the following sage observation: "Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't."

- Jon Bon Jovi is probably best known for his eponymous '80s hair band, but he's also quite a philanthropist, working on behalf of organizations including the Special Olympics, the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity. In 2011, the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation opened a restaurant called JBJ Soul Kitchen, in which patrons pay only what they can afford, or can even volunteer in lieu of payment.

- Those who study such things say that all mammals, from rodents to elephants, urinate for approximately 21 seconds. This now is known as the "Law of Urination."

- A poll conducted by Gallup determined that 42 percent of Americans believe that people are sometimes possessed by the devil.

- Scientists unearthed frozen 30,000-year-old plant tissue from fossil squirrel burrows in northeastern Siberia. This would not be remarkable, except for what came next: Researchers thawed the seeds and planted them. The seeds germinated and grew, producing viable seeds of their own, making *Silene stenophylla* the oldest viable multicellular living organisms.

- If you die without any friends or family to attend your funeral, Amsterdam is apparently the place to do it. In that city, a civil servant will provide flowers and a poet will compose a eulogy in verse for those who would otherwise make an unaccompanied and unmoored final journey.

- If you leave a cold glass on a table, it's likely to leave a mark. The Italians (of course) have a word for that mark: *cualacino*.

Thought for the Day: "The secret of success is to know something nobody else knows." -- Aristotle Onassis
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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

- On Dec. 19, 1732, Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia first published "Poor Richard's Almanack." The book, filled with proverbs preaching industry and prudence, was published continuously for 25 years and became one of the most popular publications in colonial America.

- On Dec. 17, 1843, Charles Dickens' classic story "A Christmas Carol" is published. Dickens never lost momentum as a writer, churning out major novels every year or two, often in serial form. Among his most important works are "David Copperfield" (1850), "Great Expectations" (1861) and "A Tale of Two Cities" (1859).

- On Dec. 18, 1912, after three years of digging in the Piltown gravel pit in Sussex, England, amateur archaeologist Charles Dawson announces the discovery of two skulls that appear to belong to a primitive hominid and ancestor of man.

- On Dec. 21, 1945, Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the U.S. 3rd Army, dies from injuries suffered not in battle, but in a freak car accident. He was 60 years old. Descended from a long line of military men, Patton graduated from the West Point Military Academy in 1909.

- On Dec. 22, 1956, a baby gorilla named Colo enters the world at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, becoming the first-ever gorilla born in captivity. She went on to become a mother, grandmother, and in 1996, a great-grandmother to Timu, the first surviving infant gorilla conceived by artificial insemination. Colo is still alive today.

- On Dec. 16, 1960, two airliners collide over New York City, killing 134 people aboard the planes and on the ground. A miscalculation by the pilot of the United flight put his plane directly into the path of a TWA Super Constellation. Christmas presents carried by the planes' passengers were strewn all over the streets.

- On Dec. 20, 1989, the United States invades Panama in an attempt to overthrow military dictator Manuel Noriega, who had been indicted in the United States on drug-trafficking charges. Noriega's Panamanian Defense Forces were promptly crushed.
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

- ★ Moderate
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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.

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Dated: December 2, 2013
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Attorney for Huron Community Bank,
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Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner take all game and cookie jar. All proceeds to charity.

Bingo - Every Wednesday in Mikado Civic Center. Early bird at 6:30 p.m., air conditioned. Mikado Area Development.

Bingo-Every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

Bingo-ACCOA, every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All proceeds to ACCOA.

HELP WANTED

Mechanical designer needed. Must be very experienced in Solid Works, self-motivated and willing to work overtime. Please send cover letter and resume to: Megan Langley, 4025 Arrow Street, Oscoda, Michigan 48750.

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

Alcona Health Center, Lincoln clinic has an opening for a full time medical support CMA, LPN or RN. For more information and instructions on applying go to www.alconahealthcenters.org. Deadline to apply is December 6, 2013. Equal opportunity employer.

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GREENBUSH TWP. MINUTES

Greenbush Township supervisor Ed Roddy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. Two guests were present and joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roddy, clerk David Dailey, treasurer Pat Dailey, trustee Sally Olin and trustee Gary Abraham. Supervisor Roddy asked to add City of Alpena to pending business. Motion Olin/D. Dailey: To accept the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Olin/D. Dailey: To accept the minutes as written. All ayes, motion carried.

Public comments: New resident was impressed by the response of the first responders, sheriff, ambulance, everyone that was involved worked together.

Financial report: Treasurer Pat Dailey - general fund \$33,733.62; road fund \$138,491.11; fire fund \$83,091.88; Prince Drive \$22,927.17; GRAC \$480.96. Treasurer Dailey is looking at a possible new accountant because she does not like the way the current accountant handles things. Much discussion. Michigan conservation program wants to insert a flier into our tax bills, some discussion; we can possibly put some information in our newsletter or on our website. Trustee Abraham asked about billings from the road commission -- they were paid in November, it is not reflected in the October paperwork for this meeting. Motion D. Dailey/Olin: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. All ayes, motion carried.

Presentation of bills: Clerk Dailey - general bills (check numbers 15157-15197) \$15,303.47, payroll (check numbers 15166-15181) \$4,860.20. Trustee Abraham questioned bill paid to Huron Shores Plumbing and Heating. The boiler mate was leaking and when clerk Dailey tried to shut off the water to it the supply valve broke. He called the plumber, unplugged the well and cleaned up the water in the basement. Motion Olin/P. Dailey: To approve the bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous reports: Contestable Parent - all inspected, golf course closed approximately November 15; Red Rooster closed and in escrow. County commissioner Brummund - absent. Fire chief Franks - (report by David Dailey) no fires, some

first responder calls but not sure how many. Zoning administrator Major - (report by David Dailey) there are some issues with Sage that they are working on. Hall rental: Roddy - no inquiries.

Assessor Schwickert - checked state website for Sage update but still in review. Six sale discrepancy with the state that she is checking into. Reported a 1.6 percent state taxable value increase is to come, some discussion. GRAC - closed for the winter. Planning commission: Milwrick - been talking to Richard Devell; has found a grant that will help the cost instead of total \$16,000 for two master plans; \$7,000 is the total for the grant covering both but minimum grant allowed to apply for is \$10,000, this can include payroll and time for local planning commission. Road commission: Abraham said things are moving along after the road commission fire. Olin said many people are pleased with the work that has been done. Roddy said he has also had many people say they have done a good job.

Correspondence: Supervisor Roddy - Alpena wrote asking for us to send a letter with our tax bills; not in favor of doing this but we can put in our newsletter. QFP-Quality Forest Plan: Clerk Dailey - Heather Burris's letter was read about the resolution, they are requesting some changes to it and he will make the changes with board approval. Pending business: Update on IRS - they are back to work but they are now backed up because of the layoff. Last letter said an amount still owing but do not pay until they contact us. NEMCOG - zoning ordinances have been approved, coastal management concerns were addressed that residents have been talking about. Board agrees to move forward with this free service. Resident voiced concerns about being pulled into many other things. Much discussion. They will have a representative at all planning commission meetings for public questions or concerns, all ideas will be brought up at a public hearing before a final decision is made. Motion Olin/Roddy: To approve clerk Dailey to sign the document to approve the coastal management plan. All ayes, motion carried.

Master plan information was shared; the discrepancies between the costs precisely pro-

jected and the actual costs were discussed. No decision tonight. Questioned local support letter from the county board. Put under pending business. Motion P. Dailey/Olin: To table the master plan contract until next month's meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Alpena letter: Decision was to not include their letter but will possibly put a link on our website if they would like.

New business: Snow plowing - Charlie Fowler was the lowest bid at \$90 a push; waiting for him to sign the contract. Consumers Energy - read a letter that Consumers wants a resolution to make changes to the standard lighting from Evergreen and Cedar Lake Drive. Motion Olin/P. Dailey: To approve the contract in the resolution for a street light change. All ayes, motion carried.

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs: Read a letter about the Uniform Video Services Regulatory Act, check www.michigan.gov/MPSC. Roddy will fill out the survey. Waste disposal: Read the year contract for \$153.04 which is a decrease in service charge and \$20 off if the contract is signed and returned. From the floor: clerk Dailey attended a fracking meeting in Oscoda that he found very interesting and shared some information that he learned. Brody Story introduced himself as a Boy Scout working on a merit badge. Sarah Harmon was introduced as the person informing us of information for the QFP.

Motion Olin/Abraham: To adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

David W. Dailey
Greenbush Township Clerk
Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

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Decorations & more!
Enjoy a complimentary cup of
Christmas tea & sample our
baked goods!

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ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held November 27 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the November 13 meeting; authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$33,473.94; transfer \$135,038.89 to the fire fund to cover off-road equipment purchases; pay \$3,924.72 on behalf of the department of public works for groundwater well testing at the former landfill; accept a notification of retirement and pay 75 percent

of the sick bank for the employee; approve a road improvement agreement with Caledonia Township for Hubbard Lake Road; change the last meeting of 2013 to Monday, December 30; authorize advertising for architectural services. This synopsis of the minutes is published prior to board review and approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly-scheduled meeting is December 30 at 4 p.m.

MITCHELL TWP. MINUTES

The Mitchell Township Board met November 11 with the following action: Approved the October 14 regular meeting minutes; approved the October financial reports as presented; approved the zoning administrator's September report; voted to approve application fee for new septic system. The next planning commission meeting is December 11. The completed crawl

space ventilation cost less than \$650. The Fairview School millage passed. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Donita Charron, treasurer Kevin Small, trustee Carla Brimm and trustee Sheri Sanford. The next meeting is December 9 at 7 p.m. For the full board minutes or for more information, contact clerk Donita Charron at (989) 884-1354.

Energy vampires drain your wallet

Dollars And Sense
By David Uffington
You turn off the television when you're not watching it because it saves you money, right?

Not so. If you can see lights from all the extra gear you have connected to the television, the juice is still flowing and the meter is still running. That can mean your cable box, DVD player, Wii or Xbox, and your stereo are still pulling energy even though they're not being used.

If you turn off the lights in your house and navigate by flashlight, you'll spot many of the energy thieves at work. Laptops and computers in sleep or standby mode, coffee makers on a timer set to start up in the morning, cell-phone adapters and telephone chargers are all energy thieves that increase your energy bill. So are clock radios, rechargeable electric toothbrushes and printers on standby.

Called "vampires" or "phantom loads," these appliances pull energy even when they're not in use.

Here are some tips for dealing with energy vampires:

- Unplug, especially if it's a device you don't use every day.

- Use a power strip to easily turn off multiple devices.

- Have an energy audit done to see where your biggest expenses are. Or invest in a Kill A Watt electricity usage monitor (www.p3international.com) to see how much energy your individual appliances are using.

- If you need a nightlight for small children but forget to turn it off during the day, invest in the type that only comes on when it's dark.

- Turn off your electronics gear and step outside to your meter. You'll likely see it still running, possibly from all the other "sleeper" appliances.

- When it's time to buy a new appliance, go for the ENERGY STAR models. Look for the big yellow tag on the side that tells you the appliance's rating.

- If you have pets, you might be guilty of keeping appliances on for their comfort -- and you won't be alone. A recent survey in Florida showed that 86 percent of pet owners leave on fans, lights and the television for the comfort of the animal, and especially in summer, the air conditioning. Reconsider whether your pet needs human-type temperatures.

To learn more, go online to energy.gov and put "vampire loads" in the search box. You'll find a number of articles full of information on how to save on your energy costs.

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church


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


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

Family Heritage Baptist Church
 4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org
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 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
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 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816


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 Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.
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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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 Monday: 6:30 p.m. *Teen Program (Grades 7-12)
 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & *Youth Programs (Grades K-6*)
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 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 11 a.m.
 Pastor Robert L. Mikkelson • (989) 727-2496


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


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 ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.
 ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.
 ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.
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 Harrisville at 11:15 am (217 N. State St.)
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