

Voters to decide regional enhancement millage next Tuesday

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

On Tuesday, Feb. 26 voters in four school districts will have a chance to vote on a regional enhancement millage proposal of 3 mills over a 10 year period on all property - homestead and non-homestead.

This special election millage proposal is being presented by the Alpena Montmorency Alcona Educational Service District (AMA ESD) which incorporates four school districts - Alcona, Alpena, Hillman and Atlanta.

A millage request is based on the taxable value of property. One mill is equal to \$1 on each \$1,000 taxable value of a primary residence (homestead) or property used for business, hunting, farming, second home, or any other use not as a primary residence (non-homestead).

In this request of 3 mills, \$3 will be levied for every \$1,000 of taxable value on both homestead and non-homestead properties. For example, a piece of property with an assessed value of \$80,000 would have a tax-

able value of \$40,000. Three mills on this taxable value would come out to \$120 paid by the property owner for 10 years.

If approved, the millage will generate approximately \$5,640,704 in the first year and will be allocated to each district in accordance with the number of students attending school in each district. The AMA ESD will collect and distributed millage funds to each school district.

Of that \$5.6 million from the first year, Alcona Community Schools will raise \$1,529,056 in revenue - \$664,525 by homestead (resident) voters with approximately \$796,917 distributed to the school district.

Atlanta school district will raise \$504,355 in revenue - \$191,601 by homestead (resident) voters with ap-

proximately \$258,819 going to the school district.

Alpena Public Schools will raise \$3,079,685 in revenue - \$1,881,455 by homestead (resident) voters with approximately \$4,051,080 distributed to the school district.

Hillman will raise \$527,768 in revenue - \$223,272 by homestead (resident) voters with approximately \$531,960 coming to the school district.

The Alcona Community Schools Board of Education voted to ask voters for the enhancement millage because the district is in need of the funds to keep from making more cuts in the school budget, and to eventually, regain some of the services that have been cut.

"We are in economic distress presently because of declining enrollment, re-

quired state mandates and per pupil funding reduction that have put us in an economic position that will require additional budget reductions for 2013-14 if the millage is unsuccessful," said Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Shawn Thornton.

Thornton and Alan Shilliar, former business manager for Alcona Community Schools who now works as a consultant to the district, explained the financial outlook for the next school year is grim. If the millage proposal is not approved the school budget will have to be reduced again.

"We've just put together a budget for next year based on the governor's State of the State address," Shilliar said. "We have to cut \$600,000 from next year's budget to get us to a point of having one month of fund equity (cash flow/operating expense). "We are required by law to have a balanced budget and we understand that we cannot operate with a deficit fund balance."

Alcona Community Schools have seen a steady decline in revenue and student enrollment since 2004. These two factors go hand-in-hand to equate to the district's reduction in services, programs, staff and other aspects of education in the district.

According to Thornton, from 2004 to this school year (2011-2012) the district has lost \$1,834,000 in revenue due to declining enrollment and decreases in per pupil funding. The student count in 2004 was 1,048; in 2012 it is 779, which is a loss of 250 students. Per pupil funding has gone from \$7,359 to \$6,966 per pupil in the last eight years.

In order to have a balanced budget - with declining revenue and increased expenses due to inflation and other factors - in the last eight years the district has seen the following disappear: 19.5 teachers, 26 support staff, one principal, one athletic director, a bookkeeper,

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Alcona High School seniors Hannah Mikazes and Jordan McCoy are the Snowcoming queen and king. They were selected in a student assembly last Friday afternoon. Mikazes is the daughter of Dawn and Joel Mikazes of Harrisville. McCoy is the son of Sheryl and Tim McCoy of Black River. For more photos, see page 9. Photo by Mary Weber.

Lottery funds schools, right?

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Special to the Review

It would be difficult to live in Michigan and not be aware that the state runs a lottery program. Visit virtually any gas station or convenience store and you'll see the signs promoting the games and pointing out that 100 percent of lottery profits go to finance education.

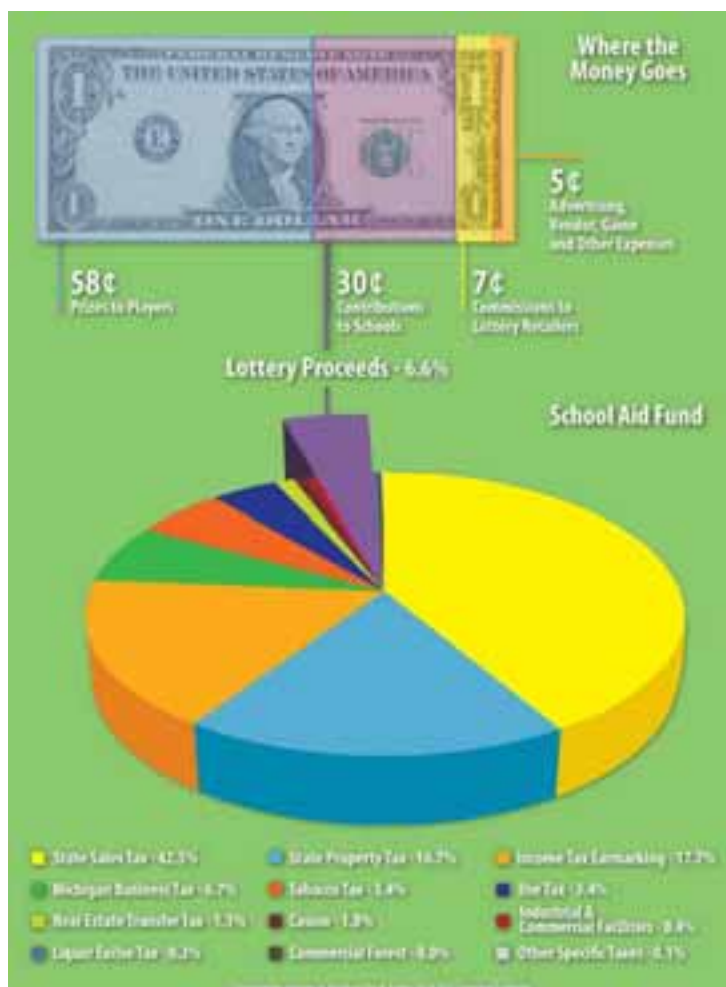
Many have wondered why, given the popularity of this legalized form of gambling, Michigan's schools continue to struggle financially.

In 1972, Michigan voters approved a constitutional amendment to establish a state Lotto program by a two-to-one margin. A major part of the campaign on

behalf of the amendment was the statement that funds from the lottery would benefit education. In November of that same year, the first lottery drawing was held. In February of 1973, the first million dollar winner was drawn.

In the 40 years since, the Michigan Lottery has contributed more than \$17 billion in profits to public education, while its games have grown from a single green pre-printed ticket to a myriad of games ranging from 70 different scratch-off tickets to Power Ball and Keno, available through a network of computer systems and most recently, by

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Source: Michigan Lottery website

Understanding Proposal A

In March of 1994, Michigan voters passed Proposal A, a school finance reform program that shifted the majority of the burden of school finance from local taxpayers to the state. The proposal's primary intents were to reduce the tax burden on Michigan taxpayers and to establish a per pupil (foundation) amount for each student enrolled in a district, reducing "state aid" inequities.

Proposal A also established charter schools (schools organized by teachers, parents, universities, etc.) and chartered by a public entity and Schools of Choice (allowing students to attend school in a district in which they do not live). Unlike most ballot issues, if defeated Proposal A did not leave voters with the status quo. Rather, if Proposal A had not passed, an increase in state income tax would have taken effect.

Proposal A dramatically reduced property taxes and limited the amount of future increase. Beginning in 1995, taxes were levied on taxable value rather than state equalized value. Increases are limited to five percent or the rate of inflation (the "cap") whichever is less. The constitutional

amendment also established homestead and non-homestead (business property, rental housing and vacation housing) subject to an additional 18 mills of tax to fund local school operating expense.

At present, state aid to school districts is computed by using the local student count and the "foundation" allowance as provided by the state. Alcona Community Schools currently have 800 students and the foundation allowance for the 2012/2013 school year is \$6,966 per student. That provides \$5,573,000 (800x\$6,966) for school operations (heat, electricity, busing, classroom teachers, support staff, athletics, et cetera).

All non-homestead property tax collected in the Alcona school district is paid to the local school district and is used to pay a significant portion of the State Aid the district receives each year. Non-homestead property owners pay 18 mills of their property tax to help finance Michigan schools, providing 92.50 percent of operation funding to Alcona schools

All property owners (homestead and non-home-

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
My husband and I are strong believers in education and the needs of our kids. Funding for education must be balanced with all other

social needs of our community. Three mills for 10 years is too much for too long. Vote no February 26.

Huck and Jenny Pheister
Harrisville

To the Editor,
The enhancement millage, could there be an alternative? My fear is that this enhancement proposal is dividing our county as the November election has. Might there be other ways to finance our school's needs? Could a fund be set up for those that are blessed and feel they can afford the extra tax burden, to

donate into that fund what the increase would be. And those of us that can, would donate whatever we could afford. And all proceeds would go to our own Alcona schools to be used for school maintenance, activities, et cetera. Just a thought.

Roger Jamieson
Harrisville

To the Editor,
This letter is in regard to the upcoming school millage. There have been a couple of issues that haven't been addressed.

We need a lot more information. We've been told about the cuts to the teachers, custodians, counselors and the kid's programs, but haven't heard what is being brought back if this were to pass.

Why on Earth are we having a special election now and not back in November? Out of 83 counties Alcona has the highest number of retirees who are now down south. Coincidence? A 10 year millage is just too long as opposed to a three year millage.

I agree with a school millage, but not 10 years and not knowing where our tax dollars are going to be spent and how.

William J. Miller Jr.
Mikado

To the Editor,
The Feb 6 article discussing the meeting of property owners planning to lease land for mineral rights left me wondering if this community and the state of Michigan are carefully considering the pros and cons of hydraulic fracturing for gas and oil.

done deal and people only needed to sign a carefully written contract then start collecting their money.

Apparently the experts; David Lawrence, a geologist from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Curtis Talley from Michigan State University Extension and Fred Miller, a retired contract negotiator were all speaking as if leasing was a

The economic, environmental and health consequences of the process have many Americans asking for more scientific study. I hope that Alcona County residents and their elected officials will carefully consider what is known and what still needs to be studied about a process that releases gas and oil by forcing hundreds of millions of gallons of water -- which

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Obituaries

Margaret L. Snurka

Margaret L. Snurka, 100, of Oscoda died on Friday, Feb. 8, 2013 at home.

She was born June 8, 1912 to Simon and Anna (Yuknevich) Snurka in Elmora, Pa. Shortly after birth her family moved to Fountain, Mich. where she attended a small one room school house. After graduating from Ludington High School, she enrolled in a nursing program at Detroit Memorial Hospital.

In 1944 she joined the war effort, first with the American Red Cross then with the U.S. Army Nursing Corps. She served with the 117th Evacuating Hospital in France, Germany and Austria during World War II. She was honorably discharged



with the rank of first lieutenant in January 1946.

After the war, Ms. Snurka was a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, Mich.

At the age of 61, she moved

to Greenbush. She worked with the American Red Cross of Oscoda and volunteered at Oscoda Area Schools mentoring and tutoring students.

Ms. Snurka is survived by many nieces and nephews; and caregivers, Betty and Jim Prohaska and Margaret and Jim Russo.

She was preceded in death by one brother; and four sisters.

The funeral was held February 12 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Custer, Mich. Interment was in St. Mary Cemetery, Custer, Mich. A memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oscoda and a luncheon will follow.

Anne B. Gradowski

Anne B. Gradowski, 53, of South Branch died on Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 at home.

She was born January 15, 1960, to Edward and Gloria (Bacon) Zielinski of Bay City, Mich., where she resided most of her life.

Mrs. Gradowski retired from Bay City Public School System as school bus driver and was the former president of the Steelworkers Local No. 3280. She was a certified Little League umpire and was active at Northwest Little League as well as Pony League.

She enjoyed cooking, crafts and most of all, spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Mrs. Gradowski is survived by her husband, Richard J.

Gradowski; three sons, Todd Daeschlein, Jesse (Stacy) Daeschlein and Glenn (Ashley) Daeschlein; one step daughter, Mary Reinhardt; six grandchildren, Allen and Katie Reinhardt, Shelby McBride, Contessa and Emily Gradowski; her mother, Gloria Zielinski; two sisters, Carolyn (Jerry) Hessler and Crystal (Scott) Smith; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edward Zielinski; and one brother, Stephen Zielinski.

The funeral was held February 15 at the Gephart Funeral Home, Inc. in Bay City, Mich. The Rev. Bobby Price officiated. The committal ser-



vice will take place in the spring at Curtis Township Cemetery in Glennie.

Writing Letters to the Editor

The Alcona County Review welcomes Letters to the Editor so readers can express their opinion or draw attention to issues.

Letters to the editor must be signed with a first and last name and include an address, also a phone number where the author can be reached for confirmation or questions during regular business hours. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Letters must address the editor -- not government, the community, organizations or the authors of previously published letters.

Letters should be no longer than 300 words. Inappropriate content will be deleted and letters will run on a space available basis.

This forum is not intended as a thank you section for groups and organizations. Thank yous are considered personal messages and therefore advertising.

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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
Feb. 10	34	17	0.12	8.1	23	SW
Feb. 11	37	32	0.01	3.8	29	SW
Feb. 12	32	25	0.00	3.0	26	WNW
Feb. 13	37	25	0.00	3.9	24	SW
Feb. 14	34	29	0.07	3.0	24	SSW
Feb. 15	29	18	0.01	2.5	23	N
Feb. 16	25	8	0.00	4.2	23	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		20012-2013	
Water Content		Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.21	0.7	0.31
February to Date	0.60	9.0	0.75
Year/Season to Date	3.32	25.4	2.51

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.)

From the Editor's Desk

The regional enhancement millage request has been a controversial subject – as evidenced in the Letters to the Editor section in this and previous issues.

In listening to the discourse on the subject for well over a month, we have noticed several aspects that are very concerning, and somewhat understandable – to a certain extent.

The most concerning aspect is how angry many people seem. The anger is understandable considering the state of the economy – locally, statewide and nationally – and how difficult it is to make ends meet. These are very difficult times, for some more than others, but everyone is feeling the pressure of doing more with less.

It's important to keep in mind, however, that it's not just families and businesses that are feeling the economic pressure – it's all aspects of local government as well – including school districts. For the last eight years Alcona Community Schools has been whittling away at its budget because of steady loss of revenue – something it has absolutely no control over.

Admittedly, most people do not understand the complexities of school finances and annual budgets dealing with over \$1 million dollars. To many, the concept is simple – don't spend more than you bring in. However, there is more to it than that – much, much more. We could take up a large amount of space here trying to explain it, and in a condensed way we have with the two stories regarding lottery funding to schools and the history of Proposal A and allocation of homestead and non-homestead funds.

Those stories, however, do not begin to explain the numerous mandates and requirements educators and school districts have to deal with regularly. All of which cost money which school districts are expected to cover.

Taxpayers are between a rock and a hard place. They are being asked to pay for more and more aspects of our community's foundation – roads, schools, services – than ever before. All of these issues are important and, in many cases necessary to sustain our community.

We are not going to tell you how to cast your ballot next week. What we are going to do is share aspects of this issue that we know to be true and ask voters to consider this information when making a decision next Tuesday.

- We have found no evidence of misuse of funds at Alcona Community Schools. Budget cuts have been made across all areas. We are in Alcona schools regularly and over the last eight years have watched what was a vibrant district become reduced to empty classrooms, important programs lost and less and less staff doing more and more to keep students engaged, interested and above all, educated.

- Schools – especially rural schools like those in our region – have gotten the short end of the stick pretty regularly since Proposal A was approved. After 18 years, it is time for a change. Proposal A was needed at the time, but its mandate isn't working in many districts now.

- Anyone who is concerned about the amount of money Alcona schools will receive compared to other school districts should consider that Alcona's "share" of revenue generated in the first year is \$1,529,056 with \$664,525 generated by homestead taxable value – and the district will receive \$796,917. Taxpayers who live in Alcona Community School district will see a return on all of their tax dollars and then some.

- Senators and representatives in Lansing are not listening, despite persistent requests, correspondence, contact and delegations that have pressed the issue of school finance for years. According to AMA ESD Superintendent Brian Wilmot, "I wish I could tell you there is any sign that they are listening and concerned. I can't. Lansing isn't going to fix this any time soon. We felt we had no choice but to ask the residents for help."

- This regional enhancement request is the only way for school districts to generate more revenue. They are not bending the rules like our legislators have with the State Aid Fund over the last two years.

- A school district is the center of a community. A healthy district provides a multitude of benefits to the community. Well educated individuals seek higher education, start businesses and are productive members of the community. Good schools attract people to a community and keep them in the community. Over and over we've heard individuals say our area needs to attract businesses, and not rely as much on tourism dollars for viability.

- The viability of a school district is the responsibility of the community. No matter where you are from, you probably received a public education. Someone else paid for that education. It is the responsibility of each generation to provide an education for the next generation. With that responsibility, hardships are bound to arise. We have the choice on how to face those hardships.

- Anyone who would like more information about this issue should go to the community forum on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the high school auditorium. This is the last opportunity to be able to ask questions and get information on the issue before they vote.

~ Cheryl Peterson

Letters to the Editor

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will no longer be available in the local water cycle -- and a mix of over 500 chemicals-- some of which are known carcinogens -- underground.

When the process was found to cause earthquakes in Ohio, one in Youngstown that was 4.0, Ohio passed a ban on new leases while further study takes place.

You might think that no process would be allowed that causes serious risks to people but fracking has been exempted from key requirements of the Federal Clean Air and Clean Water Acts with Dick Cheney's careful crafting of the energy bill passed during Bush's presidency. We need new sources of energy but all the true costs of those sources should be understood.

My husband and I retired to northern Michigan to enjoy life in PURE MICHIGAN! I hope the state lives up to its slogan.

Patty Thomas
Harrisville

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To Alcona County Residents,

I thought in the State of Michigan we would always have a fair election. Well that has come to an end with the upcoming school millage election!

AMA ESD superintendent had a complaint filed against him with the State of Michigan that he violated campaign finance laws by using public resources to support Our Kids 1st. Why did the Our Kids 1st website have a link on the AMA ESD's website? When I saw the link I assumed that the Our Kids 1st was part of the AMA ESD, especially when I saw that the superintendent was the chairperson.

Also the Alcona Superintendent has admitted that she approved Our Kids 1st campaign brochures be sent home to parents. That brochure supports the millage and asks the parents to vote yes on the issue.

I understand that the Our Kids 1st brochures were handed out at the Atlanta schools also.

The letter to the editor from the Our Kids 1st last week talked about values and implied that if you do not vote for the millage you do not have a value for kids. **Where are the three superintendent's values?** Is it more important to obtain money for the schools, or to have values and obey Michigan laws?

So I ask, How can there be a fair unbiased election on February 26th?

I encourage you to VOTE NO on February 26th

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. all items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 12 to 5:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 S. Church Street. Appointments pre-

ferred, to schedule call (800) RED CROSS or log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: LincolnMI.

Soup and pie dinner will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23), Harrisville. Free will offerings accepted. All proceeds will go toward a new church roof.

U.S. Representative Dan Benishek will be available to constituents from noon to 1 p.m. at Alcona County Office (Law Library), 106 5th Street, Harrisville. No appointment is needed to attend. For more information, call (877) 376-5613.

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

Alcona woodcarvers meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Se-

nior Center, 207 Church Street. New club beginners are welcome.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

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

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street.

Community forum discussion on the AMA-ESD enhancement millage will be

held at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School auditorium, 51 North Barlow Road, Lincoln.

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

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

Alcona retirees will meet at noon for a potluck lunch at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 724-8879.

Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan invites everyone to attend the A.L.L. Focus on Fun Camera Club Meet and Greet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 491 Johnson Street, Alpena. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (989) 356-2202.

Barton City Eagles Auxiliary 4141, 671 Sanborn Road, will be having a soup and pie supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

There will be a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and free for age five and under. Everyone is welcome.

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

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street.

American Red Cross blood drive will be held from noon to 5:45 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake. For more information, call (800) RED CROSS or log onto redcrossblood.org.

Alcona Elementary PTO is sponsoring a Daddy Daughter Dance from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Alcona Elementary School. The dance is open to kindergarten through sixth grade girls accompanied by one adult male. Come dressed in your finest clothes and ready to have a great time.

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

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

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

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

The Alpena, Montmorency, Alcona Great Parents Great Start meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at AMA-ESD, 2118 US-23, Alpena. A free meal will be provided. Children welcome and children's activities will be provided. Reservations required by calling (989) 356-4567 extension 209.

Shoreline Players presents the Neil Simon comedy "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" at 7:30 p.m. at Shoreline Players Theater located next to Robert Parks Library, Oscoda.

TIME WELL SPENT

In the course of the last few months we've all had the opportunity to see democracy up close and in all its glory. Our community debated what we thought was acceptable, or not, in the millage proposal. What did you think? Awkward, isn't it? Yet, whenever possible, people are better served by this kind of shared experience. Direct democracy brings out the best and sometimes the worst in all of us, but it's better than having someone tell us what to do.

We tried to get out all the information we could in a personal, face to face manner. That was a part that was a little awkward but necessary. We did that because we knew we needed time to explain the framework of why we needed to pass the millage. Did we think the proposal was all good or ideal? No. However, all the supporters felt it was more good than not good, for the 779 kids in our school system and a long term investment in our community.

Whenever any of us tried to talk with our friends and neighbors we were met with a laundry list of questions, many of which were really on point. These questions could not be answered in ten minutes. They took time. We were honored to do it and look forward to building our community back with great schools at its core.

As unpaid volunteers, we sure would like to thank all of you for the time you spent to understand and listen.

Moving forward, this experience will serve our community well.

Again, thanks for listening,

Bob and Connie Petrovich/Jim and Robyn Hart, Co-Chairs of Our Kids 1st

Below are some of the folks that see a future through our kids.

They would like to invite you to join them and vote yes!

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Educational ewes crowd class with six lambs

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Two very special ewes have been holding class at Alcona High School and FFA students are benefitting from their instruction.

The ewes, Bertha and Gwen, are part of the FFA sheep project which began in 2012 by Amanda Swinson, a senior at the time.

Swinson had no formal training with sheep, but gained knowledge through research and professional opinions of experienced sheep farmers. "I covered the cost of one ewe and the FFA purchased the other," Swinson said.

She drew up a contract for both ewes to be involved with the FFA as long as they are capable of being bred. Before



Hannah Terpstra holds one of the six lambs who live -- for now -- at Alcona High School. Photo by Mary Weber.

graduating from Alcona High School, Swinson was instrumental in obtaining a grant for ewe-tube equipment so the sheep could be viewed via the Internet.

Swinson cared for the sheep during the summer, but when she began school in the fall at Lake Erie College in Ohio, the ewes headed back to Alcona High School. They are housed in a barn-like atmosphere in a heated garage section of the school.

The ewe program plan is for every year the ewes are in attendance at the school, a new student will be assigned as project coordinator for the sheep.

This year's coordinator is high school junior, Hannah Terpstra, who admitted she has already learned more from the experience than she ever anticipated.

It's been Terpstra's job, since the beginning of the school year, to care for the animals daily -- whether school is in session or not. On weekends and snow days Terpstra makes a daily appearance to make sure they are clean, healthy and well fed.

A large part of the project is when the ewes lamb -- or give birth. Bertha is in her third year of lambing and Gwen is in her fourth. This year the ewes delivered lambs in January. Bertha had two lambs on January 17. Gwen delivered an amazing four lambs on January 21, but not without some complications.

"Two lambs are typical. In

real production atmosphere if they were living on a farm when the owner is trying to make money from the lambs, once they start producing singles the owner would get rid of the sheep," Terpstra said.

"Last year Bertha had two lambs and Gwen had three, which was an anomaly since sheep typically have just two. Only 10 percent of ewes have three lambs, four lambs are pretty much unheard of," Terpstra said.

Gwen had complications in birthing so many lambs at one time. "The first lamb delivered fine, but the other three were breach. I got in there with my gloves on and did what I could, but we had to call for some help from Nancy Beck who is Amanda

Swinson's grandma," Terpstra said.

Beck breeds horses and has had extensive experience with animal reproduction. During the difficult birth, two of the breach lamb's umbilical cords were broken off very close to their stomach and they were losing blood. Beck advised the students to get some flour, which is a natural blood stop. The students got the flour from the school kitchen and all turned out well.

The ewes are given barley every day and as much hay as they want. The lambs are given creep feed or lamb feed, which has grain and pellets with protein to help them grow, they also have additional milk supplement.

"All the lambs are thriving; even the little runt is feisty and gets its time with mom and at the creep feeder. It's a lot of fun watching and caring for them and I'm learning a lot. I want to be a veterinarian someday, so this is really helping," Terpstra said.

In addition to this engrossing project, Terpstra is in the National Honor Society and is serving her third year with the Alcona FFA. She also plays basketball, volleyball and softball. Over the summer Terpstra raises turkeys, pigs and sometimes rabbits for the 4-H Youth Livestock Club.

The six lambs and their mothers can be viewed live via ewe-tube on the Alcona Community Schools website, www.alconaschools.net typically after school and on weekends.

Lottery

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mobile phone app.

Of each dollar spent on lottery tickets, 30 cents comprises profit and goes to the State School Aid Fund. Fifty-eight cents of each dollar make up prizes to winners -- an area that has increased with the advent of casinos in Michigan to continue to attract players to the lottery program. Seven cents of each dollar make up commissions to retail vendors and the remaining five cents to advertising and other expenses.

While \$17 billion sounds like an enormous amount of money, lottery contributions represent only about 6.6 percent of the School Aid fund. State sales tax (42.5 percent) and property taxes (16.7 percent) make up the bulk of the education fund along with smaller taxes such as those on cigarettes, liquor and real estate.

Forty years of lottery-generated contributions add up to approximately 15 months of state-based school aid, based on the 2012 state allocation of \$12.9 billion.

Additionally, for every dollar contributed to the State Aid Fund by the lottery an equal amount of its General Fund allocation is removed and you have, essentially a "wash" -- no increase or decrease in funding created by lottery profits.

A special report on the issue, published last year by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a nonpartisan research and educational institute, concluded, "Michiganders should not support the lottery in the false belief that most of the proceeds are going to the schools. Most of the money is used to keep the lottery running."

NOTICE

Haynes Township will hold its annual budget meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at the Haynes Township Hall, 3939 E. McNeil Rd. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.** Regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m.

Sharon Schefferly
Haynes Township Clerk

The family of Una Merkel Mikazes would like to thank those that lent their heartfelt support, generosity and thoughtfulness in her recent passing. She loved her family and friends, was proud to be a resident of Mikado, a devoted fan of the Detroit Tigers and she enjoyed 39 years as a dedicated member of the Mikado Goodfellows. Special thanks to those that visited, sent letters, cards, flowers and to those that brightened her day with a phone call or dropped off meals or ran errands for us. We are grateful for the assistance from hospice of Michigan, St. Raphael's Church, Gillies Funeral and the Mikado Goodfellows.

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Local Notes

Free Zumba Class

Instructor Jan Klein will lead a Zumba dance exercise class for adults and teenagers on Monday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear. All levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Bee My Honey

Food connoisseur and beekeeper Teresa McCurdy presents "Bee My Honey" on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. McCurdy will give us the real scoop on bee behavior and how honey is a bee-you-tee-full example of nature's best food. Lots of free samples at this final celebration of Love Your Library month, including honey cheesecake. Everyone is welcome. Gift baskets, provided by Friends of Alcona County Library, will be awarded after the program. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Free Yoga Class

Fitness instructor Jean Prevo will lead a class in yoga poses and relaxation techniques at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Thursday, Feb. 28 from 7-8 p.m. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel (bare feet preferred). No registration necessary; call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Spring Soccer Registration

Registration for the spring soccer season opened on February 16 and remains open until March 18. This registration period will be for players 10-18 years old (as of July 31, 2012) in Alcona County and the surrounding area. There will be a registration event on Saturday, March 2 at the Alcona High

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School lobby from 9 a.m. to noon. Players returning from the Fall 2012 season will not need to fill out any additional paperwork -- roster spaces can be reserved by requesting uniform size and making payment in full. New players can pick up a registration form from Christie Thomas at the Alcona Middle School or online at www.eayso.com. Forms will also be available at the March 2 registration event. Spring rates for players returning from Fall 2012 season is \$30 and all others is \$40. Sorry, scholarships are not available. Make all checks payable to AYSO No. 584. Registration and payment may be sent to AYSO No. 584, P.O. Box 7, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. The spring season is a traveling league and few home games will be played. All practices will be held in the Lincoln area.

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, Feb. 25 — Fish amandine, red parsley potatoes, winter blend, pickled beets and fruit.

- Tuesday, Feb. 26 — Goulash, mixed vegetables, green fluff salad and fresh fruit.

- Wednesday, Feb. 27 — Open-faced hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw and fruit cobbler.

- Thursday, Feb. 28 — Meat and cheese pizza, baby carrots and dip, tossed salad and fruit.

- Friday, March 1 — Cook's choice.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Cooking and Nutrition

Free cooking and nutrition classes with instructors chef Donald Humes and nutritionist Beth Noffze will last seven weeks. The first class will begin Monday, March 5 and the series will continue through April 16 at The Old Place Inn, 309 East Main Street, Harrisville. Topics include healthy snacks, food safety at home, planning balanced meals, shopping smart, cooking tips from the chef and tips for eating out. Commitment to attending all classes is required. To sign up, call Beth Noffze at (989) 724-6478 or e-mail noffzeb@anr.msu.edu.

In the Service

Army Spec. James W. Hart has returned to the U.S. after being deployed overseas at a forward operating base to serve in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Active duty and reserve component members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces have been deployed to support the war against global terrorism outside the borders of the United States. U.S. troops serve in south, southwest and central Asia, the Arabian Peninsula, the Horn of Africa, islands in the Pacific and

Europe. Hart is an infantryman assigned to the 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He has served in the military for two years. He is the son of James Hart of Spruce.

Away at School

- Oriane E. Lilley of Glennie was named to the dean's list for fall term 2012 at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Nikki L. Reed of Hubbard Lake was named to the dean's list for fall term 2012 at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Dana M. Shugart of Oscoda was named to the dean's list for fall term 2012 at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Abigail N. Wilkerson of Oscoda was named to the dean's list for fall term 2012 at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Zachary T. Palmer of Spruce was named to the dean's list for fall term 2012 at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

On Stage

The Shoreline Players will be opening its 40th Season with the Neil Simon comedy "Last of the Red Hot Lovers." Simon created characters in a show that is witty and filled with wisdom about human nature and although the production is a comedy as the title indicates the show does contain adult themes and situations.

Cast in the show are Tim Curtis as Barney Cashman a married, middle-aged, overworked and overweight man who decides to change his life in an unexpected way. Along the way he meets Elaine Navazio an edgy bundle of neuroses played by Renee Diener; Bobbi Michele a kooky actress played by Amalie Ondrajka; and finally comes an unhappy housewife, Jeanette Fisher played by Alexis Henry.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" will be presented at the Shoreline Players Theater on February 22, 23 and 24 and March 1, 2 and 3. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday shows at 2 p.m. The theater is located on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, next to the Robert Parks Library. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Gilbert Drug Store in Oscoda and the box office at the theater. Dinner and a

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Fat Albert

Dear Albert,
Medicare actually offers a wide range of coverage to help beneficiaries who have diabetes, as well as those who are at risk of getting it - but they don't cover everything. Here's a breakdown of what Medicare covers when it comes to diabetes services and supplies along with some other tips that can help you save.

• **Doctor's services:** If you're a Medicare beneficiary, Medicare Part B will pay 80 percent of the cost of all doctor's office visits that are related to diabetes. You are responsible for paying the remaining 20 percent after you've met your annual 2013 \$147 Part B deductible.

• **Screenings:** If you don't currently have diabetes, but

you do have pre-diabetes or some other health conditions that put you at risk of getting it - such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and triglycerides, are overweight, or have a family history of diabetes - Medicare will pay 100 percent of the cost of up to two diabetes screenings every year.

• **Education:** If you have diabetes, Medicare covers 80 percent of the cost of self-management training (after you meet your Part B deductible) to teach you how to successfully manage your diabetes.

• **Supplies and medications:** Eighty percent of the cost of glucose monitors, test strips and lancets (100 per month if you use insulin, or 33 per month if you don't), glucose control solutions and insulin (if you use an insulin pump) are covered by Medicare Part B, after you've met your deductible.

If, however, you inject insulin with a syringe, Medicare's Part D prescrip-

tion drug benefit may help pay your insulin costs and the supplies needed to inject it - if you have a plan. Part D plans also cover most other diabetic medications too. You'll need to check your plan for details.

• **Nutrition:** Medicare will pick up the entire tab for medical nutrition therapy, which teaches you how to adjust your diet so you can better manage your condition. You'll need a doctor's referral to get this service.

• **Blood sugar tests:** Also known as a hemoglobin A1c test, this checks your average blood sugar level over the past three months to determine how well your diabetes is being controlled. Medicare covers this test when your doctor orders it.

• **Foot exams:** Since foot problems are common among people with diabetes, Medicare also covers 80 percent of foot care every six months for diabetics with diabetes-related nerve damage, and therapeutic shoes for people

with severe diabetic foot disease. Orthopedic shoes are not covered.

• **Eye exams:** Because eye diseases like diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and cataracts are more common in diabetics, 80 percent of dilated eye exams are covered each year, but eye exams for glasses are not.

For more information, call Medicare at (800) 633-4227 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Medicare's Coverage of Diabetes Supplies & Services" booklet (publication 11022), or see medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/11022.pdf.

If you have a Medigap (Medicare supplemental insurance) policy, it may pay some of the costs that Medicare doesn't cover. Call your plan's benefits administrator for more information.

Or, if you're in a Medicare Advantage plan (like an HMO or PPO), your plan must give you at least the same diabetes coverage as original Medicare does, but it may have

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different rules. You'll need to check your policy for details.

If your income is low, and you can't afford your Medicare out-of-pocket costs, you may be able to get help through Medicare Savings Programs. Call your local Medicaid office for eligibility information.

Also, find out if you are eligible for "extra help" which helps Medicare Part D beneficiaries with their medication expenses. Visit www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp or call Social Security (800) 772-1213 to learn more.

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one business manager, one guidance secretary, receptionists, mechanics, custodians, instrumental music, K-12 vocal music, K-6 grade art, one academic/career counselor, athletic transportation, a transportation secretary, elective courses, middle school (classrooms are unused), police liaison officer, K-12 media specialist (librarians), library classes, alternative education program, bus route reductions, dual enrollment busing, district paid field trips, Spanish club, school to work coordinator, extra at-risk student support, small classroom sections, and a district operated food service.

"Alcona teachers, support staff, administrators - everyone has taken reductions in compensation and benefits to help us deal with this problem. We have cut out all extra spending in the district. We have, as a district, been very responsive to reductions needs, but we are at a point where we can't cut our way out of this problem," Thornton said.

Thornton said she understands voters want to know, specifically, what they are getting for their money. However, the answer isn't as simple as presenting a list. "Our first priority is to maintain a quality, rigorous learning environment for our students," she said. "What they are getting - at least to start with - is more stuff not going away. We would like to be at a point where we can stop cutting."

"It really isn't an enhancement millage - at least not for the first several years," Thornton said. "It would be used to maintain and restore - maintain current services and programs for students and restore programs that have gone away... restoration might mean adding a bus run so some students don't have to be on a bus two hours each way; it might mean reducing costs that families have incurred in order for students to participate... Whatever we do in (regard to) personnel, it will be in terms of reducing class

size - that's a huge priority.

If the enhancement millage is approved, Thornton said the board of education has made three promises to the voters - "we will ask what the biggest needs are for our district; the board will develop a spending plan based on priority needs established from input from the community, faculty, staff, administration and board of education; and we will be very transparent on an annual basis on what money is spent on throughout the ESD and, particularly in our school district."

Thornton said she understood why some voters might be reluctant to approve a millage that isn't completely dedicated to Alcona Community Schools. However, because of state law (see story on Proposal A) districts cannot individually ask for enhancement millages. The only, legal option is to request a millage through the

information concerning this issue," Wilmot said.

He explained the AMA Educational Service District is one of 56 in the state (Intermediate School Districts - ISD - is used interchangeably with ESD) and acts as a "liaison between the state department of education and school districts and helps with compliance responsibilities from providing special education services to being the entity that conducts student counts for state funding purposes. "Providing special education services to local schools is the largest part of the ESD budget," Wilmot said.

"This is not our millage. Because of Proposal A school districts lost the right to ask for an enhancement/operational millage. We will be acting as the fiduciary - we will work with the taxing authority and disperse the funds by a legal formula," Wilmot said. "It will be collected across

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educational service district. So, all four school districts had to agree to request an enhancement millage.

Since all of the districts have been facing the same problem - loss in state revenue and loss of students - they agreed to ask voters for it. "ESD-wide this whole funding dilemma equates to a loss of \$21 million a year in revenue between the four districts," Thornton said.

"The core purpose of the enhancement millage request is to support kids in northeast Michigan. Our part in this is to support kinds at Alcona Community Schools," Thornton said. "The division of tax dollars in revenue is the norm rather than the exception (see related story for breakdown of homestead and non-homestead tax revenue to school district). One hundred percent of the funds generated is coming back to kids in northeastern Michigan. These funds are returned to the school district based on enrollment - as required by law."

Brian Wilmot, superintendent of the AMA ESD, explained that it took some time for all four school boards to decide on the enhancement millage request option. All of the boards decided that "it was important to ask the question to see what (voters) want. We've tried to be as open as possible - all of the superintendents have really made opportunities to share

the AMA and dispersed to the districts on a per pupil basis - it's a money follows the kid formula. The February student count is what determines how much each district will receive. There is no way to change that formula."

According to Wilmot, the AMA ESD is also going to pick up the expense of the special election for each school district regardless of the turnout.

"We are here to support the mission for our school districts," Wilmot said. "There is a reality to this situation. I've been suggesting that voters look at this from the eyes of children in this region. They will have two different realities after Election Day. If it passes they will have a better and better education. If we fail to pass it, every child's opportunities will get worse and worse each year."

"Adults, I think, have the responsibility to pay the way for the generation that follows. To turn our backs and say 'well, I'm mad about this and this, so, too bad for the kids' isn't responsible. I hope that voters would consider this question from another perspective... What does it mean for the children?"

There will be a community forum on the regional enhancement millage at the Alcona High School auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.



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Seniors on the Snowcoming (winter home coming) court are (back row, from left) Nicholas Bouchard, Jordan McCoy, Andy Cammack, Aaron Ritchie, Jared Steiner, (front row) Ashley Shutes, Brittany Joyce, Hannah Mikazes, Taylor Orefice and Karoline Sager. Photo by Mary Weber.



Alcona High School's Snowcoming representatives are (from left) juniors Benjamin Dubuque and Shawna Fisher-Prystash, sophomores Spencer Winningham and Kaily Pagels and freshmen Nathan Swinson and Sierra Forsythe. Photo by Mary Weber.

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Organization Notes

Alcona FFA

On February 6, 17 Alcona FFA members traveled to Standish-Sterling Central High School for the District Leadership Contest, which provides public speaking and leadership skills for members.

At this year's district contest Alcona FFA members competed against FFA chapters from Alpena, Ogemaw, Standish-Sterling and Whittemore-Prescott in nine different areas. Each contest requires hours of preparation time on the part of the FFA member. Students must place first or second in their respective contest category in order to move on to the next level -- regional competition.

The Parliamentary Procedure team for Alcona consisted of Rose Powerski, Seth Tulgetske, Maire MacMaster, Rebekah Matruen, Shannon Oliver, Katelyn Sims, Taylor O'Dell and Coach Caycee Ouillet. Ouillet was a member of the state winning Alcona FFA Parliamentary Procedure team in 2012. Parliamentary Procedure placed second and advanced to regionals.

A demonstration team with members Miranda Anker, Joe

French, Trent Johnson, and Allen Pawloski took fourth place at the district contest. Three students competed in creed speaking -- Brooke Harmon placed first, Jeremy Lickey placed second, and Sammy Schott took third. Harmon and Lickey advance to the regional competition as well. Alcona had two members competing in Job Interview; Brandon Sweet, who placed ninth and Morgan Stewart who placed fourth.

Regionals were held at Ogemaw Heights High School on February 13 and included FFA chapters from Alpena, Ogemaw, Standish-Sterling, Whittemore-Prescott, Benzie, Wexford and Stephenson.

The Parliamentary Procedure team went up against three other teams. Out of those three teams Alcona's Parliamentary Procedure team place first and will advance to the state leadership contest in March. The two creed speakers, Brooke Harmon and Jeremy Lickey placed first and second respectively and will both advance to the state contest.

The state convention will be held at Michigan State University on March 6-8.

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

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Alcona girls pull down win against Owls

By Hope Smith
Basketball Writer

On Friday, Feb. 15 celebrating winter homecoming the Alcona girls and boys varsity basketball teams took to the floor against their rival school -- the Oscoda Owls.

With the stands full of friends and family, girls team stepped onto the floor, in the first game of the night, with confidence and determination.

For the past couple of weeks, the Tigers have been patiently anticipating this Huron Shores Conference game with the Owls and they were ready for battle.

In the first quarter, Alcona's Karina Cole pounced first just seconds into the game firing off the first of three three-pointers she scored that evening. The Tigers hustled to an early 14-5 lead to end the first period. Alcona continued to gain momentum in the second quarter outscoring the Owls 20 to 10 as they headed into half-time with a comfortable 34-15 lead.

In the second half, Alcona pulled away crashing the boards offensively shutting the Owls down with their aggressive defensive pressure. Alcona finished the third period 47-20. Oscoda struggled to slow the Tigers down.

The Tigers cruised to a 63-27 win over the Owls giving Alcona their fourth straight Huron Shores Conference win. "Not the start we wanted but a nice win. Our girls



Tigers Megan Quick (20) and Nicole Walen (42) block an Owl from making a pass during the homecoming game last Friday. Photo by Pat Brussel.

worked hard and executed well especially the second half," said Coach Brad Cole.

The Tigers were led by (captain) Karina Cole with a double-double 22 points, 11 rebounds, eight assists and eight steals. Kendra Cole also had a double-double -- 12 points and 12 rebounds. (Captain) Megan Quick added seven points. (Captain) Nikki Smith put up five points and picked up five steals. Tylar Campbell, Sydney Pierce and Lily Manning each contributed four points. Nicole Walen added three points and Maddie Feldhiser had two points.

On February 14 Alcona's junior varsity team defeated the Owls 53-25 on their home floor giving them five wins. Leading scorers for Alcona

were Katelyn Nelson with 19 points, Sam Schopher with nine points, Torie Harmon and Jessica Grove each scored eight points and Ally Higgins put up four points.

Alcona has a busy schedule this week. On Monday, Feb. 18 they host Whittemore-Prescott. On February 19 -- parents night -- the Posen Vikings come to town. On February 21 the Tigers take on the Tawas Braves in the fifth conference match-up.

All three games start at 6 p.m. when the JV team takes the court, followed by the varsity game at 7:30 p.m.

Alcona's varsity team is 13-2 in regular season play and 4-0 in the Huron Shores Conference. The JV team is 9-6 for the season.

Boys basketball team splits two cliffhangers

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team traveled over 100 miles to take on Akron-Fairgorve High School on Tuesday, Feb. 5. This was a fill in game after Standish cancelled the two scheduled games with Alcona before the season began.

The Tigers were well prepared and fought hard during the entire game but had no answer for the Vikings' Austin Fader. The six foot, nine inch, 280 pound center scored more than half of the Vikings points (34) and pulled down 20 rebounds.

The first quarter saw four ties and five lead changes with the Vikings leading 18-16 heading into the second period. Alcona should have had the lead but missed five of six free throws. The second quarter had another tie at 20-20 after a nice baseline shot by Dustin Yokom.

Then the Vikings went on a 9-0 run to take a 29-20 lead. They increased their lead to 33-23, but Alcona fought back on a basket by Jared Steiner, three-pointer by Trent LaVergne and a put back by Andy Cammack to keep the Tigers close, trailing 35-30 at halftime.

The game was tied twice in the third quarter, but the

Vikings closed out the period on a 10-2 run and led 49-41 heading into the final quarter. Alcona would not give up. They closed the deficit to three points after two free throws by Carson Jameison, but the Vikings scored two baskets to bring their lead up to eight points.

With the Vikings holding that eight point lead and three minutes to play, back to back three pointers by Steiner and LaVergne brought the Tigers to within two points.

A free throw by Jameison made it a one point game. Jameison scored another bucket and the Tigers were within one point again. They could not get over the hump and the game ended 65-63 in favor of Akron-Fairgrove.

Jameison led Alcona with 17 points. Steiner had 14 points, nine assists, eight steals and turned the ball over seven times. LaVergne scored 13 points. Cammack scored eight points. Yokom and Aaron Ritchie scored four points each and Garrett Norling added three points.

The junior varsity team had an easier time, winning 50-34. Hunter Sullivan led with 11 points.

Friday, Feb. 15 Alcona hosted the Oscoda Owls in a

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Against all odds

By Kathryn F. Kniep
Columnist

One of my family's favorite stories has to do with my namesake, Aunt Faith, who once bought all of the tickets but one for her son's school raffle... and lost. Apparently, I inherited more than my middle name from Aunt Faith.

Researching the sidebar (short news story) on state lottery funds this week, I got to thinking about my personal history with the games.

In 1972, I was working in a public education program. All of us were supportive of anything that would put more money into Michigan schools.

Once the lottery was established, one of our co-workers suggested that we form a lottery club. Each of us would put in a dollar every week and one of us would collect them, buy the tickets and - when our numbers came in - we would split the winnings equally.

Actually, there was a little more to it than that. In 1972, copy machines weren't unheard of, but they were far too expensive for the average little school office. So in addition to collecting the money and buying the tickets, the coordinator of the week had to type out 20 or so lottery numbers with four carbons, twice, carefully correcting any typo on each sheet with a lumpy glob of liquid White-Out and a strike over.

The first week, we all gathered together in the local watering hole to await the televised drawing wherein not a single ticket on our list was selected. After several months of that, interest waned somewhat and I decided my dollar would be better spent elsewhere.

That was just about the time when a new television personality was born. Her name, as far as I could ever make out, was Highly Youseadly. (I only recently discovered it was, in truth, Aggie Usedly). She was about my age and I always thought she must be the niece of someone highly connected in Lansing. Highly was the lady who appeared on the television screen for a few minutes after the local news and officially drew the winning lottery numbers.

There were several hosts, but over the years, I grew particularly fond of Highly, who seemed to have a lifetime appointment to the job. I often greeted her out loud when she signed on with "Good Evening, I'm Highly Usedly and this is the Michigan Lotto drawing for (whatever the date was)." When Highly retired a couple months ago, I felt as though I'd lost a friend. I also felt old. But, despite Highly's best efforts on my behalf, I didn't feel any richer.

That was probably because I very rarely bought a ticket to the game. But while a million dollars or so would have been nice, what I really coveted was the nifty little vacuum system that sucked up the numbered balls, forming the winning number. The Princess, who viewed this as another example of my innate "weirdness," asked once what I would do with it if I had it. "I don't know," I told her, "Watch it I guess. I just think it's cool."

So for a good many years, except for watching Highly, I didn't have much luck with the lottery. Then, a decade or so ago, I found myself supervising two women I'll call Mary and Sue. The two would have made unlikely friends. One was older, with college-age children. The other was in her late 20s with two little ones at home. While they each did the same type of job, they worked in very different ways. Even their appearance was different - one was blonde, the other dark-haired. What they shared was their devotion to small-time gambling.

Each morning they both arrived, one clutching a cup of take-out coffee and a Danish, the other a healthy homemade snack supplemented by her stash of herbal teas. As they started their day, each pulled out two or three instant tickets and began the process of scratching them off. Every day.

Since neither of them took cigarette breaks or spent excessive time on personal phone calls, I generally ignored this tiny morning timewaster. As far as I could see, they didn't win much - probably didn't even break-even - but that was their problem.

Another difference between the two was their reaction to their morning addiction. Faced with a losing morning, Mary would frown and grumble, muttering that she really had to stop doing this. Sue remained serene in the face of loss and joyous at the gain of a dollar or two.

And then one morning, Sue came into my office clutching a scratched-off ticket. "I think I might have won on this," she said. "See what you think." When I pointed out that I didn't know much about the lottery and that Mary would be a better resource, Sue explained that Mary was in a meeting. So I took the ticket, read and re-read the somewhat confusing instructions and checked and double-checked Sue's ticket. "Sue," I finally said, "I don't know, but it looks to me like you've won about \$29,000."

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Twenty-nine thousand dollars was about Sue's annual salary at the time. We stared at each other, wide-eyed for a moment, then settled back to wait for Mary's meeting to end. When she came in, we explained the situation and she took the ticket from my hand and quickly looked it over. "Nope," she told Sue sadly. "Look. You've got the three diamonds and the lizard, but you're missing the turtle (or whatever)."

Sue looked, and shook her head. "You're right," she said, then thanked us for our time and headed back to her desk. A little later, walking past her office, I stuck my head in to say once again that I was really sorry I'd set her up for disappointment. "Oh no," she told me, genuinely smiling, "For an hour or so there, I thought I had big money. That was worth the dollar."

I thought at the time that this was probably the attitude you had to have to be a good lottery player.

Since then, the lottery can pretty much only count on me at Christmas, when I buy four scratch-off tickets, two for Art's stocking and two for the Princess's. In the decade or so I've been doing this, they've won a total of \$52, which puts me about \$12 in the black.

Considering Aunt Faith's genes and all, I figure I'm ahead of the game. If you're into the lottery, I hope you're doing a lot better than I am. In case you are, I'll sign off the way Highly always did, no matter what number her magic vacuum machine popped up. "Good night and good luck."

Ya know, I may not play, but I still miss her.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville. The couple has one daughter, Katrina - "the Princess," two dogs, Lady and Henry, and granddog, Bastian, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

NOTICE

The Alcona Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2013-14 at the Alcona Township Hall at 5576 US-23 on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 during the regular monthly meeting starting at 7 p.m. **The proposed tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject at this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the clerk's office. Please call (989) 471-2948.

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stead) pay six mills on their property taxes to the state of Michigan for the State Education Tax. These funds are used to pay for the balance of school aid foundation allowances after local non-homestead property tax is collected.

Alcona school district taxpayers send approximately \$3 million to Lansing on an annual basis. Alcona schools received only \$424,000 of this \$3 million dollars back for the 2012-2013 school year.

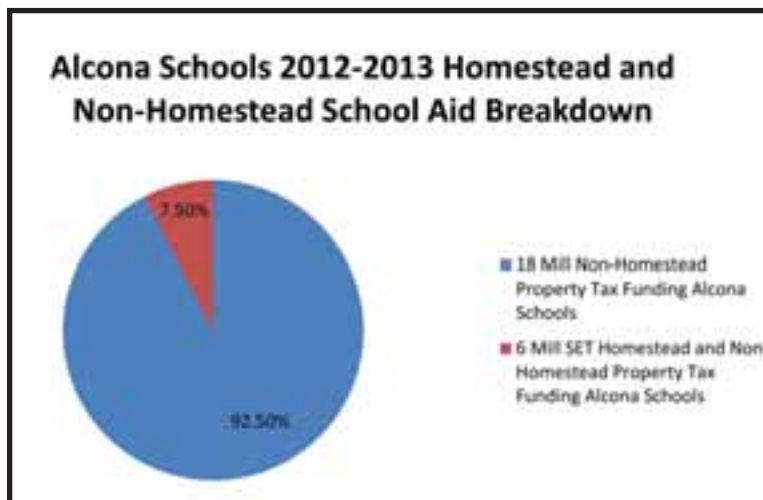
In 2009-10, \$208.4 million of School Aid Tax funds were redirected to community colleges and colleges within the state, previously funded through the state's

General Fund.

In the 2011-12 school year, approximately \$400 million of State Aid Fund were earmarked to fund community colleges and universities from the School Aid Fund. That shift in funding is expected to continue through the current fiscal year. Governor Rick Snyder contends that the change falls within the language of the state constitution and that transferring these costs will help to balance the general fund budget.

(Alcona Community Schools provided the breakdown of dollars received from the state

and the division of non-homestead dollars to the state and district for this article.)



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Huron Shores Conference game. Maybe it was the after affect of the tough loss three days before, but Alcona came out flat and Oscoda led 16-8 after one quarter. Oscoda played with intensity that was not matched by the Tigers. They increased their lead to 31-19 at halftime.

The Tigers came out firing for the third quarter and looked like a different team. They scored the first seven points to cut the Owl's lead to 31-26. The Owls would not give in and continued to play an aggressive game, taking a 42-37 lead into the final period. They increased their lead to seven points when Alcona went to work.

It started with Steiner hitting a three-pointer, Ritchie made two free throws and Jameison made a shot that tied the game at 48 points with three minutes left in the game. The Tigers took the lead on a shot by Steiner and never gave it up. Two free throws by Steiner sealed the hard fought 54-51 victory.

Alcona went to a full court press in the final period that caused Oscoda all kinds of problems and resulted in several easy baskets and held the Owls to only three points in the final three minutes.

Steiner led Alcona with 23 points, five assists and three steals. LaVergne scored 20 points. Ritchie made four points, Jameison, Dawson Forsythe and Yokom scored two points each, while Cammack had one point.

Alcona's record stands at 10-4 heading into road games, one of them being another fill in game in Cheboygan on Wednesday.

The JV team Tigers suffered its fourth loss at the hands of Oscoda 63-27.

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Special memories in found recipe

By Judy MacNeill
Health Columnist

My dad is brilliant. Or at least I think so now. If you had asked me when I was 14 or even 24, I wouldn't have said so.

Back then, I was convinced he was pretty lame. He made my sisters and I have a curfew. We were expected to get good grades in school. We each had daily chores. Dad insisted that we sit down together as a family and eat dinner -- no elbows on the table. We had to say prayers before eating. We had to try at least one bite of food before saying you didn't want any. Don't talk with your mouth full. Lots and lots of rules.

As a single father, widowed with four young girls to raise, Dad was deeply committed to making sure we ate healthy, home cooked meals every day. Meals had to have vegetables, a protein source, and a starch. Only milk was allowed as a beverage. Meals were always eaten at the table -- no television on. He would rather see us miss the school bus in the morning than skip eating breakfast.

My dad taught each of my sisters how to cook. He let us know that a recipe is not written in stone... he viewed it as more of a work in progress. He never met a recipe that he felt he couldn't improve upon by "tweaking it." He would cut and chop and stir in and taste and add a bit more of this or that. And, more often than not, he would come up with an improved version of the original.

Alas, Dad was not very good about recording his recipe "improvements," and these enhanced versions were lost, never to be recaptured.

Oatmeal is an example of a recipe my dad couldn't resist fiddling with. I have to admit,

I have never been a fan of plain oatmeal. Probably because Dad never served it plain. Like Picasso with a spoon, Dad would dabble here and there, adding cinnamon and allspice one time, apples or bananas the next, combining nuts and raisins and orange peel, throwing in some peanut butter and cocoa powder and honey.

It was yummy and filling and exciting and always, always different.

And that was Dad's brilliance: Taking something as mundane as cooked oatmeal, and creating a loving masterpiece.

Imagine my excitement when, flipping through one of Dad's old cookbooks the other day, I came across his oatmeal recipe, aptly named "Great Oatmeal" by John Graff. He had laboriously typed it out on his old Royal typewriter. It made me smile. I remember, it was great. He had wrapped the yellowed typed recipe in a small plastic bag, and carefully folded it in the cookbook, knowing that someday I would find it.

So with love and gratitude to my father for all he has taught me over the years, I give you "Even Greater Oatmeal." (I couldn't resist doing my own tweaking... after all, I am my father's daughter.)

Here's to a happy heart-healthy February...

Even Greater Oatmeal
By Judy (Graff) MacNeill and John J. Graff

2 cups water
½ cup steel-cut oats
¼ tsp salt (optional)
2 Tbsp smooth peanut butter
2 Tbsp Splenda brown sugar blend (or regular brown sugar), more or less to taste
2 Tbsp Hershey's special dark cocoa powder

In a two quart pan, add water and salt; cover and bring water to boil.

Add oats; turn heat off; stir, cover, and let sit for 20 minutes.

Stir in remaining ingredients.

Serve with cold milk (optional)

Makes 4 servings; 188 calories; 28 grams carbohydrates; 4 grams fiber; 6 grams protein; 6 grams fat; 215 mg sodium.

(Judy MacNeill is a registered dietitian, a wellness and nutrition consultant and a long-time resident of Alcona County. She resides in Harrisville with her husband, Warren, where they raised their two children, Megan and Scott. She can be reached in care of Alcona County Review by e-mailing: editor@alcona-review.com; or by writing: Alcona County Review, P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.)

NOTICE

The Curtis Township Board of Trustees will hold its first budget hearing on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie, Michigan. Copies of the 2013-2014 proposed budget may be picked up at the clerk's office after Friday, March 8, 2013.
Teresa J. Perkins, Clerk
Curtis Township

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Barb Pierce, Clerk

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2013 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE
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2013 Board of Review Meeting Schedule
Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
Organizational Meeting
No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
Wednesday, March 13; 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 15; 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2013 assessments.
By Board Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2013. The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers provided by the Alcona Equalization Department for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	50.98	0.9808
Commercial	48.67	1.0273
Industrial	N/A	N/A
Residential	49.94	1.0012
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Development	N/A	N/A
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Early Bloomers

February 12

Marigolds	97.5	46.5
Tigerlilys	92	52
Violets	85.5	58.5
Rosebuds	73	71
Daffodils	72	72
Mums	64.5	79.5
Bluebells	52	92
Buttercups	39.5	104.5
High game: Tammy Mendyka,		
188.		
High series: Gina Broadwood,		
504.		
High team game and series:		
Tigerlilys, 510 and 1,274.		

Sportsman

February 14

Morgan Electric	18	87
L.L.W. Club	12	86.5
Phil's Barber	23.5	86.5
Top O' Mich.	6.5	83.5
Cole's Applia.	11	60
Shirt Shack	19	46.5

High game: Jimmy Armstrong, 267.

High series: Ray Medore, 720.
High handicap game and series: Kyle Catarino, 315 and 810.

Majors

February 16

Team 6	75	45
300 and One	66	54
Woodchucks	64	56
Pin Wizards	61.5	58.5
Destroyers	56.5	63.5
Kingpins	37	83
Boy's high game: Jay Nordstrom,		
168.		
Boy's high series: Josh Lickey,		
429.		
Boy's high handicap game: Jay Nordstrom,		
238.		
Boy's high handicap series: Jash Lickey,		
672.		
Girl's high game and series: Taylor Sobek,		
141 and 396.		
Girl's high handicap game and series: Taylor Sobek,		
225 and 648.		

Minors

February 16

SNCBBP1	12	8
Little Devils	11	9
Pin Busters	10	10
Bumper Kids	7	13
Boy's high game and series: Brenden Hudgins,		
128 and 225.		
Boy's high handicap game and series: Matthew Turpen,		
264 and 468.		
Girl's high game and series: Chloe Bunton,		
76 and 118.		
Girl's high handicap game: Chloe Bunton,		
207.		
Girl's high handicap series: Sammy Nordstrom,		
383.		

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- Christina Nelson
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Middle School Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Alcona Middle School Principal's List and Honor Roll for the second marking period.

Seventh Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Alicia Bishop, Courtney Church, Jack Hutchinson, Cody Schram and Alexander Stephenson.

Honor Roll

Layla Carriveau, Jonathan Hudgins, Noah Hutchison, Taylor Livingston, Luke Loyer, Matthew MacMaster, Devon Mills, Ashley Panzica, Elizabeth Rowe and Alexander Viau.

Eighth Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Hannah Canute, Keilene Elmer, Zachery Faszczewski, Brock Franklin, Jake Gallagher, Erick Harmon-Davey, Krysta Indish, Jordan Joyce, Kendra LaFave, McKenzie LaFave, Madison Lane, Molly McKay, Dresden Parkinson, Raymond Richardson, Brooke Shultz, Riley Somers and Rachel Warner.

Honor Roll

Michael Bustamante, Brit-tany Decker, Douglas Gibson, Cory Hoffman, David Lindsay, Mindy Mendyka, Taylor Murray, Brendan Nelson, Dakota Oke, Jared Sager, Taylor Sobeck.

By Mary Weber
Columnist

Most every day my husband, Willy, and I feel very blessed to be able to breathe in the fresh country air which living in the north woods provides.

Occasionally, however, we pick up on an unpleasant odor from an animal whose smell lingers long after any other animal in our woods; the crepuscular omnivore otherwise known as a polecat or skunk.

The skunk's lovely kitten-like coat of long black and white striped fur is immedi-

Ode to the polecat

ate warning to most predators to stay back and away. The mammal's defensive odor is immediately secreted whenever it feels threatened. The odor lingers for hours and can waft through the air for up to a mile downwind.

Their defensive odor, when released, is strong enough to ward off bears and other potential attackers and can be difficult to remove from clothing. The scent glands, one on each side of the anus, and strong muscles allow the animal to spray with a high degree of accuracy, as far as 10 feet. The spray, despite its smell, can cause irritation and even temporary blindness.

Skunks have very poor vision and cannot see objects more than about 10 feet away, making them vulnerable to road traffic. A run in with a car typically results in immediate release of its scent glands.

Willy found skunks are not true hibernators in the winter when he was a young teenager living in Canada. His hometown of Goderich, Ontario, located just on the other side of Lake Huron was a busy port town, but no more than a half mile past town was rural woods and farm land.

Willy was an adept hunter of rabbits and quail. All game he shot helped feed his family, so hunting was an important part of being the eldest of four children in the house. His bounty helped stretch the family budget and he quite often went hunting with his dad and other family friends.

One wintry day during deer season in Ontario, a small

Alcona's Backyard

group of Weber friends and relatives headed out. The snow was a foot deep, but the roads had been cleared. The plan was to have some hunters walk through the woods and drive the deer out to a plowed easement area where Wil and another teenager with a steady aim could get a clear shot. Willy had never shot a deer before and he was anxious for the opportunity.

Wil and his buddy could hear the others going through the woods. Suddenly a flash of black scurried over the snow bank about 50 feet ahead of them. It was not one, but two, of those smelly black and white polecats and they were on a mission -- heading straight for the boys.

"It was like they had no fear of us. We had heard stories of rabid skunks and not only didn't we want to get sprayed, we didn't want to get bitten either, we didn't know they couldn't see very well. They were within 30 feet of us and we were frightened to let them get any closer so we opened fire on them. The skunks ran and sprayed for 20 feet in every direction until they died.

"All you could see was yellow snow everywhere; luckily the wind was blowing away from us. The hunters in the woods heard our shots and came running thinking we

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of February 11-17, 2013

53 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 8 Arrests; 1 Operating While Intoxicated; 4 Warrants; 1 Drug Crime; 1 Domestic; 1 Arrest.

Complaint Statistic

Car-Deer Accident	4	Property Damage Accident	3
Message/Well Being Check	2	Miscellaneous	6
Dog/Animal	2	Traffic	5
Agency Assist	1	Alarm	5
Drugs	2	Domestic	5
911 Hang Up	1	Patrol Check	2
Operate While Intoxicated	1	Warrant Arrest	4
Neighbor Trouble	1	Medical	2
Assault & Battery	1	Larceny	2
Juvenile	1	Suspicious Events	2
Be On The Lookout	2		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	6	Caledonia	4	Curtis	4
Greenbush	8	Gustin	2	Harrisville	8
Hawes	0	Haynes	2	Mikado	6
Millen	2	Mitchell	0		
Harrisville City	10	Village of Lincoln	1		



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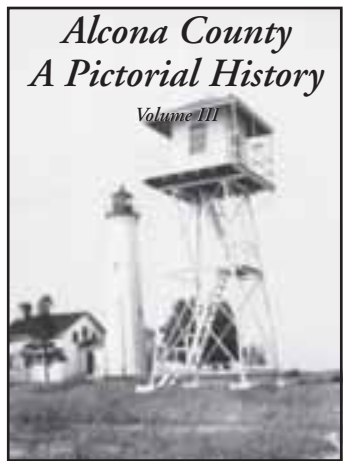
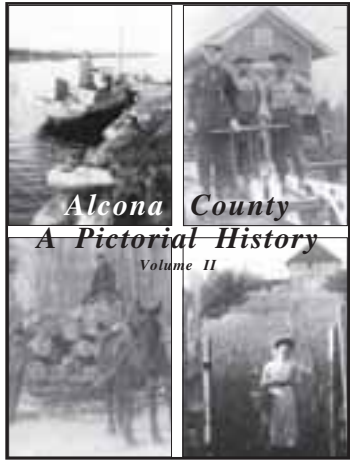
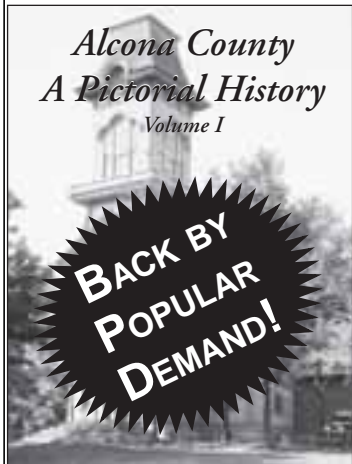
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got a deer. They almost died laughing and gagging from the yellow smelly snow. All we got that day was a story to tell," Willy said shaking his head.

It seems almost everyone has a skunk story. A friend of ours was having problems with a skunk which was antagonizing his Labrador retriever relentlessly. Several times his dog was skunked and he needed to put an end to the stink causing animal. He decided to use a live trap and after a few nights of baiting was able to capture the skunk.

Now the problem arose as what to do with the skunk in the trap. He decided to end its life by shooting it from a distance. Unfortunately, his aim was just a little off; the bullet hit a rock and ricocheted right into the fender of his new truck. He did finally put an end to the skunk's life, but his truck still carries the bullet hole to this day.

Like our friend with the Lab, it's usually our loveable

canine house companions who seem to be just too curious about the slow moving ill sighted skunks. In the end the pets pay dearly, crying to be let into the house only to stink up carpet, furniture and anything else they can roll on trying to relieve themselves of the odor.

Skunks are not just a nuisance in the country back roads. They are also prolific in cities and suburbs across America. One such run in with a skunk in the suburbs turned into a story we still talk about at family gatherings.

Willy's daughter, Christina, was 17 when she was asked to pet sit her aunt's golden retriever while they went out of town. All was going fine until one evening she let the dog out for a romp in the backyard where it met up with a skunk. The dog immediately headed for the house pounding against the door until she let it in. The dog wasn't in the house five seconds when the smell hit. She managed to secure the dog in the basement and called her dad at work for advice. At the time, the only thing Wil had heard would remove skunk odor from a dog was Massengill vinegar douche.

The dog was in misery, so Christina headed to the nearest store in search of the feminine hygiene product. She scanned the shelves and saw small boxes of it, but the dog was large and the price for several small boxes was well over her budget. She sought help from a stock boy inquiring if the douche came in bulk sizes. One can only imagine the embarrassment felt by both Wil's daughter and the stock boy who assumed the young lady had quite a personal problem.

With red cheeks, she immediately told him what the product was going to be used for. The stock boy consulted with the store manager and found that, no, the douche did not come in bulk sizes. Someone suggested using

tomato juice to remove the smell. Chris bought several large cans of juice and headed back to help the dog.

He really reeked, but she was able to bring the dog upstairs and got him into the family bathtub. She opened an after can of juice and began pouring it over the dogs face, chest and legs where he had been sprayed. The dog, in usual dog fashion, began licking the juice as she scrubbed away. The more juice she poured, the more the dog licked.

Apparently the juice didn't agree with the dog, because the dog began to belch. Chris wasn't sure which was worse, the smell of the skunk or the smell of a dog burping tomato juice. She rinsed down the yellow dog as much as she possibly could, only to find a pink residue remained. She now had a pink golden retriever who, unfortunately, still smelled of skunk.

She sent the dog back downstairs to spend the night in the basement. Her aunt arrived home the next day. Chris explained she did the best she could and left quickly.

Many agree there is no real cure to rid the smell of skunk on a dog, but simple peroxide based mixes typically work the best. The Alcona Humane Society recommends a recipe of 1 quart 3 percent hydrogen peroxide, ¼ cup baking soda and 1 tsp. of Dawn dish soap. Do not pre-wet the animal, just saturate the coat with the mixture and leave it on for at least 10 minutes before rinsing.

The best advice, keep your dog on a leash and steer clear of black and white furry critters no matter what time of year.

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

top ten

Winter Vegetables*

1. Artichoke
2. Bok Choy
3. Broccoli Rabe
4. Cauliflower
5. Celery Root
6. Kale
7. Radishes
8. Rhubarb
9. Snow Peas
10. Watercress



*Listed alphabetically

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Calendar of Events

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 Tickets are \$10. For more information visit www.shorelineplayers.org or call (989) 739-3586.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street.

The 16th annual Cue-for-Cure fundraiser will be held at the Mikado Tavern. Registration for the mixed doubles pool tournament will begin at 11 a.m. with tournament play starting at noon. All proceeds go to the Muscular

Dystrophy Association serving north central Michigan. For more information, call (989) 736-8869.

Grace Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 6012 North Skeel Avenue, Oscoda will host a community-wide men's breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. This event is free to all and open to the counties of Alcona and Iosco. For more information, call Pastor Dale Robertson (989) 739-3424.

Shoreline Players presents the Neil Simon comedy "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" at 7:30 p.m. at Shoreline Players Theater located next to Robert Parks Library, Oscoda. Tickets are \$10. For more information visit www.shorelineplayers.org or call (989) 739-3586.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 Two computers and WiFi available for seniors over 60 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the

Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

All ladies are invited to play Bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
 Weight loss support group

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

Knitting Klub and Crochet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street. All levels welcome. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

U.S. Representative Dan Benishek will be available to constituents from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Alpena County Annex Building (Howard Male conference room, 719 West Chisholm Street, Alpena. No appointment is needed to attend. For more information, call (877) 376-5613.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. all items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

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

Alcona woodcarvers meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. New club beginners are welcome.

The 4-H Archery group meets at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.


General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees of Northeast Michigan will hold their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1000 US-23 North, Alpena. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin (989) 727-3350, Frank Baranski (989) 595-2789 or Don Cantleberry (989) 354-5504 for more information.

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 Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday 6 p.m. Patch the Pirate Club, children's ministry. Wednesday 6 p.m. midweek service (preaching and prayer service).

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


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
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Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

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 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor ~ 724-6734


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

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Local Notes

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show tickets are available at Tait's Bill of Fare of Oscoda for the Friday and Saturday performances. For more information about this production or other upcoming Shoreline Players events, can go to www.shorelineplayers.org or call (989) 739-3586.

Parent Mentors Needed

Anyone who has experience in raising children or has an interest in supporting children and families in difficult circumstances is encouraged to consider becoming a volunteer parent mentor for families in the Alpena area. A volunteer parent mentor is a mentor or special support aide for parents of young children who need assistance in developing safe and healthy homes. With training and oversight from the Exchange Club family and the parent mentor coordinator, volunteers are matched one-on-one with a family in the volunteer's area.

The length of the commitment is 12 months and includes receiving mentor training and making regular home visits or phone calls to families as agreed upon with each family as well as receiving support and oversight from the parent mentor coordinator.

While requiring just a few hours a week, becoming a volunteer to families allows people who love children and value healthy families to invest in the life of a local family at a time when the family's personal or financial circumstances could lead to unhealthy choices and lives. The program is also looking for families who would like a mentor.

Anyone interested in becoming a mentor may visit nemcsa.org and go to the employment opportunities page to fill out the application and read the volunteer job description. The next session will be held March 5, 6, 7 and 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. each night. Mileage for the mentors is provided. Anyone with questions or families that would like more information, call the exchange parent aide coordinator, Linda Stemen at (989) 358-5017.

Family Friendly Award

The Alpena, Montmorency and Alcona counties Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalitions will be awarding a Family Friendly business award to local businesses. The purpose of this award is to identify and recognize area businesses who are investing in local children and also to help get businesses involved in the Great Start Initiative.

Businesses that qualify for this award may have one or all of the following:

- Investing in the well being of the Alpena, Montmorency, and Alcona county Great Start Collaborative early childhood initiative
- Volunteering employees
- Donations (monetary or service)
- Child friendly waiting rooms

Family friendly employer One business in each county will be selected to receive the Family Friendly Business Award. A formal presentation of the award will be given by one of the Great Start Collaborative partners and a window cling that acknowledges the business as "Family Friendly" will be awarded to all nominated businesses. Community members are encouraged to make nominations of a business that is family friendly.

Nominations should be a short paragraph explaining why the business is Family Friendly. They can be sub-

mitted by mail to: Child and Family Services Northeast Michigan, Angela Forsythe, 1044 US 23 N. Alpena, MI 49707; by e-mail to: forsythea@cfsnemi.org; or by liking the Facebook page, Alpena Montmorency and Alcona Great Start Parent Groups.

The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2013. For more information on Great Start or the Family Friendly Business Award, contact Angela Forsythe at (989) 356-4567 ext. 209 or forsythea@cfsnemi.org. The Alpena Montmorency Alcona Great Start Collaborative is housed at Child and Family Services in Alpena.



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- gardening123.com
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Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Cloudy High: 16 Low: 2
	THURSDAY Mostly Sunny High: 18 Low: 15
	FRIDAY Cloudy High: 29 Low: 24
	SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 24
	SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 25
	MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 36 Low: 24
	TUESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 35 Low: 19

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow, high temperature of 16°, humidity of 62%. Northwest wind 20 to 25 mph. The record high temperature for today is 53° set in 1983. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 2°. Northwest wind 10 to 20 mph. The record low for tonight is -30° set in 1959.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	39	28	27/9	0.01"
Tuesday	30	23	27/9	0.00"
Wednesday	40	25	28/9	0.00"
Thursday	34	25	28/9	0.22"
Friday	24	16	28/9	0.00"
Saturday	20	6	28/10	0.00"
Sunday	17	2	28/10	0.01"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:25 a.m.	6:09 p.m.	1:22 p.m.	3:53 a.m.
Thursday	7:23 a.m.	6:11 p.m.	2:18 p.m.	4:35 a.m.
Friday	7:22 a.m.	6:12 p.m.	3:18 p.m.	5:13 a.m.
Saturday	7:20 a.m.	6:14 p.m.	4:20 p.m.	5:46 a.m.
Sunday	7:18 a.m.	6:15 p.m.	5:24 p.m.	6:17 a.m.
Monday	7:17 a.m.	6:16 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:46 a.m.
Tuesday	7:15 a.m.	6:18 p.m.	7:38 p.m.	7:14 a.m.

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

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 scattered snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 44° in Annapolis, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers today and Thursday, scattered showers and thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today, scattered rain and snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 48° in Colville, Wash. The Southwest will see isolated showers today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 78° in Carlsbad, N.M.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:54 a.m.	7:41 p.m.
Venus	7:12 a.m.	5:17 p.m.
Mars	7:59 a.m.	7:11 p.m.
Jupiter	11:19 a.m.	2:26 a.m.
Saturn	11:56 p.m.	10:21 a.m.
Uranus	8:44 a.m.	9:05 p.m.

Weather History

Feb. 20, 1987 - A storm system over Arizona spread heavy snow from the southern Rockies into the Southern Plains region. Thunderstorms in central Texas produced golf ball size hail about the same time north central Texas was being blanketed with up to eight inches of snow.

Weather Trivia

Is sunlight reflected by snow?

Answer: Yes, more than 80 percent of sunlight gets reflected.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Thank You, Mrs. Hurd

I was diagnosed with lung cancer in late April of 2007. I was on the cusp of retirement as director of the Allentown (PA) School District Planetarium, and I was angry. My high school students looked at me with surprise, and many of them asked, "So you were a smoker?" I wasn't, except for one drag at the age of 14. My family physician, Gerald Miller, played it safe, thinking maybe I had TB, so I was pulled from work because of the probability of being contagious. That gave me valuable time to read about the disease which allowed me to converse with my surgeons in a more knowledgeable manner. The operation was performed on June 3, laproscopically by William Burfeind, a young teaching physician from Duke University. The hospital was St. Luke's in Bethlehem. I can still see Burfeind's smiling face looking down at me in recovery. He said, "We sliced and diced that tumor and could find no cancer." After a very painful night in ICU, I was transported up to a room in the Hurd Pavilion of St. Luke's where I received state of the art treatment by a large cadre of caring nurses and physicians. Four days later, I walked out of the hospital without assistance. In 2009, when I was asked to join the Moravian College faculty, I spent lots of time working with retiring professor Joe Gerencer, a wonderful mentor. When I finally got to see the Collier rooftop observatory, there was this new A-shaped, roofed building blocking a critical view of the horizon in the southwest. Horizontal astronomy was always one of my interests. I was flabbergasted. The students called it PPHAC, the Priscilla Payne Hurd Academic Center. Priscilla Payne Hurd died February 5 at the grand age of 93. What do you say to a woman whose generosity helped save your life, but messed up your horizons? There are only two words that come to mind. Thank you, thank you, thank you... www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE:** Who created the character of Walter Mitty?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which Central American country has coastline only on the Pacific side?
- GAMES:** How many players are on a volleyball team?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president eventually courted and married a woman who was briefly his schoolteacher?
- HISTORY:** What was the name of the system of racial segregation used in South Africa in the second half of the 20th century?
- MYTHOLOGY:** Which Greek heroine refused to marry any man who could not beat her in a foot race?
- ANCIENT WORLD:** What field of study was Euclid known for?
- MUSIC:** What is a hurdy-gurdy?
- FIRSTS:** Who was the first (and only) woman to win the Medal of Honor?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Why is a catamaran different from other boats?

Answers: 1. James Thurber; 2. El Salvador; 3. Six; 4. Millard Fillmore. Millard and Abigail Fillmore were only a couple of years apart in age.; 5. Apartheid; 6. Atalanta; 7. Mathematics, specifically geometry; 8. A hand-cranked string instrument; 9. Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, for her medical work during the Civil War; 10. It has two hulls. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

CLACKING CAT

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 48 Riddle, part 3 | 94 Verdugo or Kagan | 3 Thinks through logically | 42 Show a deficit | 81 "— shall come to pass ..." |
| 1 "My dear," in Milan | 53 Fifth of XV | 95 Repetitious learning | 4 "Boston Legal" fig. | 43 Albania's capital | 83 Pistol or rifle |
| 8 Early calculators | 54 Novelist Santha Rama — | 96 Moroseness | 5 Tiki bar drink | 45 Purple bloom | 84 Meadowland |
| 13 Miser visited by ghosts | 55 In — (before birth) | 98 Hopes that one will | 6 "The show's starting" | 47 Melodies | 88 Clear, as a chalkboard |
| 20 Protective plastic film | 56 Table crumb | 101 Lube again | 7 Cigna rival | 49 Melody | 89 Dubs anew |
| 21 — rex (cat breed) | 57 "Viva — Vegas" | 102 End of the riddle | 8 Suffix with lime | 50 Alternative to a 401(k) | 90 Russian city or region |
| 22 Chewed the fat | 58 On top of, to bards | 107 Apple line | 9 Desensitized | 51 Twistable little treats | 92 Sacs |
| 23 Start of a riddle | 59 — Martin | 108 "A," in Arles | 10 2009 film set on Pandora | 52 "Nothin'" | 97 Shows grief |
| 25 Thaws again | 61 Cast — for | 109 — offensive (1968 attack) | 11 Show up at | 60 Frequently, to a poet | 99 Like fictitious tales |
| 26 Procedure: Abbr. | 63 Pops | 110 Gehrig and Gossett | 12 Ending for Benedict | 62 Held the deed to | 100 Big name in stretchy swimwear |
| 27 Muscle fitness | 64 Cuts short | 111 Very little | 13 "Scat!" | 63 Strip bare | 101 Rebel as a group |
| 28 Sport — (4WD vehicle) | 65 Riddle, part 4 | 114 Bacon slices | 14 Second-order angel | 64 Slithering swimmer | 102 Sacked |
| 29 Galley tool | 70 LeBlanc of "Friends" | 116 Riddle's answer | 15 Cup top | 66 Narrow road | 103 Not solidified |
| 30 A number of | 73 Reminiscent of | 119 Saint- — (Loire's capital) | 16 Baby bodysuits | 67 "Feel free to send me" | 104 Mop & — (cleaning brand) |
| 31 Riddle, part 2 | 74 First Hebrew month | 120 Six Flags attractions | 17 Like films not shot in a studio | 68 Hanging Gardens city | 105 Karaoke selections |
| 36 Painter Rousseau | 75 Bovine milk pitcher | 121 Unable to tear oneself away from | 18 Tie the knot | 69 Comply with | 106 Fran and Ollie's friend |
| 38 In another country | 79 French buddy | 122 Most tightly packed | 19 Ford dud | 70 Atlas filler | 112 —'acte (play break) |
| 39 Vision problem | 80 Blowup, in photog. | 123 At — of (priced at) | 24 Clutch sitter | 71 Merge into a single body | 113 Parts of psyches |
| 40 Klensch of fashion | 81 — Lingus | 124 Energy-draining things | 29 More strange | 72 Artificial inlet subject to ebbs and flows | 115 Pittsburgh-Boston dir. |
| 41 Terse denial | 82 Elk's call | | 32 Berlin Mrs. | 76 Affecting the entire college, say | 116 Chorus syllable |
| 44 — Aviv | 85 Rebs' gp. | | 33 Hit for the Jackson 5 | 77 Question from Judas | 117 Suffix with lobby or hobby |
| 46 "Ad — per aspera" (motto of Kansas) | 86 Paw bottom | | 34 Really irk | 78 Stand for a canvas | 118 Counterpart of "nope" |
| | 87 Riddle, part 5 | DOWN | 35 Smelting residues | 80 The sun, in Spain | |
| | 91 Sharp insults | 1 Crows' calls | 36 — pin drop | | |
| | 93 Municipal reg. | 2 In need of a massage | 37 Places of exile | | |
| | | | 41 "King" Cole | | |

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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

- It was former heavy-weight champion and social activist Muhammad Ali who made the following observation: "A nation is only as good as its women."
- During World War I, fully one-third of all men in England between the ages of 17 and 35 were killed.
- The 20th century saw some profound changes in society, and here is one of the more striking examples: Between 1900 and 1990, the lifespan of the average American man increased from less than 47 years to more than 72 years.

- You might be surprised to learn that 20 percent of American families don't have bank accounts.

- It was in the late 1930s when Harry Reeves, a writer for the Donald Duck cartoon, decided that introducing three nephews would open up a lot of story lines. At a loss for names for the characters, Reeves asked Jim Carmichael, who also worked on the cartoons, for suggestions. Carmichael was busy with his own work, but in glancing down at the newspaper on his desk he noticed Thomas E. Dewey and Huey P. Long were both mentioned in headlines, so he suggested Huey and Dewey. A friend named Louie Schmitt stopped in to say hello at that moment, so he added Louie as the third nephew.

- Jack Nicholson has been nominated for an Academy Award 12 times (more than any other actor in history) and has won the award twice. He also appeared in two episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show."

- In 1974, a Gallup poll found that the most admired man in America was Henry Kissinger.

Thought for the Day: "Show me a great actor and I'll show you a lousy husband; show me a great actress, and you've seen the devil." -- W.C. Fields

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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On March 6, 1776, a committee of the New York Provincial Congress instructs Major William Malcolm to dismantle the Sandy Hook lighthouse in order to prevent it from aiding the British by warning ships of the rocky shore. Malcolm succeeded, but the British were soon able to put the lighthouse back into service.

- On March 5, 1815, Franz Anton Mesmer, a German physician who pioneered the medical field of hypnotic therapy, dies in obscurity in Germany. In 1772, Mesmer developed treatments that included the use of ethereal music as a hypnotic device.

- On March 7, 1876, 29-year-old Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention -- the telephone. Bell's patent filing beat a similar claim by Elisha Gray by just two hours.

- On March 4, 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is inaugurated as the 32nd president of the United States. In his famous inaugural address, Roosevelt told Americans that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

- On March 9, 1943, Bobby Fischer is born in Chicago. Fischer went on to become the only American to win the chess world championship. Though he was clearly the dominant player in the world and had attained the highest chess rating in history, he was forced to retire from international competition in 1975 due to his increasingly erratic and bizarre behavior.

- On March 8, 1950, Volkswagen, maker of the Beetle automobile, expands its product offerings to include a microbus. Known officially as the Volkswagen Type 2, the bus was a favorite mode of transportation for hippies during the 1960s and became an icon of the American counterculture movement.

- On March 10, 1988, pop singer and teen idol Andy Gibb -- younger brother of Bee Gees Barry, Robin and Maurice -- dies in Britain just days after his 30th birthday. Six months earlier, Gibb had topped the charts with his debut record, "I Just Want to Be Your Everything." His string of three No. 1 hits with his first three releases is a record that still stands today.

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on February 11 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor pro tem Noel Lemere and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor pro tem Lemere, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce, council members Sanderson, Kaiser, Crick and Baird, and city attorney Cook. Absent: Mayor Dobis and council member Tartaglia.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Crick, to approve the minutes of January 14. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird, to pay the bills in the amount of \$33,466.87. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor pro tem Lemere introduced the new Alpena News reporter Betsy Lehndorff. Mayor pro tem Lemere and treasurer Keerl advised council of the update for the mapping project by Wilcox Engineering. The project is 80 percent complete. No payment has been made to Wilcox Engineering toward the contract to date.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Crick, to set the Tax Board of Review dates as follows: Organizational meeting: March 5 at 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. March 12 at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 14 at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 16 at 9 a.m. (if needed). December 10 at 9 a.m. (if needed). Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Crick, support by Kaiser, to set the 2013/2014 General Fund Budget and the Major/Minor, Fire, Equipment Pool Fund budgets and the Annual Truth and Taxation Hearing for March 11. Hearing to start at 7:30 p.m. Clerk to publish notice. Motion carried 4-0.

End of 2012 Water/Sewer adjustments and final budget figures addressed by treasurer Keerl. Motion by Baird, support by Crick, to accept 2012 Water/Sewer, Water Debt, Sewer Bond and Interest adjustments and final budget figures. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Sanderson, support by Crick, for Harrisville Arts Council request to use city properties as stated in its letter of request, starting Tuesday, Aug. 27 for booth marking through Sunday evening, September 1 for Harmony Week-end activities. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser, for Craftmakers' Cabin's oral request to use city properties as stated in said request, weekend of Friday evening, July 5 through Sunday evening, July 7 for arts and crafts fair. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Baird, support by

LEGAL NOTICE

**State of Michigan
 Probate Court
 County of Alcona
 Notice to Creditors
 Decedent's Estate
 File No. 13-5154 DE**

Estate of Richard D. McLaughlin
 Date of birth: June 4, 1940

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Richard D. McLaughlin, died January 30, 2013.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robin Schirs, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 14, 2013
 Robin Schirs
 3315 Glacier Drive
 Lake Orion, Michigan 48360
 (248) 672-3779

Sanderson, for Harrisville Lions Club's request to use city properties as stated in its letter of request, the weekend of Saturday, July 6 for annual Duck Race and activities associated with it. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Crick, support by Baird, for Alcona County Chamber of Commerce's request to use city properties, as stated in its letter of request, weekend of Saturday, July 6 for activities associated with the annual Fourth of July fireworks and associated activities. Motion carried: 4-0.

Presentation by Laurie Ames, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist for Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties on proclaiming April as Social Host Awareness Month. Motion by Sanderson, support by Crick, to proclaim April Social Host Awareness Month. Motion carried: 4-0. Reports: Clerk Barbara Pierce - Summer Concert Series dates are filling fast. The dates for the Summer Concert Series are Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7. Michigan Township Association meeting, which Pierce attended, highlighted the use of the general information number 211 as a venue for help with many domestic, health related, and general information questions. Two-one-one is operational 24/7 and when used properly, frees up 911 emergency lines. Pierce presented a report by city maintenance worker Louis Campbell on his recent attendance at a conference about coliforms and other drinking water microorganisms. Topics also included more efficient ways of taking water samples. City water samples are taken every month.

Treasurer Tom Keerl (assistant fire chief) asked permission for the fire department ladies auxiliary to fund raise during the Summer Concert Series and the Fourth of July fireworks activities for 2013. Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser to allow F.D. ladies auxiliary to fundraise during these events. Motion carried 4-0.

Planning commissioner Michael Baird reported that all commission members have received a complete draft of the new zoning ordinances which will be discussed and reviewed at the March 12 meeting of the planning commission with a public hearing targeted for sometime in April. Airport commissioner Terry Boucher reported he has received guidelines for model airplane use at the Harrisville International Airport. Anyone interested in this use of the airport facilities can obtain a copy of the guidelines at the city office.

Council members addressed ongoing issue of plowed snow obstructing sidewalk access. Zoning administrator Somers will address this issue. Sanderson moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's February board meeting was called to order by supervisor Carlin at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: Carlin, LaLonde, Gauthier, Mead and MacNeill. Clerk's minutes and treasurer's report were filed. Motion to pay bills and accept Donald Spiegelmyre's application to join the fire department. All motions passed.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk
 This synopsis published prior to board approval.

BIDS WANTED

Notice to bidders: Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Alcona, Michigan at 301 North Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Michigan 48742, until 4 p.m. local time, Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Accepted bids will be publicly read beginning at 4:15 p.m. during the road commission meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2013, for furnishing and delivering 2013 annual requirements for the following materials: Corrugated metal culverts, guardrail and guardrail accessories, crushed and washed limestone 29A and 26A, bituminous patching material CP-6 and CP-7, asphalt emulsions including AE-90 fog seal, asphalt, pavement marking services, aggregate: tailgate spread, aggregate: stockpiled, chloride applied for dust control and bulk for pre-wetting winter salt, chemical brush control. Bid price for the above materials shall include cost of delivery to designated points in Alcona County. Specifications and further information may be obtained at the office of the Alcona County Road Commission, 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan 48742; phone (989) 736-8168; e-mail roads@alconacrc.com. All proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the bidder and item being bid. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities in the bids and to accept the bid which is in the best interest of the County of Alcona. Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Alcona. Alfred J. Scully, Chair.

Notice to bidders: Sealed bids will be received by Alcona County Road Commission at 301 North Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Michigan 48742 by 4 p.m. local time March 13, 2013, to be opened at a regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners on March 13, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. No faxed or e-mailed bids will be accepted. One (1) or more new 2013 64,000 G.V.W. Tandem Trucks. The trucks will be equipped with a radius dump body, 9 inch tailgate spreader, underbody scraper, front snowplow hitch, side snow wing, and a hydraulic system to operate the equipment. Bidder's proposals are to be properly completed and enclosed in a sealed envelope marked: Tandem Axle Plow Truck Bid. The Alcona County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof at its discretion and to waive any irregularities in the bidding. The purchaser may also split the bids at its discretion. Bidders shall mark either yes or no in ink in the spaces provided indicating if there is compliance for each portion of the specification. The truck and equipment purchaser at their option, may accept a separate equipment bid other than that provided by the truck dealer. The truck bids will be considered individually, the equipment bids will be considered individually also. However the purchaser wishes to purchase a complete unit ready to operate, in whatever combination it chooses. 2-20

Notice to bidders: Alcona County Road Commission will receive sealed bids for the following: One (1) or more new 2013 tandem axle truck equipment packages. The trucks will be equipped with a radius design dump body, 9 inch tailgate spreader, side snow wing, pre-wet tanks, underbody scraper, front snowplow hitch, and a hydraulic system to operate the equipment. Bid proposals are to be properly completed, enclosed in a sealed envelope, and clearly marked: Tandem Axle Truck Equipment Bid. Bid envelopes must clearly identify the bidder. Bids must be submitted to the Alcona County Road Commission office, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Michigan, 48742 by 4 p.m. local time March 13, 2013, to be opened at a regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners on March 13, 2013, at 4:15 p.m. No faxed or email bids will be accepted. The Alcona County Road Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or any part thereof at its discretion, and to waive any irregularities in the bidding. Bidders shall mark either yes or no in ink in the spaces provided indicating if there is compliance for each portion of the specification. No equipment will be considered to exceed the specification. It either meets or does not meet the specification.

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One bedroom, one block from downtown Harrisville. All utilities paid, covered parking and on-site laundry, call (989) 362-4400 daytime.

Downtown Harrisville on the lake one bedroom, den, sitting room with efficiency kitchen including new stove and refrigerator. Unfurnished \$300 per month plus utilities. Must have first and last month's rent plus security. One year lease, credit check. For appointment to view, call (313) 882-8145 and (989) 724-6970.

Colwell Manor Apartments, 200 North 8th in Harrisville has one and two bedroom apartments available. Rent based on income, no minimum. Barrier free units in building. Applications at manager's apartment number 26 or call (800) 225-7982. Inside mail delivery, laundry room in each hallway, play area for children. Managed by Stratford Group, Ltd., 442 West Baldwin, Alpena, Michigan. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. TDD number (800) 855-1155. Equal housing opportunity.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Looking Glass Salon welcomes Elin Loyer! We are now offering nails, pedicures and facials. Walk-ins or appointments Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mondays by appointment only. We're located behind Chippewa Point in Spruce. Call, (989) 471-8050. 2-20 thru 3-13

HELP WANTED

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

Alcona Health Center is taking applications for contingent medical support staff and part time, 30 hours weekly, medical records staff in the southern division Harrisville, Lincoln and Oscoda. Medical support applicants must be CMAs or LPNs. Medical records must have previous experience. If interested, go to www.alconahealthcenters.org for instructions and application information. Equal opportunity employer.

Alpena Community College invites applications for Director of Nursing.

This is a full-time, administrative, exempt position responsible for providing leadership and supervision for all Health and Human Services instructional programs which include Pre-Nursing, Licensed Practical Nursing, Registered Nursing, Human Services, and new Health Occupational Programs. Position also includes a minimum of 4 credits per semester of teaching responsibilities in the fall and spring semester in the Nursing programs. Applications received by February 25, 2013 will receive first consideration. Phone (989) 358-7351. A complete job description and application procedure is available online at: http://discover.alpenacc.edu/faculty_staff/employment_opportunities.php ACC offers a highly competitive salary and benefit package. EOE/ADA

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Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 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.

A.C.C.O.A. Bingo - Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Senior Center. All paper games, Michigan Progressive, two jackpots, cookie jar. Non-smoking area provided. New players are always welcome. Proceeds to ACCOA senior programs. A239401C.

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BOARD OF REVIEW

**2013 Board of Review Notice
Hawes Township
VFW Post 8135,
2120 Trask Lake Road
Barton City, MI 48705**

The Hawes Township Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the VFW Post, 2120 Trask Lake Road on the following dates:
March 11, 2013 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. March 15, 2013 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2013 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11, 2013.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Agricultural	49.92	1.00000
Commercial	49.57	1.00000
Industrial	49.52	1.00000
Residential	49.14	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact: Supervisor Rodney Cordes at 989-736-8460. 2/13 thru 2/27

**2013 Board of Review Notice
Harrisville Township
114 S. Poor Farm Road
Harrisville, MI 48740**

The Harrisville Township Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Road on the following dates:
March 12, 2013 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. March 14, 2013 3 p.m.- 9 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 8 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2013 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2013.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Agricultural	49.78	1.00000
Commercial	49.90	1.00000
Industrial	49.36	1.00000
Residential	49.58	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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**2013 Board of Review Notice
City of Harrisville
City Clerk's Office,
200 Fifth Street
Harrisville, MI 48740**

The City of Harrisville Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street on the following dates:
March 12, 2013 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. March 14, 2013 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2013 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2013.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Commercial	49.68	1.00000
Industrial	49.96	1.00000
Residential	49.98	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact: Barbara Pierce at City Clerks Office, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. daily at 989-724-6666. 2/13 thru 2/27

**Public Notice
Township of Caledonia
2013 March Board of Review meeting
Caledonia Township Hall
Gillard RD. Spruce, MI**

Monday, March 11, 2013 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12, 2013 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 4, 2013 at 6 p.m. to examine the assessment roll.
No appeals will be reviewed at this meeting.
Nonresidents may protest to Board of Review by letter mailed to 4808 Webster Rd., Glennie, MI 48737. Letters must be received by March 12, 2013.
Appearing below are the tentatived Equalization Ratios and estimated Multipliers as provided by the Alcona County Equalization Department.

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	50.42	0.99167
Commercial	48.12	1.03907
Industrial	43.79	1.14181
Residential	49.37	1.01276
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact Tammy Fall Assessor at (989) 735-2122. 2/20 thru 3/6

**Public Notice
Township of Curtis
March Board of Review meeting
Curtis Township Hall
4932 F-30, Glennie, Michigan**

Tuesday, March 12, 2013 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2013 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2013 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 4, 2013 AT 1 p.m. to examine the assessment roll.
No appeals will be reviewed at the organizational meeting.
Nonresidents may protest to Board of Review by letter mailed to 4808 Webster Rd., Glennie, MI 48737. Letters must be received by March 12, 2013.
Appearing below are the tentatived Equalization Ratios and estimated Multipliers as provided by the Alcona County Equalization Department.

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	53.61	0.93266
Commercial	51.66	0.96787
Industrial	50.00	1.00002
Residential	49.74	1.00523
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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**2013 Board of Review Notice
Mitchell Township
6849 W Tower Road,
Curran, MI 48728**

The Mitchell Township Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 Tower Road on the following dates:
March 11, 2013 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
March 13, 2013 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2013 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11, 2013.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	49.55	1.00000
Industrial	49.52	1.00000
Residential	49.93	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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**2013 Board of Review Notice
Millen Township
Barton City FOE 4141, 671 N
Sanborn Road
Barton City, MI 48705**

The Millen Township Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the Barton City FOE, 671 N Sanborn Road on the following dates:
March 12, 2013 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. March 16, 2013 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & p.m. - 4 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2013 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2013.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Agricultural	49.76	1.00000
Commercial	49.30	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact: Supervisor James Burger at 989-736-3401. 2/13 thru 2/27

**Public Notice
March Board of Review
Haynes Township
Township Hall, 3939 E. McNeil Rd.,
Lincoln, MI 48742**

Monday, March 11, 2013, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 3-9 p.m.
An organization meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2013. The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	n/a	n/a
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Timber cutover	n/a	n/a
Development	n/a	n/a
Personal property	50.00	1.00000

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CALEDONIA TWP. MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting February 6 was called to order by Supervisor Ott with a pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Board members present: Ott, Thornton, Timm, Scott and Hubbard. Also in attendance Nancy Beck, zoning administrator (ZA) and three citizens. Motion to approve the agenda. Motion to approve the minutes of January 9. Correspondence: Consumers Energy tree trimming, Catholic Human Services-Social Host Awareness, the movie Lincoln at Alcona High, NEMCOG Transportation Planning meeting in Alpena and the clerk passed out quarterly reports.
Motion to pay the bills. Motion to place treasurer's report on file. Planning commission: Zoning board of appeals has scheduled a meeting February 21 to welcome new member Ed Bolanowski. Planning commission is working on wireless communications draft and proposed changes on the Open Burn Ordinance. ZA report: Still working on business signs and had one land use for beauty salon sign on Spruce Road.
New LED lighting job in hall has been completed. Motion to amend amount for

Gator Electric to include two kitchen lights an increase of \$135.16. Also Gator Electric will file an incentive application for us to obtain a rebate. Motion by resolution to adopt Cemetery Ordinance No. 13-01 with effective date 30 days after publication. Ken Hubbard reported the phagmites in Holcomb Creek are non-invasive and will be checked by a botanist this coming summer. If this status ever changes to invasive we will need to address it further.
We discussed road jobs we hope to have done in 2013 and 2014. Motion to sign school collection tax contract. Motion to drop the school collection fee we charge from \$3/parcel to \$2/parcel starting next year. Motion to authorize supervisor to sign proclamation for Social Host Awareness Month. Motion to send supervisor Ott to NEMCOG transportation meeting February 27, paying a per diem and mileage. Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is March 13. Planning commission meets March 4. Website: Caledoniatwp.net.
Helen Timm, Clerk

MITCHELL TWP. MINUTES

Mitchell Township Board met February 11. The board approved draft minutes of the December 10, 2012 regular meeting. Approved the December 2012 and January financial reports. Reviewed the third quarter budget status. Heard from concerned citizens regarding the zoning administrator. Approved the payment of \$1,400 for assessing software. Accepted the zoning administrator's December and January reports as filed. Proclaimed April as Social Host Awareness Month. Set a budget workshop for the 2013-2014 bud-

get for 9 a.m. on March 4.
Members present: Supervisor Greg Murnock, clerk Warren Cross, treasurer Kevin Small, trustees Carla Brimm and Sheri Sanford. Absent: None Public present: Fire chief Mike Lay, assistant chief Linda Lay, assessor Randy Thompson, sexton Don Crowell and approximately 30 members of the public. Next regular meeting is 7 p.m. March 11. For the full board minutes or for more information, contact clerk Warren Cross at (989) 848-7395.

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ellen L. Miller, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, mortgagee, dated July 26, 2006, and recorded on September 25, 2006 in Liber 435 on page 612, and modified by affidavit or order executed on January 7, 2013 and recorded on January 7, 2013 in Liber 494 on page 707, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-eight thousand four hundred thirty-five and 12/100 dollars (\$68,435.12). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on February 27, 2013.

Said premises are situated in City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and is described as follows:

Parts of Sections 11 and 12, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, more fully described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 11; thence north 01 degrees 54 minutes 12 seconds west, along the section line common to Section 11 and 12, 891.11 feet (previously recorded as north 01

degrees 21 minutes 16 seconds west), to a found 1/2 inch rerod; thence north 02 degrees 00 minutes 26 seconds west, along said section line, 199.89 feet, to a 1/2 inch rerod; thence north 79 degrees 30 minutes 16 seconds west, 21.00 feet (previously recorded as north 81 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds west), to a found 1/2 inch rerod; thence north 00 degrees 17 minutes 37 seconds west, 132.00 feet, (previously recorded as north 00 degrees 21 minutes 27 seconds east), to a found 1/2 inch rerod at the south line of Church Street; thence south 82 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds east, along said Church Street, 82.73 feet, to a found 1/2 inch rerod; thence south 07 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds west, parallel to Eighth Street, 329.23 feet; to a found 1/2 inch rerod at the south line of Lot 5 extended; thence north 82 degrees 42 minutes 29 seconds west, along said lot line extension, 9.51 feet, to the point of beginning. Contains 0.34 acres of land more or less.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 30, 2013

For more information, please call: (248) 593-1309

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Mortgage Sale

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Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in the following mortgages: 1. Mortgage given by Brenda K. Bianchi, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture dated September 30, 1991 and recorded on October 2, 1991 in Liber 244 on pages 112 to 115 of the Alcona County records; said mortgage was subsequently assumed by Joanne H. Higgins; and 2. Mortgage given by Joanne H. Higgins, to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture dated February 20, 1998 and was recorded on February 20, 1998 in Liber 315, on pages 441 through 446 of the Alcona County records (collectively referred to as the mortgages).

No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now eighty-six thousand three hundred thirty-five and 93/100 (\$86,335.93) dollars. The mortgages will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on March 13, 2013 at 10 a.m., local time, at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan which is the location of the Alcona County circuit court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then

due on the mortgages, including interest at the rate of 6.75 percent per year, 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 Harrisville Township, Alcona County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the mortgages as: Lot 13 Klein's Green Hills, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 161-62, Alcona County records. The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandon pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a (c) expires, whichever is later. Please be advised that under MCL 600.3278, if the property is actually sold at a foreclosure sale pursuant to the procedures provided in MCL 600.3200 et. seq., as is currently anticipated by this notice of mortgage sale, then in such event, the borrower will be responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 30, 2013

United States of America,

Acting through the Rural Development Agency F/K/A the Rural Housing Service, of the United States Department of Agriculture

Prepared by: John R. Tucker, Esq. P-37348

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If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior nine months, please contact our office at (248) 502-1400.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James A. Rowden, unmarried man, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated March 14, 2007 and recorded March 15, 2007 in Liber 440, page 379, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirteen thousand two hundred thirty-four and 53/100 dollars (\$113,234.53) including interest at 4 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on February 27, 2013.

Said premises are located in the town-

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ship of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1 - That part of the south 15 acres of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of the above described parcel, thence south 150 feet along the centerline of Cruzen Road, thence west 280 feet, thence north 150 feet, thence east 280 feet to the point of beginning. And Parcel 2: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 8 East; thence south 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds west, along the east line of said section and centerline of Cruzen Road, 799.44 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 89 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds west, 280.00 feet; thence south 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds west 30.00 feet; thence south 89 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds east, along the north line of the south 15 acres of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said section, 280.00 feet, thence north 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds east, along the east line of said section and centerline, 30.00 feet to the point beginning. Said parcel being a part of the

claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirty-eight thousand nine hundred thirty-two and 86/100 dollars (\$138,932.86).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on March 6, 2013.

Said premises are situated in township of Mitchell, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The E 2/3rds of the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec 36, T27N, R6E. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which

northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 8 East. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: January 30, 2013

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case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 6, 2013

For more information, please call:

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be fore-

closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on March 20, 2013.

Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel J - commencing at the northwest corner of fractional Section 2, Town 26 North, Range 8 East; thence south 01 degrees 54 minutes 09 seconds east along the west line of said section, 966.53 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 89 degrees 34 minutes 06 seconds east, 264.00 feet; thence south 01 degrees 54 minutes 09 seconds east 166.85 feet; thence south 89 degrees 38 minutes 14 seconds west, 264.01 feet; thence north 01 degrees 54 minutes 09 seconds west along the west line of said section, 166.53 feet to the point of beginning. Except McConnell Road right of way. Said parcel being a part of the northwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of said fractional Section 2. Description taken from survey dated September 26, 2005. Also to include a 1995 Mansion manufactured home with serial number M0267212.

Affidavit of affixture of manufactured home recorded in Liber 430, page 895, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 20, 2013

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HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held February 12 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The board elected trustee Pyne to chair the meeting in the absence of supervisor Stone due to the flu. Four board members and 10 guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." From the floor, a problem with the ordinance property line is to be referred to the board of appeals. Also a portable marquee sign at Family Heritage Baptist Church will be discontinued and donated to the township of Harris-

ville. Johnston/Young: To approve the clerk's minutes as read. Motion carried. Jamieson/Young: To accept the treasurer's report which reconciled with the clerk's office. Motion carried. All committees and departments gave their reports with commissioner Thompson updating on the county level, May 11 county clean-up and August 3 will be electronics pick-up day. Johnston/Young: To again waive the fee for a new variance application permit for

the Heritage Family Baptist Church. Motion carried. The board approves the use of the township hall, at no cost, for the meeting of classic and antique buffs, Friday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. A township workshop is setup for Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. to discuss road projects, the township hall and other future township business. Young/Johnston: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson
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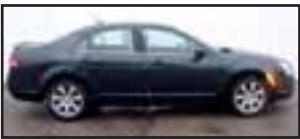


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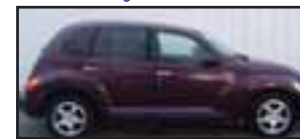
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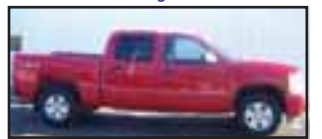
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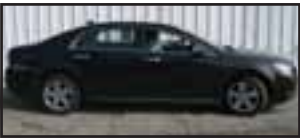
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