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hing outing turns fatal

By Cheryl Peterson Editor

A report of a Spruce resident who failed to return from an ice fishing outing on Hubbard Lake turned fatal Monday evening.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, first responders were dispatched to the southwestern shore of Hubbard Lake around 10 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28 for an ice fisherman who had gone through the ice on a four-wheeler.

The angler, Seigfried Rimatzki, 72, had failed to return home from fishing by 10 p.m. According to the sheriff's department, his four-wheeler was located by family members, who contacted authorities.

The Hubbard Lake Fire Department, South Shore Fire Department and first responders where sent to the location and conducted a cold water recovery. They were assisted by sheriff deputy Jerry Soboleski and Warren MacNeill, Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officer.

Rimatzki was pronounced dead on the scene by the Alcona County Medical Examiner. According to the sheriff's department, the incident is under investigation.

MacNeill, who had been on the ice earlier on Monday, explained that despite last week's cold temperatures, ice on Hubbard Lake (and other inland lakes in the area) is not safe. "A couple of weeks ago there was open water (on Hubbard Lake)," MacNeill said. "The cold snap we had recently wasn't enough to make good ice... then it snowed and the weight of snow pushes ice down which brings water up over the ice. Additionally, pressure cracks have opened up quite a bit so where it appears there is ice, there isn't.

MacNeill, who said fishing has been "incredible" recently, urged anglers to use extreme caution. "Do not drive cars or trucks out there. Be very cautious with snowmobiles and four-wheelers -I'd suggest that if you are going to drive a snowmobile or four-wheeler, follow other tracks," he said.

He encouraged anglers to practice self-awareness when on the ice "and get a pair of ice spikes before going out ... they can be used to pull yourself up out of the water if you fall in," MacNeill said.



Alcona Tiger Maddie Feldhiser (32) goes for two in the game against the Oscoda Owls. For the story on the Tigers winning streak, see page 8. Photo by Pat Brussel.

Play it safe on the ice

As ice-related activities become a more prominent part of Michigan's outdoor recreation scene - Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials remind anglers, snowmobilers, skiers and others that no ice is ever 100-percent safe.

"All ice has the propensity to be dangerous," said Lt. Steven Burton of the DNR's Law Enforcement Division. "Obviously, during some times of the year, some ice is much better than other ice, but no ice is ever completely safe ice.

Anyone who ventures out onto the ice is advised to keep the following precautions in mind:

- Check with local sources of information — such as the bait shop or corner store about ice conditions before venturing out.
- Travel in pairs whenever possible and make sure someone knows where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Carry a spud to test the quality of the ice as you move further onto the ice.
- Avoid inlets and outlets, areas with natural springs or currents, and places were structures - docks, pilings, dead trees or other vegetation - extend through the surface of the ice.
- Pay attention to wind direction - especially on large bodies of water.

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• Wear a personal flotation device (PFD) and carry personal safety devices such as spikes and rope to help you get out of the water should the ice break.

"It's important to stress that just because water is frozen doesn't mean you shouldn't carry a PFD. It's not the law; it's just good common sense," Burton said. "A personal flotation device like a floatable boat cushion or life jacket may not help you get out of the water, but will keep you floating until someone responds to pull you out.'

Burton said it's also important for residents to remember that ice doesn't form with uniform thickness on any body of water; there can always be thin spots. He added that ice formed by melted and refrozen snow will appear milky and is very porous and weak. "Any ice covered by snow should always be presumed unsafe," he said.

In the event that someone witnesses a person breaking through the ice, the DNR advised:

- Call 911 immediately.
- Do not run out to the victim. If help is not immediately available, approach cautiously - lying on the ice to distribute your weight and attempt to reach the victim with a rope, pole or lad-
- Take exposure victims to the hospital for treatment.

"Outdoor recreation is one of the best things about Michigan winters. Whether you're an angler, a hiker, a snowmobiler or someone who simply likes to explore the outdoors, there's no better place to be," Burton said. 'Just make sure to keep ice safety as a key part of your winter recreation plans."

To learn more about recreation safety, including DNR class offerings in traditional and online settings, visit www.michigan.gov/ recreationalsafety or www.dnr.state.mi.us/recnsearch/.

Challenging career spawns children's book

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

Sometimes amusing, often emotional, but always challenging is the life of someone who works with special needs and developmentally delayed individuals. It's a career full of roller-coaster moments filled with fear and confusion as well as love and laugh-

Harrisville resident Cindi Lewis had such a career in Oklahoma supervising many developmentally delayed people. The career left Lewis with many embedded memories of daily life struggles and the sweet innocence of the people she worked with.

Lewis grew up in the Clio/ Flint area of Michigan, but spent most of her adult life in Oklahoma pursuing a career in human services. She obtained an associate degree in human services/gerontology from Tulsa Community College.

She attained a job integrating special needs and developmentally delayed adults to be as self-sufficient as possible. The career allowed her to work closely with special individuals, their families, care givers and em-

The people Lewis worked with ranged from age 16 to 64 with varying degrees of disabilities. "Working with someone 34 years old who

only has the mentality of a seven year old can bring some interesting and trying moments," Lewis said.

It was toward the end of her career when Lewis got an idea for a children's book. "It only took me a short time to write it. "Banjo Backwards" is the culmination of many people I worked with," Lewis said. The brightly illustrated soft cover book is the story of a young boy named Mickey who has special needs and uses a wheelchair.

Lewis wrote the story with Mickey having a single mother because many of the special people she worked with came from single parent households. Lewis observed only a handful of her charges actually grew up in two parent households. "Quite often due to the enormous monetary and physical daily needs of having a developmentally disabled child, marriages break apart. The single parent and child usually end up very isolated and poverty stricken," Lewis said.

In the story of "Banjo Backwards", Mickey's mother buys Mickey a black and white roly-poly puppy. Mickey names the dog Banjo. It turns out Banjo also has special needs as the dog only knows how to walk backwards. It walks backwards everywhere it goes. Mickey's mother is concerned until



Cindi Lewis

Mickey assures her it's okay. Banjo is just different, like himself. Because Mickey and Banjo each have unique challenges, they form a bond and are different together.

Lewis submitted the manuscript in 2006 to two publishing companies which both encouraged her to self publish the book for a considerable fee. Lewis never stopped believing in the quality or validity of the story and remained steadfast in her opinion that only an offer of sincere merit would suffice.

After her first few attempts to get the book published failed, Lewis' life changed immensely. Her husband Ray, a retired teacher and

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Obituaries

Stephen Kozmiuk

Stephen Kozmiuk, 85, of Port Huron, Mich., formerly of Harrisville, died on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013 at the veterans hospital in Detroit, Mich.

He was born May 3, 1927 in Detroit, Mich. to Prekop and Helen (Hryczyszyn) Kozmiuk.

He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II. In March 1970 he married Alfreda Jernberg in Utica, Mich.

Mr. Kozmiuk worked as a draftsman for Chrysler and Fisher Body. He enjoyed woodworking.

Mr. Kozmiuk is survived by his wife, Alfreda; two sons, Daniel Kozmiuk of Manistique, Mich. and John Kozmiuk of Wauconda, Ill.; one daughter, Helen Kozmiuk of Port Huron, Mich.; and two sisters, Olga Devalerio of Gibraltar, Mich. and Alyce Rigby of Warren, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, David Kozmiuk and Eugene Kozmiuk.

The funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 26 at Lakeside Cemetery Chapel, Port Huron, Mich. Interment was in Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Port Huron, Mich.

Circuit Court

Nicholas Patrick Dibattista-Costello, 23, of Oscoda was sentenced to a minimum of 36 months to 60 months in prison for a probation violation. Dibattista-Costello was sentenced in 23rd Circuit Court in Iosco County on Thursday, Jan. 24. The sentencing was in relation to his guilty plea of consuming alcohol and providing alcohol to minors in January 2012, which was in violation of his probation in a 2009 Iosco County case in which he was charged with attempted criminal sexual conduct, third degree. He served nine months in jail in Iosco County for that charge.

He will receive a credit of 643 days toward his prison term. Two hundred and seventy days of which were from the 2009 case and 373 days were served in the Alcona County Jail while waiting to stand trial for four counts of criminal sexual conduct, first degree. The first trial, held in July 2012, was declared a mistrial. A second trial, for the same felony charges, was held in December 2012 and was also declared a mistrial.

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Una M M

Una Marjorie Mikazes, 75, of Mikado, died on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at her home.

She was born February 25, 1937 to Leo and Melissa (Nevin) Merkel in Mikado, where she was a life-long resident

She married Alfred S. "Mike" Mikazes on June 21, 1962.

Mrs. Mikazes was a devoted homemaker who enjoyed farming and canning. She especially enjoyed cooking and worked for many years as a caterer.

She loved the Detroit Tigers and listening to polka and country music.

She was a member of the Mikado Goodfellows, serving for 39 years.

Marion Mills, 98, of Lincoln died on Monday, Jan. 21, 2013 at Lincoln Haven Nursing Home.

She was born December 13, 1914 to Joseph and Hannah (Lowenberg) Kahn in Mikado, where she was raised

She graduated from Oscoda High School in 1933. She worked in a variety of jobs including Essex Wire in Highland Park, Mich. and selling war bonds on the radio.

She enjoyed "15 minutes of fame" when "Life" magazine came to Mikado in 1938 to cover the comedy "Aaron Slick from Punkin' Crick," in which she was the lead actress.

She married Ralph Mills on March 29, 1945 in Baltimore, Md. before he was shipped out to Germany during World War II.

After the war, they owned and operated Mills 5 cents to \$1 store in downtown Lincoln until 1979 when they sold the business.

Mrs. Mills was a devoted homemaker who supported her husband during his in-

Una M. Mikazes

Mrs. Mikazes is survived by one son, Joel (Dawn) Mikazes of Harrisville; two grandchildren, Hannah and Antavius Mikazes of Harrisville; two sisters, Mary Swartz of Mikado and Karen Merkel of Oscoda; four brothers, John (Barbara) Merkel of Harrisville, Richard Merkel of Detroit, Mich., Ronald (Yvonne) Merkel of Brighton, Mich. and David (Donna) Frayer of Stockbridge, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mike, on February 1, 2012; one sister-in-law, Ann Merkel; and one brother-in-law, Elihu Swartz

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln on Fri-

day, Feb. 1 from 3 to 9 p.m. with a parish prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday, Feb. 2 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. The Rev. Bob Bissot will officiate. Burial will be in St. Raphael Catholic Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the Mikado Goodfellows.

Marion Mills

volvement in numerous community projects. She was a talented singer and cook. She was also very supportive of family and friends, never failing to remember birthdays and anniversaries with cards and poems. She enjoyed going to Briggs Stadium in Detroit, Mich. (which became Tiger Stadium) and loved watching the Detroit Tigers and the Detroit Pistons play.

Mrs. Mills is survived by one son, Rich (Mary Ellen Jones) Mills of Harrisville; two daughters, Janice Heyd of Tennessee; one grandson, Jeffrey Heyd; one granddaughter, Lauren (Chris) Deal; one great-granddaughter, Ciara Cumbie; one sister-in-law, Ruth Kahn Mills; former daughter-in-law, Vanessa Flewelling Mills; adopted daughter, Marita Pippingskold of Finland; several nieces and nephews; and two best friends, Alexina Jack of Alpena and Esther Budreau of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, on July 17, 1998; six brothers, Sydney Kahn, Allen Kahn, Iver Kahn, Abraham Kahn,



Gerson Kahn and Wellington "Bill" Kahn; three sisters, Ruth Goldberg, Helen Kahn and Esther Immerman; two nephews, Eugene Immerman and Joel Kahn; and one son-in-law, William Heyd.

The funeral was held January 25 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. The Rev. Linda Jo Powers officiated. Burial will be in Twin Lakes Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to Temple Beth-El, Alpena, or to the Lincoln United Methodist Church.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2012-2013

		Weekly Report			r Hour		
	Temperat	ure (F°)	Precipitation	Av. Wind	High	Dominant	
<u>Date</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>Inches</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Direction</u>	
Jan. 20	34	9	0.05	3.4	35	Ν	
Jan. 21	17	3	0.00	2.1	21	WNW	
Jan. 22	10	-2	0.00	2.1	20	WNW	
Jan. 23	17	-2	0.00	2.3	20	W	
Jan. 24	15	1	0.02	4.3	33	N	
Jan. 25	20	3	0.00	3.7	22	SW	
Jan. 26	30	11	0.00	1.8	20	NE	

	Precipitation Summary (Inches)		20012-2013
	Water Content	Snow <u>Fall</u>	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.07	0.8	0.37
January to Date	1.10	3.9	1.51
Year/Season to Date	1.10	10.8	1.51

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.)

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

She loves me, she loves me not. We want a union, no, we do not. Sounds like the Alcona County Library employees.

What gives? Was there coercion in the first vote to get unionized, or in the second vote to not get unionized? There was a lot of time involved in the ongoing process. Was there any lesson learned? Will things go back to "normal?"

Will all county residents be welcomed back to perform services that were freely and gladly given, and be allowed in areas where book sorting occurs? These services help fund the many programs offered at the library.

Can bygones be bygones? Is there room for forgiveness where there has been hard feelings? Only time will tell. Mary McMahon Gruba

Greenbush

To the Editor,

As specified in Proposal A, part of our sales tax and property tax goes to the School Aid Fund to provide revenue for our public schools. Republican Governor Engler and his architect for Proposal A, Don Gilmer, have stated that the monies raised for the School Aid Fund were to be used, exclusively, for K-12 education.

It seems our current leaders, Representative Pettalia, Senator Moolenaar and Governor Snyder have found a loophole and have been ignoring the intent of the electorate. They have supported the diversion of over \$600,000,000 from K-12 schools to other parts of the general fund budget. This has been done by no other legislature since the passage of Proposal A. These actions have left local school districts in dire straits.

The AMA member districts have been forced to ask for a millage due to this loss of funds; however, with our economy in northeastern Michigan remaining at a standstill most families are hard pressed to come up with the extra money. Many citizens feel they have already paid for the increased money needed by our districts; it is just that it never arrived. Our elected leaders chose to divert hundreds of dollars per pupil, allowing them to give 'no strings attached" tax breaks to business.

The Republican majority should return to the intent of Proposal A and stop robbing from the School Aid Fund to pay for General Fund expenditures. Representative Pettalia, Senator Moolenaar, and Governor Snyder can change this by returning to the spirit and intent of Proposal A and the School Aid Fund.

Chuck Herring Alpena Co-president Region 14A – MEA Retired To the Editor,

To hold a special election just months after the 2012 August Primary and 2012 November General Election is a total misuse of taxpayer money. Alcona school board made the decision to do so.

One must wonder why this millage request was not included in August or November elections. Holding a special election is not free. Someone pays for it and the bottom line is that it is paid for by the taxpayers in one form or another.

Not only is it not free, it is expensive. There are numerous tasks, expenses and procedures required to conduct an election. The money spent for this election would be better spent by applying it to needed community services.

So why did Alcona school board officials determine to hold a special election? There is rumor that the special election was decided because it would be held when many residents are away and the voter turnout is lower. I urge all taxpayers in Alcona County to vote on this matter. Absentee ballots are available to residents that are unable to vote in person.

This provides an opportunity for all registered voters to cast a vote so that the matter of a 10 year tax obligation is made by those having to pay for it.

Pam Idema Lincoln To the Editor,

There have been several letters in the paper concerning the upcoming school millage election. As a sub I see first hand the large class sizes, the rooms that aren't as clean as they could be and other areas lacking due to budget restraints.

The staff works hard to provide a quality education which our students deserve. I look at those kids and know they are just as precious as students in schools with more financial backing. I can't, in my heart, vote no when the need is so great. If I were starving and wanted three meals per day but were only offered two meals, would it make sense to turn down the offered meals?

The monies raised for Alcona will simply maintain what we have. Perhaps, over the length of the millage increase, improvements can be made. I realize some of our monies won't stay in Alcona, but a lot will. We need every bit of that money. The core of a community is its school. To attract families with children, the school needs to be healthy. Our community needs a healthy school. It benefits all of us.

I urge you to vote your conscience. These kids are our community's future as are their parents. I would love someday to hear a choir sing, to see elementary students again enjoying art and music classes, to see a reduction in

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For the last 2½ months Connie and I have been part of an ongoing conversation around our community about the enhancement millage. We haven't been alone in that effort. We have been joined by a growing group of people in and out of the school setting. But this is our perspective. There has been a vigorous and sometimes even accurate exchange. The focus has been on money. It's an adult conversation, you see, that revolves around blame, finger pointing and suspicion; a classic adult debate. Example: "Teachers are overpaid and we suspect anyone who is associated with the school to hide behind kids for their own self interest." Or: "The private sector is full of selfish people who have plenty of money and should willingly throw it in the public pot. No accountability. Keep your mouth shut and pay up." Not much to build from in any of that. We bet you agree.

We all are products of the choices we have made: where we live; what we do; continuing education or not; buy land or not; retire or not. These are many choices, often times led by the question, "How does this benefit me?" Or not. We have 779 kids in our local schools, far fewer than in 1975 when we moved here. Here is what's stunning to us, kids are almost never at the core of this debate. Kids, if you haven't noticed are largely non-partisan and are in charge of very few of the most critical decisions that affect their lives, as it should be. It is our job to make those choices with their best interest in mind.

Connie and I have empathy for the circumstances adults face, however, they have all decided. Teachers have decided, business owners, retirees, laborers have all decided. We have 779 kids whose lives have not yet taken form. They have not yet decided. It's our job to educate them so they can build a better life for themselves and just as important contribute to the community they live in. Our sons have moved away and our grandchildren will never attend our schools. But the kids who are here are all of our responsibility, period.

If you think Lansing will reach out to fix this problem in time, so our local schools are not further damaged, we don't. We don't trust Lansing for a second. **What we do trust, is the people of our own community.** Maybe we could do this together, as adults, and help build a platform for our kids to make better choices than we have made. We have decided to **vote yes on February 26th.** We hope we can count on you too.

Thanks for listening, Connie and Bob Petrovich Jim and Robyn Hart Co-chairs Our Kids 1st

Why Are We Asking For Your Help? Funding History

Budget History 2004 to 2012

The district has lost \$1,834,000 in revenue due to declining enrollment and decreases in per pupil funding in relation to increasing expenses and inflation.

Enrollment History 2004 to 2012

1048 students to 779 students. A loss of 269 pupils.

Per Pupil Funding History 2008 to 2012

\$7,359 per pupil to \$6,966 per pupil. A reduction of **-\$393.00**.

What's Gone Away To Balance The Budget?

19.5 teachers
Academic/career counselor
Bus routes
26 support staff

K-12 Vocal music Athletic transportation Regular facility maintenance K-12 Instrumental music

Elective courses
Four Administrators
Librarians
and more

Our school is hosting a community forum on February 21, in the auditorium at 7 p.m. Please join us for a conversation about what we value and what this means for our community.

For more information see our website at www.ourkids1st.com

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BIDS REQUESTED FOR REMODEL

Bids requested for the building of a study room including walls, interior window, pocket door, electrical outlets and ventilation as needed, painting of walls & ceiling, purchase and installation of LED lighting.

Bid also requested for electrical outlets, painting of walls & ceiling, purchase and installation of LED lighting for new Teen room. Bids are due by 5 p.m. February 8.

Request RFP at Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main, Harrisville, 48740. Call or email to request a copy of the RFP at 989-724-6796 or director@alcona.lib.mi.us, 1/23 & 1/30

COMMUNITY INVITATION

If you are interested in learning more about the upcoming enhancement millage election

Please join us for a Community Forum on Thursday, February 7, 2013 beginning at 7:00 a.m.

RSVP is **required** to Donna Meyer By February 1, 2013 at (989)354-8216 or E-mail <u>meyerd@amaesd.org</u>

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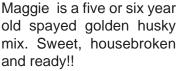


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class size in all grades, or to know a counselor is available to help graduating seniors with college applications.

Our community freely gives tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships to support graduating seniors. Let's give money, in the form of a millage, to all our students to show our support in a different, but vital way.

> Joan Crick Harrisville

To the Editor,

I was born and raised here in Lincoln and graduated from Alcona High School. My four kids graduated from Alcona High School. We were all provided with a good, solid education thanks to the taxpayers of our area.

Now is the time to support this generation of students. I read so many letters opposed to this millage and I wonder why. They all admit that Lansing has messed up the funding process so, instead of directing their anger at Lansing they decide to punish our school.

In trying to correct problems in the funding system does anyone believe that Lansing is pointing their efforts northward? I think their efforts are pointed east, southeast, west and southwest.

I will be voting "yes" on the millage. I refuse to punish our school for the problems created by Lansing. I urge you to also vote "yes" and then direct the angry letters to Gov. Rick Snyder and the legislature.

Don Franklin Harrisville To the Editor,

I ask what the superintendents and school boards were thinking when they supported this millage, especially in this poor economical time? I question the stewardship of these boards.

Why would you tax Alcona school district property owners and leave approximately half of their money in another school district? This is not the way you run a business.

This millage if passed will put an even heavier burden on the fixed income and working class. Three mills equals \$3 per \$1,000 on taxable

value (i.e. \$100,000 equals \$300). This is for the next 10 years.

Senior citizens, working class need to go to the tax polls on February 26 and vote this millage down. Do not let someone pull the wool over your eyes. The schools will not close and this is not for special needs children. Do you have the extra finances to pay for this? The school boards can spend this money as they want.

Please, if you are unable to go to the polls, obtain an absentee ballot from your township clerk.

Richard C. Simmons Harrisville Township

To the Editor,

Psalm 41:1 says, "Blessed is the one who considers the poor. In the day of trouble the lord delivers him"

The upcoming AMAESD enhancement millage purports to help kids but hurts families.

According to the U.S. Census, the median household income in Alcona County is just over \$35,000. Think about this for a moment; half of Alcona households receive less than this figure.

With four children and a modest home, I understand that number. I know what it is like to work hard at a decent job but still have to receive assistance. I know what it is like to drive older cars that I maintain myself. I know what it is like to have no retirement savings. I know how it feels when almost all the new clothes my children wear are those given as gifts

by others.

We, my wife and I, are not ashamed of this, nor do we consider ourselves poor. We have no debt – and the lord always gives us what we need. We do what we need to do – and he gives us what we need. I am thankful to him on so many levels. I am thankful to many of you who have been our helping hands.

I call on the financial stewards of our school to follow my example and do what you need to do to live within your means.

To voters: When you go to vote on February 26 (or sooner through your township clerk), you don't have to feel guilty when you say "no" to a millage that will fall short of really helping kids and families.

Many of us are counting on you.

Andy Jamieson Harrisville

Weekly SUDOKU ___

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Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

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 Woodcarvers will meet in the upstairs hall of the Lincoln Senior Center from 2 to 4 p.m. Beginners, intermediate and master carvers welcome. Class taught by Bill Hastings. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Music and sing-a-long with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township hall, 3029 Campbell Road. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees of Northeast Michigan will hold their regular 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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

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.

Free Zumba class at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, at noon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

All-you-can-eat fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion, 2205 N. Alger, Mikado. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age six to 12, five and under free. The public 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.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Alcona High School Boys Basketball program will be holding their annual Most Outstanding Performer competitions (MOP) and Alumni game at the Alcona High School gymnasium. The MOP competition will be at 3:30 p.m. for junior varsity and 5 p.m. for varsity. The alumni game time is 7:30 p.m. Cost to play in the alumni game is \$20 per player, male or female graduate or student over 18 and not currently in high school. For more information, call (989) 255-0599 or e-mail alumni2013alcona@gmail.com.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

The annual meeting of My Brother's Hope will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 N. State Street (US-23). For more information, call Susan Armstrong (989) 724-6365.

Get Crafty for Adults from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street. The project for February is creating Valentines using three different techniques with Kay Kniep. There is a \$3 charge for supplies. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

Drop in craft and Wii games for children from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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.

Anyone willing to volunteer or provide assistance during Mikado Days 2013 is encouraged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Current scheduled events will be discussed. For more information, call (989) 736-7721.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program will distribute commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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Barton City Improvement

Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Trask Lake Road. All citizens of Barton City are encouraged to attend. Discussion will include a St. Patrick's dinner, kid's fishing tournament and July Fourth festivities.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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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.

Join John Webster from Tait's Bill of Fare for a cooking demonstration at the noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call, (989) 724-6796 to register. Cost is \$5 per person.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-6546.

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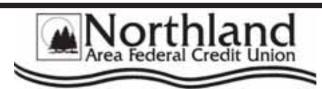
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Love Your Library Month

The month of February is Love Your Library month at all branches of the Alcona County Library. The community is invited to participate in special contests, programs, crafts, exercise classes, movies and more for all ages. Coffee Lovers' week is February 4 through 8, with free coffee every morning at the Harrisville branch, courtesy of Alcona Coffee of Harrisville. For a complete listing of activities, see the website www.alcona.lib.mi.us or call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Mock Rock Helps Families

The Alpena Montmorency and Alcona County Great Start will be hosting Star Power Mock 2013 and they are looking for input from the community. A community meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library to gather ideas, set up committees and to take any and all suggestions to help make this year's Mock Rock a success. All proceeds from Mock Rock will be used to benefit children and families within the community with aspects like parenting leadership opportunities, parenting education classes and other resources to support families. For more information, contact Angela Forsythe at (989) 356-4567 extension 209.

Family Movie

Enjoy the newly released animated comedy about a high-end resort managed by Dracula on Friday, Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Free theater-style popcorn will be available at

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Now on Display

Harrisville resident Gary McKinney is the artist for the month of February at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. McKinney's art features the beauty of northern Michigan through oils, pencil drawings and other media. The community is invited to a reception in his honor on Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.; refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. McKinney's art will be on display from February 1 through March 7 during regular library hours. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

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

 Monday, Feb. 4—Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad and fresh fruit.

• Tuesday, Feb. 5—Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, corn, flavored applesauce and fruit pie.

Wednesday, Feb. 6— Baked fish, baked potato, Brussels sprouts, Jell-O with fruit and fruit.

 Thursday, Feb. 7— Breaded pork chop, broccoli cheese rice, carrots, pickled beets and fruit.

• Friday, Feb. 8—Fish, buttered rotini, broccoli, fruited Jell-O and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Computer Greeting Cards

Use Microsoft Publisher to create extra special Valentines and greetings cards with instructor Michelle at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. Use clip-art or bring your own photographs (on flash drive or CD) to create personalized cards. Registration required for this class, cost is \$2 per person which includes five greeting cards and envelopes. Call (989) 724-6796.

Recycling Fee Increase

Recycle Alcona, Inc. will be raising the fee for recycling from \$2 to \$5 effective Saturday, Feb. 9. The increase is due to ever rising costs to transport materials from the ARA site to the recycling center. In an effort to stay solvent, the raise was necessary. In the meantime, the board will continue to investigate ways to keep costs low or find alternate companies with which to work.

New Tourism Committee

State Rep. Peter Pettalia

will chair the newly formed House Committee on Tourism to consider ways to encourage a healthy economy and better quality of life for state residents. "I feel very privileged to be in a position to help northeast Michigan and the entire state by chairing the new House Tourism Committee," said Pettalia, (R-Presque Isle.) "I'm looking forward to working with area chambers of commerce, visitor bureaus, recreation groups and all the numerous interests who enjoy and rely on the unique offerings we have that add to our quality of life, as well as those who choose to vacation in in this great state."

Pettalia, who is serving his second term in the House, will also be a member of the House committees for energy and technology, financial services, local government, and transportation and infrastructure. He was on the local government and financial services committees last

"I'm very pleased to be seated on these ideal committees. I cannot wait to get started this legislative term," Pettalia said. Pettalia can be contacted by addressing letters to the State Capitol, Lansing, Mich. 48909-7514; calling his toll-free Lansing, Mich. office number at (877) REP-4106 (877-737-4106); by epeterpettalia@mail, house.mi.gov; or through his website at RepPeterPettalia.-

Scholarship Applications

The spring 2013 Competitive Scholarship Program is underway at the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) for the 2013-2014 academic year. Each year, over 50 active scholarship funds provide awards for a variety of schools and areas of study. Graduates of all ages in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, or Presque Isle, who meet specific eligibility requirements, are welcome to apply. The application deadline is April 1.

At www.cfnem.org follow the CFNEM Scholarship link to the applicant's own county to find a list of available awards. Check all eligibility requirements that apply to each applicant, their school of choice and their area of study. Complete the CFNEM FORM if indicated, then print and mail the application to our office with other supporting documentation. Contact the CFNEM office for questions or would like the application information mailed.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1 or delivered to the CFNEM office at 111 Water Street in downtown Alpena no later than the first regular business day in April. Visit the office, the CFNEM website www.cfnem.org, or call (989) 354-6881 (toll free: 877-354-6881) for more information.



SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Car shopping tips for older drivers

Dear Savvy Senior,

What resources can you recommend to seniors who are shopping for a car? My wife and I are relatively healthy 70-year-olds and are looking for a new seniorfriendly vehicle, but could use some help.

Older Drivers

Dear Older,

For seniors who are in the market for a new or used car, the AAA (American Automobile Association) and the University of Florida's Institute for Mobility, Activity and Participation has just updated an excellent resource called "Smart Features for Older Drivers" that can help you choose a vehicle that meets your needs as you age.

While the automotive industry doesn't make vehicles specifically designed for senior citizens, they do make certain vehicles with features that can help accommodate the needs of older drivers.

With that in mind, "Smart

Features for Older Drivers" addresses the age-related physical changes - like diminished vision, arthritis, and range of motion loss that can affect a senior's driving ability and comfort behind the wheel, and outlines various vehicle features that help address those issues.

The first priority is to identify vehicles with a proven safety record which you can research online at safercar.gov and iihs.org/ratings. Also look for vehicles that have dynamic stability control, anti-lock brakes, adjustable head restraints, and side and dual-stage/threshold airbags that adjust the deployment force based on the severity of the crash.

Your next step is to identify specific vehicle features that can help meet your physical needs. So, depending on what ails you, here's what to look for.

• Hip and knee problems: For comfort, a better fit, and easier entry and exit, look for vehicles that have six-way adjustable power seats that move the seat forward and backward, up and down, and the seat-back forward and backward. Also look for low door thresholds and seat heights that don't require too much bending or climbing to get into. The ideal seat height for seniors is between midthigh and lower buttocks when standing next to the vehicle. Leather or faux leather seats are also easier to slide in and out of than cloth seats.

• Stiff upper body: If you have difficulty looking over your shoulder to back up or merge into traffic, look for vehicles with a large rear window for better visibility, wideangle mirrors which can minimize blind spots, backup cameras, active parallel park assistance, and blindspot warning systems that alert you to objects in the way. Also, for comfort and fit, consider vehicles that have a tilt and telescoping steering wheel, adjustable seatbelts, and heated seats with lumbar support.

Arthritic hands: For easier use, four-door vehicles are recommended because the doors are smaller, lighter and easier to open and close than two-door models. And to help with painful gripping and turning problems, look for keyless entry and a pushbutton ignition, a thicker steering wheel, power mirrors and seats, and a sliding channel gear selector.

• Diminished vision: Drivers with vision loss due to cataracts, glaucoma or some other condition will find vehicles with larger instrument panels and dashboard controls with contrasting text easier to see and manipulate. And those with sensitivity to glare will benefit from extendable sun visors, autodimming rearview mirror and glare reducing side mirrors.

To access the "Smart Features for Older Drivers" re-

Savvy Senior

source, visit SeniorDriving.-AAA.com/SmartFeatures and use their online tool that lets you choose the agefriendly features you want in a vehicle, and the tool will identify the makes and models that best fit your needs.

Or, if you don't have Internet access call your AAA (call (800) 222-4357 to get your local number) and ask them to mail you free copy of the "Smart Features for Older Drivers" brochure. You don't have to be a AAA member to get this free publication.

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



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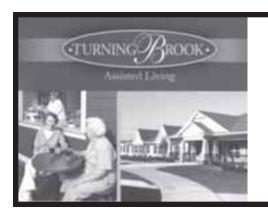
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Harrisville Township Planning Commission will hear a request to amend a special use permit to include a second sign. The Petitioner is the Family Heritage Baptist Church, located at 4260 M-72. This parcel is Zoned Rural Residential (R-1). This public meeting will be at the Harrisville Township Hall on February 6, 2013 at 7 p.m. Written comments can be sent to 3375 E Dellar Road, Harrisville, MI 48740



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Tigers' winning streak ends with loss to Knights

By Ron Yokom

Basketball Writer

Bringing a basketball team in from the Saginaw Valley or the Flint area gives Alcona basketball teams a chance to play against a higher level of competition, but it seldom results in an Alcona victory.

Such was the case when the Alcona boys varsity team hosted the Saginaw Buena Vista Knights last Friday evening. They had either heard about Jared Steiner, or had scouted Alcona at some point. The Knight's coach admitted, after the game, that their goal was to stop Steiner. They held Steiner, who was averaging 16 points a game, to five points even though he did have seven assists.

Buena Vista also controlled the boards, outrebounding the Tigers 34-20, resulting in a bunch of second chance points. The final result was a 65-43 win for the Saginaw team

The Tigers stayed with the Knights in the first quarter. They held a 7-4 lead after Steiner hit a three-pointer and the score was tied twice. Two late buckets by the Knights gave them a 14-9 lead after one period. They increased their lead by two points in the second quarter and led at half time 27-20.

The Tigers were still close enough to make a run at the lead in the second half. They got as closed as 31-26. Halfway through the third quarter Buena Vista went on a 12-4 run that pretty much put the game out of reach with the Knights leading 45-30 after three periods.

Buena Vista outscored 20-13 to take home a 22 point victory. It was good experience for the Tigers and hopefully will make them a tougher team when March Madness rolls around.

Trent LaVergne led Alcona with 16 points. Dawson Forsythe added 10 points off the bench. Carson Jameison scored eight points, Steiner had five points and Aaron Ritiche and Garrett Norling scored two points each. Andy Cammack led Alcona with five rebounds, showing how dominating Saginaw was on the boards. The Tigers' record stands at 7-2.

The junior varsity team also saw their winning streak come to an end, losing 52-41. Jason Steiner led with 14 points. Isaac Dubuque added 10 points.

Girls varsity team earns ninth straight win

By Hope Smith

Basketball Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team defeated Alpena and Rogers City notching their ninth straight win.

On Saturday, Jan. 26 the Alpena Wildcats traveled south to take on the Alcona Tigers for a much anticipated battle. Although these two teams play each other during summer camps, they haven't met during the regular basketball season for a few years. This game proved to be well worth the wait.

In the first quarter, both teams were ready for action matching each other basket for basket and finishing the quarter tied up at 16-16. The Tigers were able to distance themselves a little from Alpena in the second quarter with help from Karina Cole. She was able to break free offensively and sink four three-point shots in a row to extend Alcona's lead to 31-22 going into halftime.

In the second half, Alcona pushed forward dominating the floor offensively and defensively. They were able to penetrate down low and take the necessary open shots outside to score. Alcona stepped up the pressure defensively forcing Alpena to make bad passes, turn over the ball and limit them to only three field goals the entire third quarter.

Alcona outscored the Wildcats 26-6 to end the third period with a commanding 57-28 lead. Coach Brad Cole cleared the bench in the fourth quarter giving all of the Tigers an opportunity to contribute to the 68-44 win.

"We had a very balanced game. We came to play tonight. Our youth didn't show and we played like a seasoned team," coach Cole said.

Karina Cole led the Tigers with 30 points, five rebounds and six steals. Kendra Cole scored eight points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Nicole Walen had six points, Turner Somers scored five points and Nikki Smith hit four points and had snagged two steals. Megan Quick scored four points and had three assists. Cassie Carpenter and Maddie

Feldhiser each scored three points. Sydney Pierce made three free throws and Tyler Campbell scored two points.

Alcona's junior varsity team lost to Alpena 22-47. They were led by Sam Schopher with nine points and Katelyn Nelson with seven points. Jessica Grove scored four points and Ally Higgins contributed two points.

On January 23 Alcona hosted the Roger City Hurons. The Tigers took an early 18-6 lead in the first quarter but struggled a little offensively in the second quarter allowing Roger City to outscore them 11-13 to end the first half 29-19, Alcona.

The second half belonged to Alcona as the Tigers continued to run the floor applying pressure to the Huron from every angle possible. Defensively, Alcona caused Roger City to commit multiple turnovers throughout the night. With all the turnovers Roger City gave the Tigers plenty of opportunities to steal the ball and convert them into easy layups.

The third quarter ended with Alcona going on a 22-6 run to increasing their lead to 47-25. The Tigers never looked back in the fourth period cruising to an easy 72-35 win. "I thought our girls played really well tonight. We did a good job pushing it up the court and controlling the game," said assistant coach Mark Feldhiser.

Top scorers for Alcona were Karina Cole with 26 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and 12 steals. Quick scored 20 points, grabbed six rebounds and three steals. Kendra Cole scored 10 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Walen scored four points, Hannah Terpstra, Pierce and Somers each hit for two points. Smith had two points, pulled in five rebounds and had three steals. Carpenter went two for two from the free throw line and Alissa Terpstra scored two points and pulled down five rebounds.

Alcona's JV team lost a

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close game against Roger City 28-32. Top scores for Alcona were Nelson with nine points, Torie Harmon, Cheyenne Parkinson and Schopher scored five points each and Grove put up four points. The JV team is 4-6 for the season.

Coach Cole is looking toward the district playoffs. "Our preparation begins this week with playing Tawas. We could face them in districts but Jo-burg is the team to beat. Last night (game against Alpena) showed me where our team is at. If we can consistently play like last night I'm not scared of anybody, " he said.

On Thursday, Jan. 31 Alcona will host the Tawas Braves for the third Huron Shores Conference match up of the season. The JV game starts at 6 p.m. followed by varsity at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, Feb. 1 the Tigers will travel to Alma High School to take on the Panthers. The JV team will take the floor at 5 p.m. followed by varsity at 6:30 p.m.

Women's high game: Veronica Harmon, 217.

Women's high series: Brittani Mather, 500.

Women's high handicap game: Veronica Harmon, 278. Women's high handicap series:

Marge Lane, 662.

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Men's high handicap game and series: Brent Eller, 258 and 719. Women's high game and series: Mary Jackson, 191 and 539. Women's high handicap game and series: Shannon Joslin, 247 and 690.

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162.		

Schultz, 417.

Boy's high handicap game: Josh

Lickey, 243.

Boy's high handicap series: Nathaniel Schultz, 699. Girl's high game and series: Tay-

Girl's high handicap game and series: Taylor Sobeck, 265 and

lor Sobeck, 178 and 402.

Minors January 26

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	Pin Busters	0	5	
	Bumper Kids	0	5	
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	Jake Tanner,	110 a	ınd 213.	
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	series: Brody P	otts, 2	247 and 460).
	Girl's high ga	ame	and series	3:
s:	Chloe Bunton,	86 a	nd 164.	
	Girl's high hand	dicap	game: Emil	y

Hanson, 219. Girl's high handicap series: Chloe Bunton, 430.

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Cole's Appl.	61	59
JB's Auto	46.5	73.5
Ark Plumbing	34.5	85.5
High game an	id serie	es: Mary
Jackson, 212 a	nd 575	
High handicap g	ame: M	ary Jack

Boy's high series: Nathaniel son, Ruth Travis and Ronnie Miller, 239.

High handicap series: Beth Travis, 658.

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Eat an elephant with a friend every day

By Judy MacNeill

Health Columnist "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is

not an act, but a habit. ~ Aristotle

Are you like me? I'm great at making New Year's resolutions, but I've been known to lack a bit on follow through. Especially when it comes to exercising.

Like many, I am bound and determined to be healthier this year by getting in more exercise. Most of my days are spent sitting in front of a computer or behind a windshield. And like most, I know that exercise and eating right is important for my health, but knowing and doing can be two very different animals.

So, why don't we follow through on the promise we make to ourselves at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve? I've been able to identify a few reasons, and have a couple suggestions.

When it comes to making changes, behavioral therapists refer to the "60-day rule" -- in order to get a new behavior to stick, you need to practice it consistently for at least 60 days. However, for most people who make New Year's Resolutions to exercise more, the motivation factor drops after just a few days. Why? For most, it's because of either boredom, frustration with "fitting exercise into

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an already packed schedule," or because physical activity ends up low on their priority

The solution: Eat an elephant with a friend every

Let me explain.

You've probably heard the old joke: How do you eat an elephant? Answer: One bite at a time.

What if, instead of telling ourselves we have to exercise 30-45 minutes every day, blah blah blah, we tell ourselves instead, "hey, it's okay if I only exercise for just three minutes today." What's the worst that would happen? Well, if we only moved our body for three minutes, maybe that's more than what we normally would have done.

Chances are, by breaking that elephant down to just bite size pieces, we are more inclined to, in the words of fitness giant, Nike, "Just Do It!" And once three minutes are up, we just may want to continue.

The friend-factor has been support groups like Weight Watchers little secret to success for years -- friends helping friends stick to their exercise plan or eating plan rather trying to go it alone. Being accountable to another human being makes a huge difference when it comes to making behavior changes.

That's where fitness classes work -- and many are available in and around Alcona County. I have devoted these past couple of weeks to checking out what Alcona County has to offer in the way of fitness classes. As I did some exploring, I was pleasantly surprised to find several choices available each day of the week within close driving distance.

Here are some that I have

tried... Have you tried Zumba? Held at Alcona High School's

drama/band room on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 3:45 p.m., Zumba is a Latin-inspired, calorieburning dance fitness-program. Jan Klein, the Zumba and ACE-certified instructor instantly made me feel welcome in her class, as did the other attendees.

Exercising next to me was Diane Bolda from Hubbard Lake. She told me she has been attending this class ever since retiring from Henry Ford Hospital and moving here three years ago. "I love dancing and I participated in Zumba when I lived downstate. I wanted to find something similar when I moved here. This (Jan's class) gives me a chance to get out and move," she said. I agree, this

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, First Baptist Church in Lincoln is the site for the "Alcona Fit Club." While waiting for class to start, I chatted with Missy Cordes. She tells me she likes coming here because it's right after work for her, and, "I get a good workout; I feel so good when I leave here." I can see what she means. We get a great cardio workout during the first half of the hour, and then complete the remainder of the hour with strength training using exercise

Last Friday, I got up early and headed to Hubbard Lake Community Center to try out Joy Bullis' Commit2BFit program, held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Joy teaches both high impact classes, followed by the next hour devoted to low impact exercises. You can attend one or both. I tried her low impact and loved how great I felt afterwards.

The other participants tell me how much they love this class as well. Steve Kosto of Hubbard Lake shared that he has been attending Joy's program in order to stay active and limber since she started this program one and a half years ago. Sharon Durkee, a retired teacher from downstate, said she loves the variety in workouts that she gets when coming to this group.

What a fun, laid back group. I make a note that I must come back some time, especially for the yoga and

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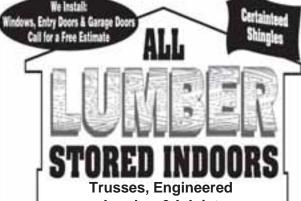
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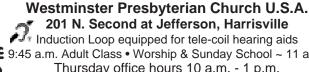
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Elephant

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pilate classes.

On Saturday morning, I checked out Alcona Drop-In Fit Club's 8 a.m. class at the Lincoln First Baptist Church. Lucy Cole spearheads this workout using a DVD and large screen TV. This is so much better exercising with a group of people than by myself.

After attending Laura Matchett's yoga class in Harrisville -- "Wow!" is all I can say. This is way more than just a physical fitness class. Laura is a yoga alliance-certified instructor who owns "Harrisville Yoga" at 200 N. State Street. Classes are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. I talked to another attendee, Becky Riegle. She has been coming to Harrisville Yoga for the past year, ever since her good friend, Liz McNichols, talked her into attending. Becky says yoga gives her a total bodymind-spirit experience. Liz agreed. She has been practicing yoga for three years. As I finish Laura's session, I literally feel peace and calmness spread through me. Amazing.

I realize now I can eat that elephant. Alcona has so much to offer, so if you don't want to go outdoors for your workout, or just want some variety to your fitness routine, grab a friend and check out some of the great fitness programs that are happening right here in Alcona County.

"If we could give every individual the right amount of nourishment and exercise, not too little and not too much, we would have found the safest way to health.'

~ Hippocrates

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pianist, was facing some health challenges of his own and the couple decided a move from their beloved home and family in Oklahoma was needed.

Lewis' parents, Marilyn and James Taylor, were living in Greenbush, so to be closer to them, the couple found a home in Harrisville. It took some time to become acclimated to their new surroundings and the busyness of their daily life put the idea of having the children's book published on the back burner.

It wasn't until Lewis' brother, Shawn Taylor, wrote a book about his spiritual journey titled, "Faith Painting" and received an offer for publication, that Lewis thought again about "Banjo Backwards.'

On a whim, Lewis submitted her manuscript in December of 2011 to Tate Publishing, the publisher of her brother's book. In just a few days time Lewis received a phone call with an offer. Ironically, Tate Publishing is located just a hundred miles from where Lewis lived in Oklahoma.

It took nearly 11 months from the phone call to actual publication of the book. Lewis designed the templates for the illustrator, Jesse Blythe Skidmore. "I can't draw a stick figure, but I would explain to her in words what I wanted to appear on each page. She was very professional and did an excellent job adjusting each page to exactly how I thought it should look. At one point the illustrator told me 'I have fallen in love with Banjo,' Lewis said.

Lewis dedicated the book to special kids no matter what their age. The book is recommended for children age four to eight or any special needs individual. The book lists for \$10.99 and comes with a free eBook download for those who cannot read.

The book is also available to check out at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. "A few of my grandchildren were visiting us and we went to the library. The kids started jumping up and down with happiness to see grandma's book on the library shelf. It was an incredible feeling," Lewis said.

Two public book signings are scheduled one in Fairview at the Family Book Shelf on January 26 and the other in Alpena at the Olivet Book and Gift Shop on February 9. The book is also available at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com and both Nook and Kindle editions can be purchased. Local residents can contact Lewis directly in Harrisville at (765) 416-2147 for an autographed copy.

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In addition to her duties caring for her husband, Lewis is a mother of seven and a grandmother of 34. She has done volunteer work for hospice, eldercare and the Veterans Administration and she currently works for the Alcona County Probate Court doing field work related to

conservator ships and guardianships.

In her spare time, Lewis writes articles for her blog site at castlegoddess.blogspot.com where she shares inspirational stories about her new life in Harrisville as well as her time spent in Oklahoma working with the developmentally disabled.

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Seven Day Forecast



WEDNESDAY Rain/Snow High: 37 Low: 16



THURSDAY Snow Possible High: 22 Low: 12



FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 19 Low: 10



SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy



High: 23 Low: 13



SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 24 Low: 15



MONDAY

Mostly Cloudy High: 26 Low: 12

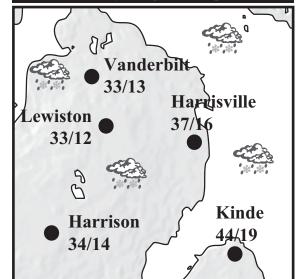


TUESDAY Partly Cloudy

2/10

High: 28 Low: 9

Today's Regional Map



Jan. 30, 2013

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 60% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 37°, humidity of 64%. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 47° set in 1974. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of snow, overnight low of 16°. West wind 15 to 20 mph.

In-Depth Local Forecast

The record low for tonight is -26° set in 1951. *Last Week's Almanac <u>Hi</u> <u>Lo</u> **Normals Precip**

<u>Date</u> 14 -2 Monday 25/9 0.02" -3 Tuesday 6 25/9 0.01" -3 0.02" Wednesday 13 25/8 -4 0.00" Thursday 11 26/8 Friday 18 3 26/8 0.04" 24 0 26/8 0.05" Saturday 27 Sunday 26/8 0.15"

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI



Moonrise Sunset Moonset 5:40 p.m. 9:49 p.m. 9:11 a.m. 5:41 p.m. 10:57 p.m. 9:39 a.m. 10:09 a.m. 5:43 p.m. No Rise 5:44 p.m. 12:06 a.m. 10:42 a.m. 7:49 a.m. 5:46 p.m. 1:16 a.m. 11:20 a.m. 5:47 p.m. 2:25 a.m. Monday 7:48 a.m. 12:06 p.m. 7:47 a.m. Tuesday 5:48 p.m. 3:32 a.m. 12:59 p.m.



First 2/17



Full 2/25

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

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	<u>Set</u>
Mercury	8:29 a.m.	6:20 p.m
Venus	7:16 a.m.	4:23 p.m
Mars	8:46 a.m.	7:06 p.m
Jupiter	12:39 p.m.	3:44 a.m
Saturn	1:22 a.m.	11:42 a.m
Uranus	10:05 a.m.	10:22 p.m

Weather History

Jan. 30, 1977 - The great "Buffalo Blizzard" finally abated after three days. The storm added a foot of new snow to 33 inches already on the ground. Winds gusting to 75 mph reduced visibilities to near zero and produced snow drifts 25 feet in height.

National Weather Summary This Week The Northeast will see widespread rain today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with

scattered snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 66° in Germantown,

Md. The Southeast will see scattered thunderstorms today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The

Northwest will see scattered snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 55° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 74° in Yuma, Ariz.

Weather Trivia

How often does the groundhog correctly predict the weather?



Answer: Over the past 60 years, 28 percent of the time.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - The Groundhog Speaks

🙏 A marvelous little celebration occurs on Saturday, February 2, where a feted groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil, in Punxsutawney, PA is going to

predict whether winter is over or the season of cold will extend to the vernal equinox. P-Phil will speak to his top hat handler in a language known as "groundhogese," a word absent from the dictionary, to convey his sentiments on the seasonal adjustments. If conditions are gloomy on February 2, and Phil does not see his shadow at daybreak, an early spring is at hand. If, however, the sun is shining and Phil observes his stretched silhouette, the cold will continue for another six weeks. The link between astronomy and Groundhog Day is actually straightforward. We have four major seasons occurring during a year, each separated by three months. It is no coincidence that Christmas and Easter became religious holidays near the start of two of these special times. While pagan Rome was celebrating the passing of the low sun at winter solstice and the promise of a new planting and harvesting season, the Saturnalia, early Christians masked their observance of Christ's birth during the hoopla. Likewise, pagan festivals which celebrated the victory of light over darkness at the time of the vernal equinox were perfect for rejoicing

about Christ's victory over the darkness of death. Also important were the midpoints between the seasons known as cross-quarter days that anticipated these changes. Groundhog Day was one of them, and it is a throwback to the burrowing badgers of Europe. They could determine whether spring was at hand by examining the root structures of trees and plants. In America, groundhogs became an apt substitute. Earlier, the Celts celebrated this date when ewes started lactating as spring's rebirth. Two other cross-quarter days significant in Western culture are May Day and Halloween. Yes, astronomy is everywhere in our traditions. www.astronomy.org

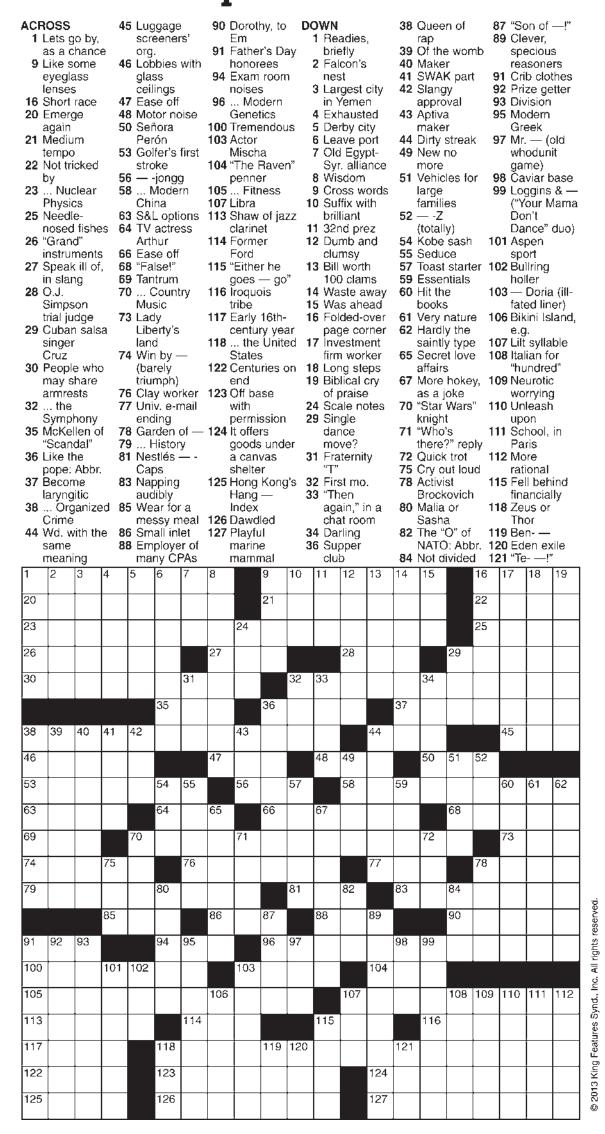
TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: The island state of Bahrain lies in what body of water?
- 2. HISTORY: In what year did Germany invade Poland?
- 3. CARTOONS: What is the name of Donald Duck's girlfriend?
- 4. NATURAL WORLD: What part of the cotton plant is known as the Oboll'?
- 5. MOVIES: Which actor produced and starred in OBonnie and ClydeO?
- 6. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, which god is associated with winged sandals?
- 7. MILITARY: In Great Britain, what is the Victoria Cross awarded for?
- **8. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of porcupines called?
- 9. ENTERTAINERS: What famous singer/songwriter was born with the name Stevland Judkins?
- **10. MUSIC:** According to the song, where does Johnny B. Goode live?

Answers: 1. Persian Gulf; 2. 1939; 3. Daisy; 4. Seed pod; 5. Warren Beatty; 6. Hermes, messenger of the gods; 7. Valor in the face of the enemy; 8. A prickle; 9. Stevie Wonder; 10. Louisiana. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

THE FATHER OF ...



STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• It was Simon Cameron. who served as secretary of under President Abraham Lincoln, who made the following sage observation: "An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought."

 You might not be surprised to learn that some people who play video games can become rather obsessed. In 2007, one such person, a 45-year-old gamer, used a Japanese sword to rob a lingerie shop. He was apprehended, and when he was put on trial, he told the judge that at the time of the robbery he believed he was a female elf.

•It's common knowledge that methane, a greenhouse gas, contributes to the rise in global temperatures. It's less well-known, however, that 20 percent of the world's methane emissions comes from livestock and their, well ... emissions.

 Many professional matchmakers say that one should never date a person who is younger than half one's

age, plus seven years.

• The average human walks approximately 100,000 miles in the course of a lifetime. If that walking were done in a straight line on the equator, you would circle the Earth four times.

• In the early 1990s, a couple in Milwaukee was curious about the value of a painting they had displayed in their home, so they invited an art expert to evaluate the piece. The painting in question turned out to be of little relative value, but the expert noticed another work, a still life with flowers, that the owners believed to be a reproduction of a Van Gogh. Imagine this couple's surprise when the work turned out to be an original 1886 painting, which later sold at auction for \$1.4 million.

Thought for the Day: "A bride at her second wedding does not wear a veil because she wants to see what she is getting." -- Anonymous (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On Feb. 14, 278 A.D., Valentine, a holy priest in Rome in the days of Emperor Claudius II, is executed. Claudius the Cruel had banned all marriages and engagements. Valentine defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

• On Feb. 17, 1904, Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly" premieres at the La Scala theater in Milan, Italy. Set in Nagasaki, Japan, "Madame Butterfly" told the story of an American sailor, Pinkerton, who marries and then abandons a young Japanese geisha, Cio-Cio-San, or Madame Butterfly.

• On Feb. 11, 1916, Emma Goldman, a crusader for women's rights and social justice, is arrested in New York City for lecturing and distributing materials about birth control. She was accused of violating the Comstock Act of 1873, which made it a federal offense to disseminate contra-

ceptive devices and informa-

tion through the mail or across state lines.

• On Feb. 13, 1920, The League of Nations, the international organization formed at the peace conference at Versailles in the wake of World War I, recognizes the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland. The League also established its headquarters in the Swiss city of Geneva.

On Feb. 16, 1959, Fidel Castro is sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after leading a guerrilla campaign that forced right-wing dictator Fulgencio Batista into exile. The United States initially recognized the new Cuban dictator but withdrew its support after Castro nationalized U.S. assets on the

island.

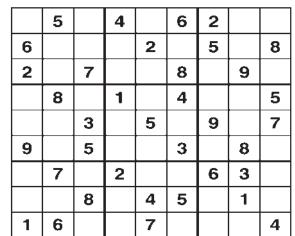
• On Feb. 15, 1965, in accordance with a formal proclamation by Queen Elizabeth II of England, a new Canadian national flag is raised above Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the capital of Canada. Canada's national flag was to be red and white with a stylized 11-point red maple leaf in its center.

 On Feb. 12, 1973, the release of American POWs from the Vietnam War begins in Hanoi as part of the Paris peace settlement. Operation Homecoming was completed on March 29, 1973, when the last of 591 U.S. prisoners were released and returned to the United States.

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging * * * HOO BOY!

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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 township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1 - That part of the south 15 acres of the northeast

The Harrisville Township Board

held a special meeting on Tues-

day, Jan. 22 at 8:30 a.m. at the

county commissioner's room. The

pre-posted special meeting and

workshop were called by the su-

pervisor for the purpose of meet-

ing with the township auditor, work

on the 2013-2014 budget and any

other township business that needs

to be taken care of. Present one

guest, Stephenson Gracik & Co.

auditor Jamie Carruthers, depart-

ment clerk Chad Spitznagel and

four board members; absent

After going over the township's

policies, complying with the state's

regulations and our auditing pro-

cedures, an August date will be

set up for the township's two year

audit. On advice from the auditor

trustee Young.

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 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

Pyne/Johnston: To eliminate the

stabilization fund. Motion carried.

A long discussion on the school

millage request and the

township's 2013-2014 budget.

Also the need for a board of

review alternate and a member

for the board of appeals. Pyne/

Johnston: To appoint Chad

Spitznagel as an alternate to the

board of review. Motion carried.

The members present agreed

with the fire committee's new

and updated draft agreement to

be presented to the City of Har-

risville and township board. Meet-

Published prior to board ap-

Roger D. Jamieson

Township Clerk

ing adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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 dam-

ing 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

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 30, 2013 Orlans Associates, PC. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 12-513484

to the property during the re-

demption period.

1-30, 2-6, 2-13, 2-20

State of Michigan Probate Court county of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 13-5145-DA

Estate of Annabell Middleton, deceased.

Date of birth: March 8, 1940 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Annabell Middleton, who lived at 5885 Bamfield, Glennie, Michigan died May 15, 2012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Roy Fowler Jr., named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 328, Harrisville and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 25, 2013 Kenneth J. Myles P18149 502 Lake Street, P.O. Box 518 Tawas City, Mich. 48764-0518 (989) 362-4405 Roy Fowler Jr. 5885 Bamfield Glennie, Mich. 48737

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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.

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

Classified Ad Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Call 724-6384

HELP WANTED

Needed: Organist choir director, Tawas Area Presbyterian Church, call (989) 362-2371; e-mail tapcsecretary@tawaspresby.org.

RN nurse and nurse aid, CENA, full time, all shifts, call for appointment, (989) 724-6889. Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 US-23 South, Harrisville, Michigan 48740.

Alcona Health Center has two openings. One for a medical records clerk and one for a central scheduling clerk. For more information and an application go to

ww.alconahealthcenters.org. Equal opportunity employer.

Manager for Alcona County Building Department and IT Department. Must have management skills and knowledge of computer technical support services. Full time position to be split between each department. Send resume to: Michigan Works, Resource Room, 315 West Chisholm Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707 by February 13, 2013.

Kitchen subs, Lincoln, hours varied. Must have reliable transportation, experience in cooking for groups is desirable. Apply or send resume to: Alcona County Commission On Aging, P.O. Box 218, 207 Church Street, Lincoln, Michigan 48742. Equal opportunity employer.

Alcona County seeks applicants for a part time custodial position. Duties include cleaning and maintenance of buildings and grounds. Send resume to: Michigan Works, Resource Room, 315 West Chisholm Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707 by February 13, 2013.

Request for qualifications: For contractual services for Homeland Security Grant Program for 2011, 2012 and Citizen Corps Program listing grant qualifying contractual services may be obtained through the Alcona County Clerk's office by calling (989) 724-9410 or writing to request a copy to Alcona County Clerk, P.O. Box 308, Harrisville, Michigan 48740. All submissions based on the county's request for qualifications must reach Alcona County Board of Commissioners through the county clerk's office no later than 4p.m. local time February 5, 2013.

Accepting applications for employment, deputy clerk. The 81st District Court is seeking applications for employment to fill the vacancy of part time traffic clerk in its Harrisville office. Prior court experience is valuable, good general clerical skills, computer experience and the ability to work well with the public are essential assets. This is a fifteen hour work week at \$12.55 per hour. A resume should be filed with the Harrisville office of the 81st District Court, 214 West Main Street, P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 no later than February 1. 2013. An equal opportunity employer to include those qualified persons with a disability.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In 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 thirtyfive 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 dearees 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

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 387511F02 1-30, 2-6, 2-13, 2-20

Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In 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 State 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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Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439 5.625 percent per (810) 767-3600 Under the power 1-30, 2-6, 2-13, 2-20, 2-27 said mortgage and

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Alphonso Bustamante and Victoria Lee Bustamante, husband and wife, to H&R Block Mortgage Corporation, a Massachusetts corporation, mortgagee, dated March 24, 2006 and recorded April 13, 2006 in Liber 429, page 1,063, and Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT5, asset-backed certificates, series 2006-OPT5 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thousand six hundred fifty-two and 65/100 dollars (\$100,652.65) including interest at 2 per-

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard P. Shepard, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., its successors or assigns, mortgagee, dated September 16, 2005 and recorded May 2, 2006 in Liber 430, page 534. Alcona County records. Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association as trustee for RALI 2006QS2 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred twenty-two thousand four hundred thirty-three and 93/ 100 dollars (\$122,433.93) including interest at 5.875 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in

Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Donald J. Paul Jr., an unmarried man, mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co., a dissolved Michigan corporation, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated December 4, 2009, and was recorded on December 17, 2009, in Liber 467 on page 673 of the Alcona County records, and subject to an assignment of mortgage recorded at Liber 488, page 1,260. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$79,073.72, including interest at 3.75 percent per year, variable. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt

The mortgage will be foreclosed by sell-

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 west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on February 13, 2013.

Said premises are located in the township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The premises situated in the township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, more particularly described as: Lot 64 and the east 1/2 of Lot 65 of Woodruff Subdivision number two, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats at page 192 of the Alcona County records. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, convenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

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

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 13, 2013. Said premises are located in the township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 45 of Driftwood Shores Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 32 of Plats, pages 59 and 60, Alcona County records, Section 1, Township 27 North, Range 7 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

ing the property described below at a

The sale will be held on February 20,

2013, at 10 a.m. local time at the main

entrance to the Alcona County court

facility, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich.,

that being the place of holding circuit

court for Alcona County, Michigan. The

property will be sold to pay the amount

then due on the mortgage, including

interest, legal costs, attorney fees and

any taxes or insurance which may be

paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the

township of Greenbush, county of Al-

cona, Michigan and is described as: Lots

509 and 510, Huron-Cedar Lakes Sub-

division No. 5. Greenbush Township.

Alcona County, Michigan, according to

the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of

Plats, page 155, Alcona County records.

Commonly known as 4851 Martell Road,

Greenbush, Mich.; tax I.D. No. 041-148-

000-509-02.

public auction to the highest bidder.

case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
To all purchasers: The foreclosing mort-

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 16, 2013 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 502-1600 File No. 12-512400 1-16, 1-23, 1-30, 2-6

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1-16, 1-23, 1-30, 2-6 sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C. Dated: January 7, 2013

By: Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393)

Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee

900 Washington Ave.

P.O. Box 219

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P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707 (989) 892-4574 1-16, 1-23, 1-30, 2-6

If the property described in this notice is

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott D. Appleton and Christy A. Appleton F/K/A Christy A. Simmons, husband and wife, to First Federal of Northern Michigan, mortgagee, dated April 12, 2004 and recorded April 19, 2004 in Liber 399, page 730, and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on April 6, 2009 in Liber 460, page 535, Alcona County records, Michigan.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-four thousand five hundred twenty-three and 30/100 dollars (\$54,523.30) including interest at 5.625 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 township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Land in the county of Alcona, township of Greenbush, state of Michigan. Parcel 5: North 665.0 feet of the south 1,995.0 feet of the east 1/2 of the west 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Township 25 North, Range 9 East, excepting the west 33 feet thereof.

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.

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Dated: January 30, 2013 Orlans Associates, PC. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 12-513115 1-30, 2-6, 2-13, 2-20