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# Outdoor displays light up the county

**By Mary Weber** Staff Writer

Some decorate to mark the season of Christ's birth, others do it solely for the children, while others decorate simply to share their joy of the holidays.

Many families go all out to make their house shine in lights from the tip of their roof line to the bottom branch of every bush. In southern states, where the weather is a little more cooperative, people spend hours outdoors wrapping every tree branch and palm tree with twinkling lights. Television shows such as "Great Light Fight," take decorating for the holidays to a completely different level of competition.

In Alcona County residents take a bit more subdued approach to decorating for the season; still some go far above and beyond hanging a few strands of lights. Lake Drive in Barton City. Dennis said his wife did all of the decorating and has for years; the congratulations go to her alone.

Sheryl explained her husband had been away in Baghdad, Iraq for the last few Christmas seasons, so the decorating was left to her, but she has always enjoyed hanging Christmas lights, no matter where she lived or what the situation was.

"I'll climb a roof or scale an oak tree to make sure Santa can find our house. When I first started decorating at our home in Bellaire (Mich.) my husband saw it when he was driving home at night and thought he was arriving at Bronner's (Christmas store), there were so many lights," Sheryl said. She explained she just enjoys the lights and thinks other people do too.

From every angle of their

The Pages From The Bages

It is a full house at the Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141 Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party. Santa was welcomed by a rousing chorus of Jingle Bells and cheers from 108 children anxiously waiting to talk to the jolly man and receive a wrapped gift. This year's party was chaired by Jan Neil and Sonja Clark. The ladies auxiliary has been hosting a Christmas party for children for over 25 years. Neil said the party costs about \$1,500 and is paid for by bingo and club donations. *Photo by Mary Weber.* 



Leo Marciniak and Brenda Forsythe (back left to right) break down cardboard as Karen Schisler (front) pushes a shopping cart filled with food through St. Rapahel Catholic Church to fill food boxes for residents in need for St. Vincent de Paul. About 173 boxes were filled and many bags of toys and candy were distributed with the help of nearly two dozen volunteers during the annual Christmas event. *Photo by Mary Weber.* 

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Sheryl Smith

Both the Village of Lincoln and Barton City recognize residents who light up the season with outdoor displays.

Barton City's light displays are judged by the Barton City Improvement Association (BCIA). For about 10 years BCIA members have been getting together about a week before Christmas to caravan along streets of their community in search of the top pick.

This year's number one award went to Dennis and Sheryl Smith at 1729 Jewel

home bright multi-colored light-emitting diode (LED) lights glow. From the street, four lit Christmas trees mark the house. The back door and garage are also lit and welcoming. However, the best part of their display can only be seen by walking around to the lake front side of their home. Sheryl encouraged anyone who is interested in viewing their lights to walk around the house.

Second place in the Barton City contest went to Jim

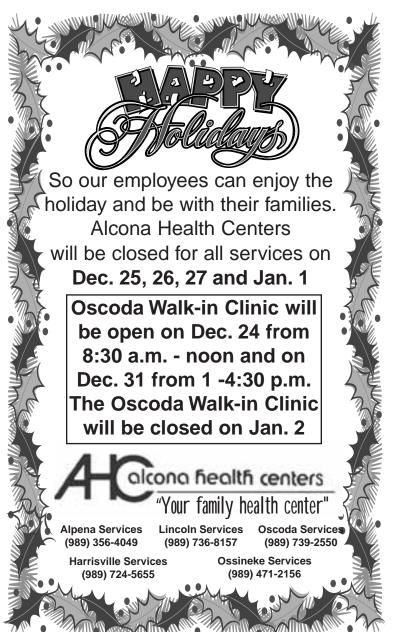
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Rose Kazmierczak and brothers Joseph and Leon.



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# Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,

It has been approximately six weeks since I went to the health center and VFW Post 6466 on Lake Street and noticed that our American flag, along with the lanyard, had been stripped from the flag pole. I was shocked, especially in today's world, that some low life creature(s) would destroy, by an act of vandalism, the symbol that our great nation thrives on and respects.

With all the chaos that this nation faces every day -- especially our service men and women who are risking their lives, health or physical condition to keep us safe, and our law enforcement members who protect us -- that a person(s) would find satisfaction or humor in an act of this nature.

I just cannot find one bit of respect or remorse for this act. I hope that someday this person(s) will find themselves in a situation that they would call out for help and everyone would just walk away and let that individual(s) suffer because of their callous actions.

Will they ever have the courage to step forward and return the American flag and

lanyard to its respected place? I do not think they have the courage, patriotism, or respect for the symbol of the United States of America to do so. I hope they will one day learn to respect others.

Why have I waited so long to bring this to the attention of our citizens and law enforcement of Alcona County? It was a hope that the act was finally realized and that appropriate actions would be forthcoming. I hope someday this will happen.

Ronald Skiba Harrisville

To the Editor,

America is in trouble. We have infighting that threatens to destroy our nation from within as our enemies gather to destroy us from without.

All the finger pointing on whose fault it is for our country's demise. We have blacks blaming whites, poor blaming rich, conservatives blaming liberals, agnostics blaming people of faith, educated blaming uneducated, gays blaming straights, legals blaming illegals, Democrats blaming Republicans, and the reverse of all these as well.

We have people who have need for protection blaming the police that are paid to protect all of us. We have politicians that are elected to represent our citizens who are mistrusted by the very citizens who put them in office.

When are we going to see where we went wrong? When are we going to see that man, any man or women for that matter, cannot fix this problem because we all are flawed? In these days of instant scrutiny due to social media when the spotlight is shone on any one of us, our flaws will be exposed.

There is a saying that is commonly seen, especially this time of year, that says "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Maybe it

should say, "To Have Peace on Earth Have Good Will Toward Your Fellow Man." Not one nation, since the beginning of time, has ever come out from under the hand of God and survived. We won't be the first. God's word says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'

It's time to humble ourselves. Merry Christmas to all. Good night. God bless.

Frank Dimercurio Harrisville

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# Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2014

	<u>Weekly Report</u>			Miles Pe	r Hour	
	Temperature (F°)		Water	Av. Wind	High	Dominant
<u>Date</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	Content	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Direction</u>
Dec. 14	43	36	0.00	0.5	8	NNE
Dec. 15	41	36	0.01	4.8	16	SW
Dec. 16	40	37	0.33	2.3	14	S
Dec. 17	38	27	0.07	1.5	15	NW
Dec. 18	27	19	0.00	2.5	16	NW
Dec. 19	28	16	0.00	1.8	10	NW
Dec. 20	29	14	0.00	1.4	8	NNW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015

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	<u>Water</u>	Snow	Normal
	<u>Content</u>	<u>Fall</u>	Water Content
Weekly Total	0.41	0.7	0.42
December to Date	0.44	1.8	1.20
Year to Date	28.02	5.2	27.77

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



# Calendar of Events



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

#### SATURDAY, **DECEMBER 27**

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

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Join the Harrisville Nature Club for the 115<sup>th</sup> Audubon Christmas bird count. Meet at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 10 a.m. Materials will be handed out for the four bird sections in east Alcona County. Final bird data will be tallied back at the library. For more information, call Frank Apsey at (989) 724-3056.

#### TUESDAY, **DECEMBER 30**

There will be an Awesome Art Project from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library, 2291 South F-41. This is a free program or ages eight and up. Snacks included. For more information, call (989) 736-8389.

The Alcona County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. at the EMS building located at 2600 East M-72. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Sandra Williams at (989) 727-4080.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For details, call (989) 736-8879.

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

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

A soup and pie luncheon will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The public is welcome.

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring proof of residency in Alcona County and proof of income.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior

Center, 207 Church Street.

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

The planning committee for Mikado Days 2015 will meet at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center, 2291 South F-41. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee, to volunteer, provide an entertainment or offer new ideas is welcome to attend. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (989) 736-7721.

Get Crafty for Adults will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The project for January is rock painting with Armando Callas. There is a \$5 charge. For more information and to register, call (989) 724-6796.

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 6**

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

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Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. Free items for newborns to age five to residents of Alcona County. Diapers,

formula, clothes, bedding and more will be available.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon at the corner of Brooke and Connon, near Diamonds Pointe in Alpena. Bring a can of food for the needy. For more information call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at ž p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

#### THURSDAY, **JANUARY 8**

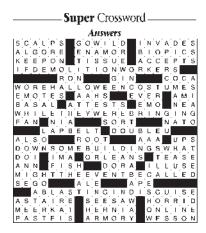
A blood pressure clinic will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

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# Local Notes

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#### **Away at School**

Jessica Grimshaw of Spruce graduated on December 13 from Northwood University Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in business management.

## **Sports Recognition**

Alcona High School cross country runner Kyle Thum, son of Robert and April Travis, competed in the Division 4 State Final Meet held at Michigan International Speedway on November 1. He placed 153 out of 243 with at time of 18:56 for the 5000 meter course. Thum, a junior, placed 37th out of 100 juniors in the state finals. His best time of the year was 17:54 at the Region 36 quali-



Kyle Thum

fying meet which put him in tenth place. During the 2014 season, he set school records four times.

also Thum enjoys snowboarding, hunting and swimming. He got interested in running because his mom is a runner. He said his coach, Larry Spare, has been the biggest influence on his cross country efforts because of his belief in Thum's ability to break track and cross country records next year. He is hoping to receive a scholarship from his track and cross country efforts. He would like to attend a southern college, possibly in Florida, and pursue another of his interests, marine biology.

#### **Senior Menu**

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

• Monday, Dec. 29—Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, fruit and a holiday cookie.

• Tuesday, Dec. 30—Beef pot roast with red potato and baby carrots, fruit and a holiday cookie.

• Wednesday, Dec. 31—All centers closed.

 Thursday, Jan. 1—All centers closed.

• Friday, Jan. 2-Smothered chicken, buttered noodles, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad and peaches.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)



# Police Report

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department is investigating a string of break ins in the Greenbush area.

According to Sgt. Keith Meyers, nine breaking and enterings to seasonal homes were reported to the department during the weekend of December 13 and 14. Officers conducting the ongoing investigation are working with home owners to develop a list of items that have been stolen.

'We are working in conjunction with the Oscoda Township Police who is also working a series of break ins (in the same area)," Meyers said. "A suspect has been developed, but we are not releasing the name of the suspect as an arraignment has not been held."

Meyers said the same person is also considered a suspect in the Oscoda Township Police investigation.

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Education, Secondary (AA)
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- \* Interested high school students should contact their high school principal or guidance counselor for further information.

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**Recycling Grants** 

In support of Gov. Rick Snyder's initiative to double Michigan's recycling rate, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is offering grants to enhance local or regional recycling programs as well as beginning an awards program to recognize outstanding recycling partners.

In April, Snyder announced a statewide plan to double the state's residential recycling rate to 30 percent within the next two years. Improved measurement, education, access and marketing are key components of the plan. To assist communities beginning a robust recycling effort, the DEQ is offering up to \$600,000 during fiscal year 2015 as part of its Community Pollution Prevention Grant Program. Nonprofit organizations, local and tribal governments, local health departments, municipalities, and regional planning agencies are all welcome to apply. Requests for funding will be accepted through April 1, 2015.

The DEQ is hosting a webinar Feb. 11, 2015 at 10 a.m. to assist with the grant application process. The department is also hosting a webinar Jan. 22, 2015, at 10 a.m. to assist with the awards application process. For more information about the grants program, visit www.michigan.gov/deqp2grants. For more information about the Excellence in Recycling Awards Program, visit www.michigan.gov/deqrecycling.

# Tigers defeat longtime rival Braves

**By Jordan Steiner** Basketball Writer

It has been three years since the Alcona varsity boys basketball team has beaten the Tawas Braves in a regular season game, and most meetings between the two are hotly contested battles.

However, on Wednesday, Dec. 17 unlike in previous games, Alcona's offense got of to a quick start with Brandon Smigelski and Trenton LaVergne leading the charge.

Tawas had a lot of size to its team in a well balanced lineup (with two players at six feet, eight inches), but Alcona's stifling defense was able to shut them down with quick and active hands on the defensive end.

About halfway through the first quarter, LaVergne reached a milestone most basketball players dream of making, as he scored his 1,000<sup>th</sup> career point. The game was stopped briefly and LaVergne was recognized for his accomplishment.

The Tigers led 23-18 at the half. Coach Jason Somers did a good job rotating substitutes in and out to keep fresh legs on the court, giving the starters a chance to catch their breath in a very fast-paced game. The Tigers only allowed six points in the third quarter, and 11 points in the final quarter to end the game with a victory over the Braves 47-35.

LaVergne led Alcona with 21 points, Nathan Swinson scored 10, Smigelski and Brandon Ritchie put up eight and five points respectively, while Jason Steiner pitched in with three.

The Tigers are off for Christmas break. They play next on January 6, 2015 when they will again face Tawas on the Braves' home court.

The Tigers traveled to Mio to take on the Thunderbolts on Monday, Dec. 15. The Thunderbolts put on a strong defensive performance and raced out to a 7-0 lead. The



Tiger Mitchel Havercroft (42) takes the ball up against Tawas' two six foot eight inch tall players during the game. *Photo by Kathy Steiner*.

Pool

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Alcona Women's

December 18

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Mikado Tavern

Glennie Tavern

Mikado Also

Tigers struggled to get on the board until LaVergne made a hook shot and Swinson hit a three-pointer to end the first quarter at 13-5.

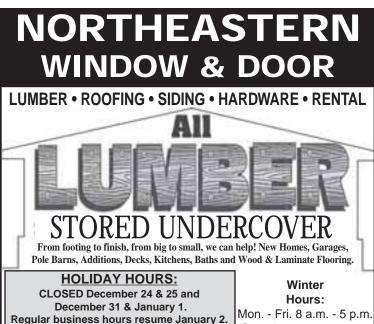
Alcona couldn't seem to get its offense going and the Tigers' post players got into foul trouble early, as they ended the half with a 29-14 score. Eventually, Alcona fell 54-39, but not by going down quietly. They scrapped their way through the final quarter by scoring 16 points along with a couple of defensive blocks from Ritchie.

LaVergne led Alcona with 18 points and Swinson chipped in with 11 points.

The junior varsity team was victorious against both Mio and Tawas and their record now stands at 4-1.

(Editor's Note: Inlast week's story about the team coach Jason Somers was incorrectly identified. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.)

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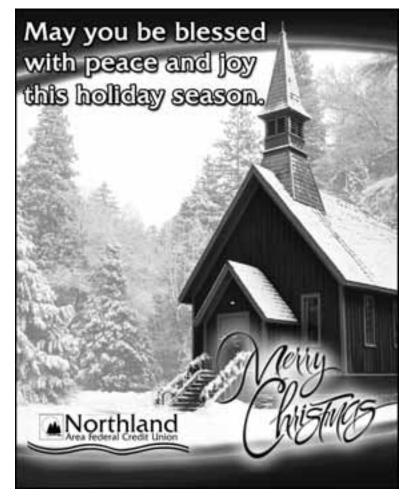
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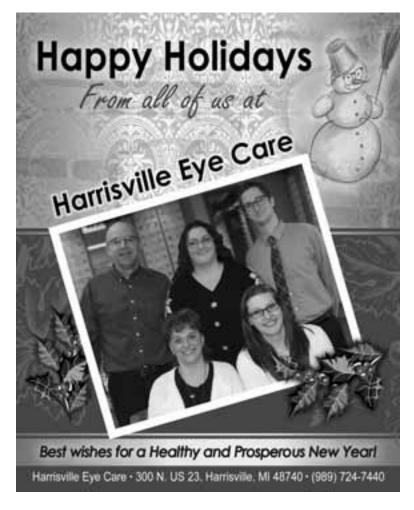
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Lonnie George



# Lady Tigers fall short against Eagles

By Hope Smith

Sportswriter The Alcona varsity girls basketball team played in

Fairview on Friday, Dec. 19 in the last game before Christmas break. It was a slow start and

finish offensively for both

teams with Alcona trailing 3-5 after the first quarter and

7-17 at halftime.

The second half was more of the same as the Lady Tigers struggled to find the basket when they needed it most. Alcona finished the third period 21-15. Fairview walked away with the 33-29

"(It is) hard to win basketball games when you only score seven points in the first half. We have got to get our team playing all four quarters. No excuses though as Fairview has a very nice team," said coach Brad Cole.

Torie Harmon led Alcona with nine points and four steals. Sam Schopfer added eight points and grabbed six steals. Sydney Pierce chipped in four points and pulled down eight rebounds. Keilee Elmer put in four points, Kendra Cole had two points, seven rebounds and four assists and Alissa Terpstra had

# CryptoQuip

Supposing you dropped your waffle while on the beach. what could the result be? Sandy Eggo.



Lady Tigers Tori Harmon (2) and Sierra Forsythe (34) steal the ball from a Fairview player during the game against the Eagles last week. Photo by Pat Brussel.

two points. Alcona's junior varsity was defeated 43-37 by Fairview.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16 Alcona played host to the Mio Thunderbolts and the Lady Tigers cruised to an easy 59-33 victory. After a sluggish start to their season the Lady Tigers showed signs of improvement with a score of 15-5 to end the first period. Alcona stayed strong throughout to continue their offensive push. They had a 30-13 lead going into halftime.

In the third quarter the Lady Tigers had multiple players who scored to advance the lead to 47-23. In the final period Mio rallied in effort to close the scoring gap. However, Alcona held on to maintain control securing the 59-33 victory.

We played pretty well but we still have not met our potential. When we put four good quarters together, we

will be tough to beat," Cole

Leading Alcona's offense was Harmon with 15 points, Pierce with 12 points and seven rebounds. Elmer scored nine points, Nicole Walen added seven points, Schopfer had five points and seven assists. Terpstra put in five points. Claire Feldhiser scored points, K. Cole had two points and five rebounds. Sierra Forsythe grabbed six rebounds and Jessica Grove pulled down five rebounds in

Alcona's junior varsity team defeated Mio 56-20. The Lady Tigers will be back in action on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015 when they host the Tawas Braves and travel to Rogers City on Friday, Jan. 9, 2015 to take on the Lady Hurons. The junior varsity games start at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity contest at 7:30 p.m.

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# Ice fishing in the middle of the day

casional steelhead or wall-

are still getting some steel-

head throughout the river

system. Boat and shore an-

glers are using spawn or a jig

and wax worm. No word on

walleye, they seem to be gone.

water, no ice. Boat anglers

were still heading out and

targeting whitefish and lake

• Houghton Lake: As of

trout.

• Higgins Lake: Had open

• AuSable River: Anglers

We often emphasize that the best times to go ice fishing are early morning and around dusk - but what about those folks that can't go during those times and would prefer to fish in the middle of the day? Don't worry; there are options for them too.

A few species are ideal midday targets including northern pike, yellow perch, bluegill and rainbow and brown

For northern pike you can set up some tip-ups and enjoy a leisurely day on the ice. For yellow perch you can drill a high number of holes and move around frequently. For bluegill you use a fish locator to follow around a school. And for rainbow and brown trout you can sight fish for them in shallower water.

This tip was adapted from Michigan Outdoor News.

#### Northeast **Lower Peninsula** December 18

Ice fishing has been put on hold until ice conditions

 Oscoda: Few anglers have been out. However, pier anglers may still find the ocNortheast Michigan

# Fishing Report



this report, the ice was no longer safe. With the return of cold weather, the ice might shore back up by the end of the week. Those heading out will need to use extreme caution. Before the big thaw, walleye anglers were doing Mich. 48933.) very well.

(The Weekly Fishing Report is intended to give anglers an "idea" of what is going on around the state. Updates for the report come from DNR Fisheries creel clerks and field staff as well as DNR conservation officers working in the field. For those looking for specific information on a certain body of water or port, it is safe to say if a certain species is being caught in some waters in the area, more than likely they are being caught in all waters in that section of the state that have that species. This report has been provided by the DNR Fisheries Division; (517) 284-5830; located in Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan Street, Lansing,

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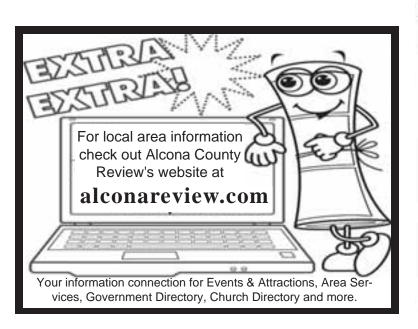
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# Archaeology students seek answers to Fort Wilkins' past

Before adventure-seekers went west during the Gold Rush, they had first come north to Michigan's Upper Peninsula during the copper boom, hoping to strike it rich mining the bountiful veins of copper found in the western U.P.

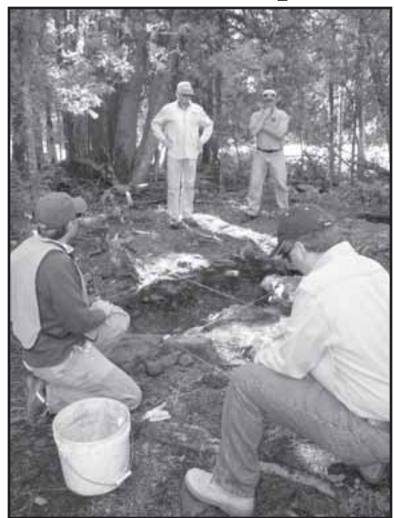
In the 1840s, Michigan's first state geologist, Douglass Houghton, identified the presence of these copper deposits, which brought a flood of prospectors to the Lake Superior wilderness and the U.P.'s northernmost point of Copper Harbor in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Houghton's report on the vast amounts of native copper found in the western U.P. was heavily circulated among East Coast businessmen willing to invest in mining operations. To handle the influx of equipment to build mining infrastructure and to ship product out, Copper Harbor and its natural deep-water port became the epicenter of the copper mining rush in the 1840s.

Fearing that lawlessness would take over the region, the U.S. government sent troops to Copper Harbor to keep the peace, which led to the establishment of Fort Wilkins in 1844.

Today, Fort Wilkins Historic State Park welcomes visitors who tour the restored fort and learn about life in the late 1860s on the Lake Superior frontier. While the story of the fort and its later military use is well-documented, the story of the early days of copper mining around the fort is not as well-known.

To better document the fort's history related to copper mining, a group of Michigan Technological University students - led by doctoral candidate Sean Gohman and



Michigan Tech doctoral candidate Sean Gohman (kneeling left) reviews an excavation site with State Archaeologist Dean Anderson (kneeling, right), Michigan Tech professor of industrial archaeology Patrick Martin (standing left) and DNR historian Barry James. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

Patrick Martin, Michigan Tech professor of industrial archaeology and department of social sciences chairman is exploring land that is now part of the state park, looking specifically for evidence of mining activity by the Pittsburgh & Boston Mining Co., which operated in the region in 1844-48.

Copper Country, roughly an area from the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula down to Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, is a gold mine for archaeological exploration. Noting that some sites have been picked over by amateur collectors, professional archaeologists still see enormous potential in the region for excavations that shed more light on the early days of copper mining, including in the vicinity of Fort Wilkins.

were included in Michigan Tech's summer 2014 archaeological dig, one in particular was identified due to the observations of state park employees, who had noticed an earthen berm in a wooded area that appeared to form the footprint of a building's foundation.

After digging some test holes in and around the site, the investigation turned up a mix of artifacts that, according to Gohman, originate from various periods during the site's history - window domestic ceramic.

structures and the stockade at Fort Wilkins. However, the cut nails are definitely from an earlier era. The iron hook, which looks handmade, may be as well, but Martin noted that oral histories from the

Of the various sites that

glass, two different sizes of cut nails, old cans, an iron hook and one fragment of The window glass is thicker and of a later period than glass used in the 1840s, he noted, leading him to suspect that it may have been from the 1930s, when a crew of workers employed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) restored some

Gohman said Michigan's

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# Archaeology Continued from page 8

WPA era at the park include information about a blacksmith shop the WPA used to replicate items for the fort buildings, so the hook could be a replica of an original.

Other sites the Michigan Tech team explored include several drill holes near the park's Lake Superior shoreline, which were made during the early days of copper mining exploration and are about the diameter of a quarter. The holes were drilled into the basalt and conglomerate rock outcroppings as early miners tested the rock for the presence of copper.

At another site in a wooded location, the students excavated an area where a scattering of red sandstone pieces were found. Sandstone was a common building material in the region, and Gohman believes the pieces may indicate the presence of a small hearth, as small pieces of sandstone found in another area of the park during an earlier excavation revealed.

In addition to the sandstone, this site has yielded some artifacts, including a clay pipe bowl and other items that are representative of those used during the 1840s.

This is not the first time Michigan Tech students have done field work at Fort Wilkins. Back in the 1980s and 1990s, there were regular periods of field work at the park. In fact, during one of the last digs, in the early 2000s, Michigan Tech students discovered the remnants of a blacksmith shop from the 1840s mining days in a wooded area of the park. The site yielded plenty of artifacts - a miner's pick, drill parts, rivets, slag and a charcoal deposit. Martin said a blacksmith shop would have been used by early miners to fix tools and fashion drill bits and parts.

Last summer, students surveyed nearly 500 acres of state-managed land adjacent to the park for historical significance prior to a bike trail being developed on the property. During that survey, they found an old mine shaft at the top of a hill overlooking Lake Fanny Hooe and the remnants of a settlement near Lake Manganese.

The Fort Wilkins park property contains other sites that have been explored by the archaeology students, including one that sparks debate to this day as to what its original purpose was.

The site contained fire brick stamped "S&M" and other artifacts indicating it was previously an oven of some kind. Martin theorizes it was an experimental smelter for an early coppermining operation. His students who discovered it thought it was some sort of oven site, because they could distinguish that its dimensions were about two feet wide and five feet deep; however they didn't find any slag, indicating that the oven or smelter was never fired or used in the copper-mining process.

The partnership between Michigan Tech and the Michigan Historical Center (MHC)



One of the sites explored by the Michigan Tech Archaeology Field School research team during the summer of 2014 included these sandstone pieces and mortar concentration, which show evidence of a masonry structure most likely related to copper mining in the 1840s. Photo courtesy Sean Gohman.

for archaeological field work has been a fruitful one in the past, with plans for it to continue into the future. Students benefit by obtaining valuable field work experiences, while the MHC learns more about the history of Fort Wilkins and its environs. As a result of Michigan Tech's field work, the MHC also has received artifacts for future historical exhibits at Fort Wilkins.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Michigan Historical Center have helped support this partnership through the use of revenue collected from the Recreation Passport, an \$11 fee motorists pay to gain annual entrance to Michigan's state parks, state forest campgrounds, boating access sites, nonmotorized trail-heads and state historic

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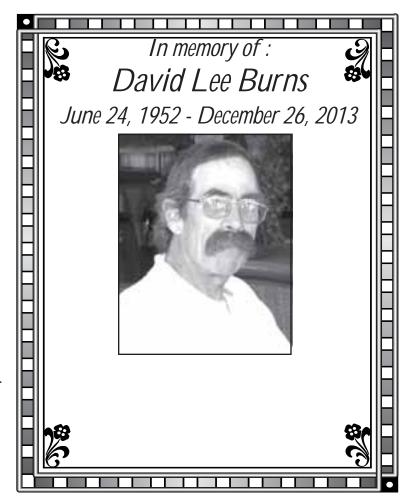
to fund the preservation and management of historic and cultural resources found in state parks. The Fort Wilkins archaeological dig also was supported by a Keweenaw Heritage Grant from the Keweenaw National Historic Park Advisory Commission.

For more information about the history of Fort Wilkins Historic State Park, visit www.michigan.gov/ historicfortwilkins.

More information about Michigan Tech's Archaeology Field School can be found at http://www.mtu.edu/social-sciences/undergraduate/opportunities/fieldschool/.

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The Christmas wonderland display of Joe and June Lincoln (642 Barlow Road, Lincoln) wins first place in the Light Up Lincoln contest. Photos by Mary Weber.

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# **Displays**

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and Gloria Burger at 1433 W. Trask Lake Road and third and fourth place were split between Mike and Judy Davio at 950 Vernor Drive and Rich and Mary Gillies at 890 N. Virginia Drive.

Honorable mentions were given to Roy and Theresa Somers at 364 M-72; Vern and Rosie Bowley at 684 M-72 whose decoration may not glow with lights, but the giant hay bale snow couple they put up certainly gets noticed in the daytime; and Rodney and Missy Cordes at 2006 N. Stout Road who, because they won last year, withdrew from the competition this year.

In the Village of Lincoln the homes are judged a few weeks before Christmas. This year the top award went to Joe and June Lincoln for their home located at 642 Barlow Road.

June said she began decorating outside for the holidays about six years ago when her grandson was about two years old. "I took him to a display and he was just astounded by the lights and wanted to touch them. He got such joy out of it so I thought maybe we would do some lights outside our home for him," June said.

Since then the Lincolns have gained two granddaughters and a lot more Christmas decorations for their yard.

June refused to purchase store bought decorations. Instead she scoured every rummage sale, second hand shop and Internet site for used items. They have filled their yard with second hand decorations which June said are extremely affordable and usually easy to fix.

"One person's junk is another person's find. I'm the only one in the summer who's sweating looking through piles of rummage for Christmas decorations," she said. June explained even their 100 extension cords are second hand.

The Lincolns take great pride in the recycling of Christmas decorations and are happy to keep the items out of the dump, but June said decorating is a lot of work and she isn't sure how much longer they will keep doing it.

"I mentioned on my Facebook page that I might not put out the decorations this year and a lot of people responded they really liked seeing them and their kids enjoyed it and looked forward to it, so we dragged them out. It's all for the kids. I put the lights on early in the morning for a few hours so the kids can see them on their way to school and we put them on again in the evening until about 8 p.m.," June said.

Second place in the Village of Lincoln light display went to Ralph and Kay Diemond at 111 West Fiske Street. Third place went to Phil and Vicki Phillips at 412 N. Lake Street and fourth place went to Roxanne Hanner at 3060 Lakeview.



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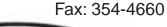


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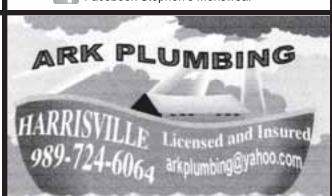
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If you disagree with a coverage or payment decision made by Medicare, you can appeal, and you'll be happy to know that around half of all appeals are successful, so it's definitely worth your time.

But before going that route, talk with the doctor, hospital and Medicare to see if you can spot the problem and resubmit the claim. Some denials are caused by simple billing code errors by the doctor's office or hospital. If, however, that doesn't fix the problem, here's how you ap-

If you have original Medicare, start with your quarterly Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). This statement will list all the services, supMedicare for your medical treatment, and will tell you why a claim was denied.

There are five levels of appeals for original Medicare, although you can initiate a fast-track consideration for ongoing care, such as rehabilitation. Most people have to go through several levels

to get a denial overturned. You have 120 days after receiving the MSN to request a "redetermination" by a Medicare contractor, who reviews the claim. Circle the items you're disputing on the MSN, provide an explanation of why you believe the denial should be reversed, and include any supporting documents like a letter from the doctor or hospital explaining why the charge should be covered. Then send it to the address on the form.

The contractor will usually decide within 60 days after receiving your request. If your request is denied, you can request for "reconsidera-

plies and equipment billed to tion" from a different claims reviewer and submit additional evidence.

A denial at this level ends the matter, unless the charges in dispute are at least \$140. In that case, you can request a hearing with an administrative law judge. The hearing is usually held by videoconference or telecon-

If you have to go to the next level, you can submit the claim to the appeals council review. Then, for claims of at least \$1,400, the final level of appeals is judicial review in U.S. district court.

If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage or Part D prescription drug plan the appeals process is slightly different. One difference is that you have only 60 days from the date on the denial notice to file an appeal. And in both cases, you start by appealing directly to the plan, rather than to Medicare. Follow the plan's instructions on its explanation of benefits.



# Savvy Senior

Part D has a fast-track appeal of 72 hours if you haven't received your medication and waiting would jeopardize your health. Otherwise, the plan must notify you of its decision within seven days.

For more information, along with step-by-step procedures on how to make an appeal, visit Medicare.gov and click on the "Claims & Appeals" tab at the top of the page, or call Medicare at (800) 633-4227 and request a copy of publication no. 11525 "Medicare Appeals." You can also read it online at medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/ 11525.pdf.

If you need some help, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which has counselors that can help you understand the billing process and even file your appeal for you for free. To locate your local SHIP, visit shiptalk.org or call the Eldercare Locator at (800) 677-1116. The Medicare Rights Center also offers free phone counseling at (800) 333-4114.

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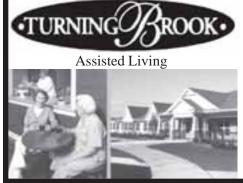
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#### **Early Bloomers**

December 16 Rosebuds 3 21 Violets 18 6 Buttercups 14 10 10 Mums 14 Marigolds 18 6 **Daffodils** 3 21 High game and series: Gina

Broadwood, 199 and 501.

Rosebuds, 431 and 1,223.

High team game and series:

#### Wednesday Nite Women's

December 16 Lincoln Prec. 142 Alcona Tool 126 84 Alcona Abstract 122.5 87.5 Back Alley Bar 116 Ark Plumbing JB's Auto 123 Stoney Acres 84.5 125.5 High game and series: Lynn

High handicap game: Lydia Lucas, 239.

Gibson, 212 and 534.

High handicap series: Charisse Mitchell, 669.

# **Majors**

December 20 146.5 69.5 Crazy Kids Spare Happens 110.5 105.5 Pin Busters 105 110 Lucky 7 67 140

Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 195 and 519. Boy's high handicap game series: Brenden Hudgins, 247 and

Girl's high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 138 and 331. Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hoffman, 221 and

#### Minors

**Tigers** 

December 20

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Girl Power 52 52 Red Skulls 44 34 Boy's high game and series: Triston Robinson, 67 and 123. Boy's high handicap game and series: Triston Robinson, 216 and 421.

Girl's high game and series: Brydi McGirr, 24 and 32.

# Electric companies use more smart meters

By Nyla Hughes

Capital News Service Utility companies across Michigan are using digital smart-grid meters to locate power outages, resolve power

problems and gather more

accurate readings. The meters at homes and businesses are connected by a cellular power line to the utilities. The utilities can signal a meter for information and it will send data back.

But the meters aren't without controversy.

During a recent house committee hearing, some lawmakers raised concerns that the wireless communications that smart meters use pose a health risk. State regulators say those concerns are not conclusive.

Some residents are also concerned they cannot opt out of installing the meters without paying a hefty fee to the utility.

Smart meters are a growing phenomenon. In August, Consumers Energy rolled out a plan to install 1.8 million smart meters in homes and businesses by 2017. The meters tell the company how much energy is used, avoiding the need to estimate bills, said Dennis McKee, the company's communications

By 2016 the meters will let the company launch a program to let customers buy cheaper electricity when they use it during off-peak times, McKee said. "People who use most electricity at night can enroll in the program and end up saving some money," McKee said.

However, if customers purchase more electricity dur-

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# New Year's Day 2. Halloween

3. Memorial Day

4. Labor Day

5. Presidents' Day

6. Christmas Eve

7. Valentine's Day

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want to stay on the standard rate program so they won't end up paying more, he said.

The Lansing Board of Water and Light recently installed 140 smart meters for East Lansing, Mich. residents, many of them Michigan State University students who typically leave in athe winter for the holidays. Smart meters are helpful in that situation because they can alert the utility of power outages even when a residence is vacant.

About 40,000 people in Lansing, Mich. were left without power for an extended period during an ice storm last winter, said Stephen Serkaian, the board's director of communications. The meters can signal the utility as soon as power is lost. "They signal the utilities when there is a power outage without having to wait for someone to report it," said Serkaian. "With smart-grid meters, response time for restoration of power can improve."

Homeworks Tri-County began using smart meters in 2008 for approximately 26,000 residents and businesses in Barry, Clare, Clinton and Eaton counties. The installation eliminated the need for someone to read meters, said Mark Kappler, the general manager. Some readings were inaccurate under the previous system because the meter reader entered the wrong data.

The company saved money, too. "We serve a rural area, so driving from meter to meter was costly," Kappler said.

The meters also measure voltage levels that can track such things as how often the lights dim, he said. The utility can immediately diagnose such problems, a smart metering benefit that customers appreciate the most. "When someone has reliability issues, the meters record



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ing on-peak times, they'll the outages over a period of time," Kappler said. "If their lights are dimming, they have a quality issue."

Rachel Johnson, grassroots advocate for Cherryland Electric Cooperative in Traverse City, Mich., said the utility's 33,000 customers can use an online app to monitor power use because of their smart meters. "The app, Smart Hub Account Management, allows them to see how much energy they're using and compare it to temperature data," she said.

Customers can quickly discover if the temperature set on their thermostats costs them more than they can afford. If so, they can lower their thermostats to a price they can afford and put on a sweater.

"The customer has control over how much energy they use, pay their bill down and make lifestyle changes accordingly," Johnson said.

The switch to smart meters is paying off. "We are recovering more revenue because we're getting accurate data directly from the meter immediately," Johnson said. "We know we are billing for the exact amount used.

Today's Regional Map

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Smart meters may help customers and power companies in a variety of ways. Photo courtesy of Consumers Energy.



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Today we will see cloudy skies with a 70% chance

of rain, high temperature of 40°, humidity of

93%. North wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high

temperature for today is 51° set in 1994. Expect

cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of rain and

snow, overnight low of 32°. The record low for

\*Last Week's Almanac

**Normals** 

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**Moonset** 

8:28 p.m.

9:41 p.m.

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Next Day

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1:15 a.m.

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tonight is -12° set in 1985.

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\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

1:21 p.m.

The Northeast will see scattered rain and snow today and Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 64° in Salisbury, Md. The Southeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today, mostly clear skies Thursday

<u>Date</u>

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# Alcona Review Weather Report

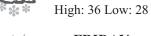
#### **Seven Day Forecast**



WEDNESDAY Rain Likely High: 40 Low: 32



**THURSDAY Snow Possible** 





**FRIDAY** Mostly Cloudy High: 36 Low: 27



**SATURDAY** Mostly Cloudy High: 32 Low: 20



**SUNDAY** 



Mostly Cloudy High: 26 Low: 22



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



**TUESDAY** Mostly Sunny High: 34 Low: 18

Full

Lewiston

38/30





<u>Day</u>

# **Sunrise** Wednesday Thursday

8:10 a.m.

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**Moonrise** <u>Sunset</u> 8:08 a.m. 4:57 p.m. 9:52 a.m. 8:08 a.m. 4:58 p.m. 10:32 a.m. 4:59 p.m. 8:09 a.m. 11:08 a.m. 8:09 a.m. 4:59 p.m. 11:42 a.m. 8:09 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 12:14 p.m. 5:01 p.m. 8:09 a.m. 12:47 p.m.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week



Last 1/13

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# 5:02 p.m. **National Weather Summary This Week**

partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest

temperature of 53° in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through

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

Local UV Index

## **Tonight's Planets**

	Rise	<u>Set</u>
Mercury	8:59 a.m.	5:29 p.m.
Venus	9:15 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Mars	10:42 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Jupiter	8:54 p.m.	11:05 a.m.
Saturn	5:28 a.m.	3:01 p.m.
Uranus	12:47 p.m.	1:30 a.m.

# **Weather History**

Dec. 24, 1983 - The barometric pressure reached 31.42 inches at Miles City, Mont. to establish a record for the United States. It was the coldest Christmas Eve of modern record. More than 125 cities reported record low temperatures for the date.

#### **Weather Trivia**

What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?

\$625 million.

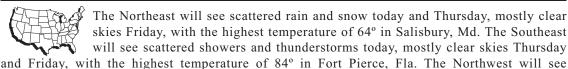
Answer: In July 1990, Denver had damages totaling www.WhatsOurWeather.com

## StarWatch By Gary Becker - Winter Solstice: Low Sun, High Hopes

La How low can the sun go? It all depends upon where you live, your location north or south of the equator; however, for us in the Northern Hemisphere, the

Friday, with the highest temperature of 76° in Los Angeles, Calif.

noontime sun will be at its lowest yearly altitude in the sky on December 21. It's simple arithmetic to calculate the daily high sun for your location. Keep in mind that the Earth is essentially a sphere, and as you travel north or south, the sun will reflect your motions. If the noontime sun is south of your position as it is now for all of the US, and you move southward, the sun will get higher in the sky. Moving northward will decrease the sun's altitude. Here is a simple way to calculate how low the noontime sun will be on the winter solstice. Subtract 90 degrees from your latitude position, and then add or subtract the latitude position over which the zenith sun is shining. If you are in the Northern Hemisphere, south of the equator is negative, and north of the equator is positive. You now have your own personal noontime calculator of the sun's altitude on December 21. I live at approximately 40 degrees north of the equator, so 90 degrees minus 40 degrees minus 23.5 degrees (the sun is over the Tropic of Capricorn at 23.5 degrees south latitude) equals 26.5 degrees. That will be the noontime winter solstice altitude of the sun at 40 degrees north latitude. If I lived in Fairbanks, Alaska, 65 degrees north of the equator, the calculation would be 90 degrees minus 65 degrees, minus 23.5 degrees which equals 1.5 degrees. The sun would transit due south at noon only 1.5 degrees above the horizon. Yuck! It would actually be closer to two degrees because the atmosphere causes objects near to the horizon to appear higher than they actually are. That's still a big yuck! In Miami, at 26 degrees north latitude, the noontime altitude of the sun will still be only 40.5 degrees, but the warmer waters surrounding Florida will make all of the difference. Here's hoping for a higher sun real soon.www.astronomy.org



# Veterans Post By Greddy Groves

# Expanded coverage for sexual trauma

Military sexual trauma ... like most things in the military, this also comes with its own acronym: MST. It can, apparently, happen to any-

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced expanded eligibility for health services for MST, this time moving to include Reservists and members of the National Guard in receiving mental-health services for sexual assault or harassment that happened during train-

If you or anyone you know was a victim of MST, here are a few things to know:

 You don't have to have a service-connected disability or be seeking disability compensation. You can still get care and counseling, for free.

 You don't need to have reported the incident(s) when

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they happened, and you don't any documentation. The proof of it will be determined clinically by a VA mentalhealth provider, and you'll get the care you need.

 You don't have to be signed up with the VA health system to get treatment for MST.

The VA's definition of MST is very broad, and it runs from physical assault, to harassment, to unwanted touching, to offensive remarks, unwanted advances and threatening, and all activities in between. Even if you were a victim a long time ago and think you're doing OK, get checked out anyway. The effects of MST can surface years later as PTSD or anxiety, and difficulties with drugs or alcohol, relationships, memory and concentration.

See maketheconnection-.net, a site loaded with information not only on MST but a wide variety of events, experiences, symptoms of conditions and much more. The site can be customized to your gender, period of service, branch of service and whether you served in combat. Look at the drop-down menu for information on anxiety, alcohol, drugs, PTSD, suicide, MST and more. Also see www.mentalhealth.va.gov/msthome.asp.

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# **Dollars And Sense** By David Uffington

# **Endless debt**

If you need incentive to dig deep this year and get your finances under control, consider a recent study that concluded that 18 percent of adults expect to battle debt for the rest of their lives and die in debt. The research, done by CreditCards.com, says that it's not that we've gone crazy accruing debt, but that the Great Recession lasted longer than financial experts believe, which was 2007 to 2009. For many consumers, the effects of that recession are still going on.

With young millennials, only 6 percent believe they'll never get out of debt. Increase the age to between 50 and 64, and that goes up to 22 percent. For seniors age 65 and older, it's 31 percent. While the millennials are optimistic, perhaps they should note that those pessimistic seniors likely thought the same when they were younger ... that it was possible to get out of debt. Their likely target age to be debt free was 53.

Seniors were hit especially hard during the recession and turned to their homes to raise needed cash. Mortgage debt rose 82 percent, which means that seniors who expected to live in a mortgage-free home are still making payments.

Since the recession, total debt went down slightly (from 79.7 percent to 77.5 percent), but the reason was due to write-offs when the companies had to cancel debts that couldn't be paid. That left consumers with lower credit scores, which led to higher interest rates on any subsequent loans they took out. Household debt went up, while incomes went down.

As has been said many times in this column, beware believing that financial bad times are over, even though in your household they might

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BY AL SCADUTO

appear to be. Keep debt as low as possible. Pay off debts as quickly as you can, but don't disregard your rate of savings. If you take a higher deductible for auto or home insurance to save money, be sure that deductible amount is tucked away in savings. If you can't pay off an item in three months, don't put it on a credit card. Swap interest credit cards for those with no interest for a period of time and pay off the other balances. Develop a second source of income. Shop the sales.

In short, act as though the Great Recession is still upon us, because in some ways, it still is.

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# **Powerhouse** foods

Are you getting your PFV? Powerhouse Fruits and Vegetables, that is.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has discovered a way to classify the nutrient value and health benefits in fruits and vegetables, and it released a study that identifies "powerhouse" foods that can help reduce and prevent chronic disease. It's the "nutrient density" that does the trick: how many of 17 necessary nutrients are present in each food. The CDC used an elaborate classification system to determine how to score each food item tested, based on kilocalories and grams, and terms involving like bioavailability, nutrient adequacy and energy density. Thankfully it is summed up for us in a handy chart (see www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/ 2014/13\_0390.htm).

The results: The most nutrient-dense foods are watercress, Chinese cabbage, chard, beet greens and spinach. Still important but near the bottom of the list of 41 powerhouse foods were grapefruits, sweet potatoes, leeks and blackberries.

Ask your doctor if it would be helpful to add some of these foods to your diet.

And there's another reason to try to stay healthy, especially now: Flu season is setting up to be a whopper. It recently was reported that one of the three vaccines in the shot has "drifted." That means it's mutated slightly away from what it is supposed to cover. The other two are providing coverage for their particular strain, but the big one isn't 100 percent affective against that one strain of flu.

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# Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



- 1.TELEVISION: What was the opening theme song from "Sonny & Cher Comedy
- 2. MOVIES: Who played the role of Boo Radley in the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird"?
- **3. MEDICAL:** What is the more common diagnosis for rhinorrhea?
- **4. GEOGRAPHY:** What four U.S. states meet borders at one point?
- **5. COMICS:** What is the name of Snoopy's yellow bird friend in "Peanuts"?
- **6. RELIGION:** Who was the first pope of the Catholic Church?
- 7. ENTERTAINERS: Who was the first actress to receive \$1 million for a single
- **8. INVENTIONS:** In what year was Velcro patented?
- 9. AD SLOGANS: What cereal is known as the "Breakfast of Champions"?
- 10. GAMES: What is a flush in a poker hand?

Answers: 1. "The Beat Goes On"; 2. Robert Duvall; 3. Runny nose; 4. Colorado, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico; 5. Woodstock; 6. St. Peter; 7. Elizabeth Taylor, "Cleopatra"; 8. 1955; 9. Wheaties; 10. Five cards of the same suit. (c) 2014 King Features Synd.,

MASKED **Super** Crossword DESTRUCTION ACROSS 59 Suffix with 104 Orangutan, 14 Actor Nolte 50 "Moby-Dick" 83 Pulpy mixture 1 Hair grows Ecuador or for one 15 Viva helmsman 84 Author Uris 105 Riddle's (orally) 85 Taser missile out of them Caesar 51 Stomped 86 Doing terribly 7 Flip out 60 Long of answer 16 Quick glance (on) 117 Classic 52 Blood fluid: 13 Encroaches "Alfie" 17 Sot's 87 In fine fettle 61 Do a post dancer Fred cravings Prefix 94 Miami team upon 18 Outer: Prefix 96 Skating 20 He served 119 Up-and-down 56 Advice bit office job with Bill 62 Peacepark fixture 19 Military draft 57 Abbr. on an spectacle Clinton keeping gp. 120 Awful A/C 98 Capital of org. 27 Email 58 Lions' quarry 63 Airplane seat 121 Small African 21 Charm Tasmania 99 "24" actress 22 Life stories restraint mongoose giggle 63 Horror film 122 Abdominal 28 With 42star Chaney Cuthbert on film 67 Letter 100 Shiny wood 23 Persist in between vee injury Down, quick 64 Before, in 123 Surfing the 24 Sneezer's inspection and ex overlay verses sheet 71 "The Sun — Net, say **32** Bonding 65 Western wolf 101 Prefix with 25 Takes Rises" 124 Pale colors stuff 66 Group of center 106 Be fond of 26 Start of a 74 Bottom part 125 Storage site 33 Hard Italian gigs 68 Embargoes cheese riddle of a hair for weapons 107 With 118-34 "What a 76 Org. that aids 126 Brand of 29 Howard or 69 Fall behind Down. the stranded cooking oil tangled — 70 Calif. barrio shrinking Paul 77 Raises, as **30** Liquor option weave" locale body of water **DOWN** Comedienne the ante 35 City in 71 Last name of in Asia 80 Riddle, part 4 1 H.H. Munro's Nebraska Uncle Fester 108 Gelatinizes Imogene 34 Riddle, part 2 88 "- have to?" 109 "Cootie" pseudonym 36 Violin bow **72** Canadian **89** "— big girl 45 Acts 2 Staff symbol application one-dollar 110 "This 37 And others, ioke!" theatrically now" 3 Grew mature coin 4 Bound along 111 Hair remover 46 Relieved 90 New for short 73 Fence sighs (Mardi Gras 5 Gala for 38 Montana's "doors" that brand automatically 112 Absent 47 Any time at locale) grads capital all 91 Make fun of 6 Bilbao brides 39 Like return to their 113 Addresses 48 Pal, in Brest Cheerios 92 Jillian of TV 7 Arrive on the closed for techies 93 Tetra, e.g. metabolic redeye, e.g. 40 "Boy, that positions 114 Purple 95 Nick Jr.'s "was close!" 75 "Niña" mark rate 8 Tending to bloom 50 Affirms, with the Explorer" the matter 41 Twisty road 77 Moving van 115 — -Tibetan 96 Mistreat 9 "What --- to 78 Outmoded 116 Ideal curves "to' 53 Zany comic 97 End of the do?" **42** See 28-79 Spirited garden **Philips** riddle 10 "— sorry!" Down horse 117 Electrical 11 Recline lazily 43 Road rig 102 Utah's state **54** Pro-school **81** Comb unit 44 1982 film and 118 See 107flower 12 Enticed (through) 55 Riddle, part 3 103 Tankard drink 13 Bridge beam 82 Don't include video game Down 15 16 18 13 17 20 21 22 24 25 23 26 27 28 30 31 32 33 36 37 40 43 44 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 58 57 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 68 69 70 72 73 74 77 78 79 80 82 85 88 89 90 92 93 95 96 98 99 100 97 101 102 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 119 120 117 118 121 122 123

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 On Jan. 9, 1768, in London, Englishman Philip Astley stages the first modern circus. Astley, a former cavalry sergeant major, found that if he galloped in a tight circle, centrifugal force allowed him to perform seemingly impossible feats on a horse's back.

• On Jan. 6, 1838, Samuel Morse's telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time in New Jersey. The telegraph, a device that used electric impulses to transmit encoded messages over a wire, would eventually revolutionize longdistance communication.

• On Jan. 11, 1908, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt declares the massive Grand Canyon in northwestern Arizona a national monument. Congress did not officially outlaw private development in the Grand Canyon until 1919, when President Woodrow Wilson signed the Grand Canyon National Park Act.

• On Jan. 7, 1929, Walter Chrysler, the founder of the Chrysler Corporation, one of America's Big Three automakers, is featured on the cover of Time magazine as its Man of the Year. In 1928, his company had acquired the Dodge Brothers Company, thereby becoming the world's third-largest

 On Jan. 5, 1933, construction begins on the Golden Gate Bridge, as workers start excavating 3.25 million cubic feet of dirt for the structure's huge anchorages. The Golden Gate Bridge officially opened on May 27, 1937, the longest bridge

span in the world at the time. • On Jan. 8, 1946, Elvis Presley receives his first guitar. Competing versions of the story say that what Presley really wanted for his birthday was a rifle or a bicycle. Instead, his mother took him to the Tupelo Hardware Store and bought

a \$6.95 guitar. • On Jan. 10, 1976, "Convoy," by C.W. McCall, is the No. 1 song on the U.S. pop charts. "Convoy" fueled the trucking/ CB-radio craze that had millions of Americans creating "handles" for themselves -- Rubber Duck, Pink Lady, Scooter Pie, etc. -- and daydreaming about the glamorous life of the long-haul trucker. Hollywood responded with a parade of related works, including "Smokey and the Bandit" (1977).

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# Strange But True By Samantha Weaver

· It was 19th-century German philosopher, poet and composer Friedrich Nietzsche who made the following sage observation: "He who has a 'why' to live can bear with almost any 'how.'

• The beer can was introduced in 1935 by the now-defunct

· The first Rambo movie originally was shot with two different endings. The one that made it into the final cut, of course, left the title character spent, but alive. In the ending that was cut, Rambo was shot and killed by his nemesis. Just think of all the sequels that would never have been ...

 In China, farmers often use colonies of ants to control the population of insects that are detrimental to their crops.

Just 150 years ago, New York City was home to 10,000

free-range hogs.

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 According to the Talmud, a central text of Judaism, if someone is bitten by a rabid dog, the victim should write on the skin of a male hyena, strip naked and bury the clothes for a year, then burn the clothes and scatter the ashes. Of course, early medical treatment for the bites wasn't much better. Some doctors recommended pouring boiling oil on the wound or cauterizing it with a red-hot iron. Some went as far as packing the bite with gunpowder, then igniting it. Greek doctors suggested that victims bathe in the juice of crawfish. Castration and massive doses of asparagus also were suggested as cures for rabies.

• On average, 56,000 pounds of ore must be mined in order to find one karat's worth of diamond.

· A man by the name of Walter Cavanaugh once possessed 1,196 different credit cards in his name -- all of them valid. He was also known as "Mr. Plastic Fantastic."

Thought for the Day: "Who overcomes by force hath overcome but half his foe." -- John Milton

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# CryptoQuip

for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: L equals G

QXTTGQDPL NGX CAGTTFC NGXA IZJJEF IRDEF GP ORF MFZUR, IRZO UGXEC ORF AFQXEO MF? QZPCN FLLG.

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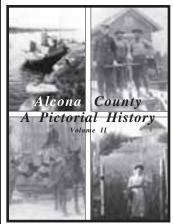
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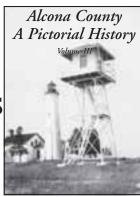
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by Linda Thistle

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#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of budget hearing: The board of road commissioners of the County of Alcona will hold a pu7blic hearing at the road commission office, 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 30, 2014. The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed road commission budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2015. Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the road commission office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning December 8, 2014, until the hearing (excluding holiday closings on December 25 and 26. Alfred J. Scully, Chairman, Board of Road Commissioners, County of Alcona, Michigan.

## **BINGO**

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

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner take all game and cookie jar. All proceeds to charity.

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Patrick Carriveau and Kathy Carriveau, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for J. Virgil Inc., its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005 and recorded June 23, 2005 in Liber 419, page 910 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Matrix Financial Services Corporation, by assignment dated October 30, 2014 and recorded November 17, 2014 in Liber 511, page 839, on which mortgage there is claimed

to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-one thousand nine hundred nineteen dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$61,919.98) including interest seven 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, Circuit Court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on January 7, 2015.

Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the southeast one quarter of the southwest one quarter of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of the east one half of the southwest one guarter of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East; thence west on Spruce Road centerline, 400 feet to beginning; thence west 525 feet; thence north 350 feet; thence east 525 feet; thence south 350 feet to beginning, except commencing at the southeast corner of the southwest one quarter of said Section 1, thence west 400 feet to the point of beginning; thence west 425 feet;

thence north 350 feet: thence east 425 feet; thence south 350 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2683 E. Spruce Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762.

LEGAL NOTICE

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961. under 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: December 3, 2014 Matrix Financial Services Corporation, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 File No: 14-12936 12-03, 12-10, 12-17, 12-24

#### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

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Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made on the 23rd day of February, 2010 by Norman A. Apsey and Sherri M. Apsey, husband and wife, of 1690 Sharboneau Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, as mortgagee to Sharon Endicott, a married woman, of 6077 N. Pine Street, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747. Said mortgage given by the mortgagors and recorded on the 24th day of February, 2010 in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan in Liber 468, pages 1,116-1,118 inclusive and on which mortgage there is a claim to be due and owing on the date of this notice the sum of sixtytwo thousand nineteen and 10/100 dollars (\$62,019.10) plus interest, costs and attorney fees incurred from August 23, 2013 as provided by said mortgage note.

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

Said premises are situated in the township of Hawes, county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to

The west five (5) acres of the north half (N-1/2) of the south half (S-1/2) of the northwest quarter (NW-1/4) of the southeast quarter (SE-1/4) of Section 27, T27N,

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241 (a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated this 10th day of December 2014. For more information, please call David H. Cook

Attorney for Mortgagee 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, Michigan 48740 (989) 724-5155 12-17, 12-24, 12-31, 1-7, 2015

#### **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 Daniel F. Bendig and Carline D. Bendig, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated October 8, 2004, and recorded on October 25, 2004 in Liber 408 on page 858, and assigned by said mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as trustee for the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2004 Park Place Securities, Inc. asset-backed pass-

through certificates series 2004-WHQ2 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-six thousand nine hundred fifty-four and 88/100 dollars (\$76,954.88).

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 January 7,

Said premises are situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of the south 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 9 East; thence west 833.68 feet; thence south 209 feet; thence east 833.68 feet; thence north 209 feet to the place of

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 pe-

Dated: December 10, 2014 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File No. 446958F01 12-10, 12-17, 12-24, 12-31

thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 155 of Alcona County records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall

According to MCL §600.3278, if the propmortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property (800) 349-5097 ext. 4500.

partment of Agriculture, Mortgagee Michael I. Conlon (P43954) Running, Wise, Ford, P.L.C. 326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686, Traverse City, Mich. 49685-0686. 12-17, 12-24, 12-31, 1-7

State of Michigan **Judicial District** 23rd Judicial Circuit County Probate Order for Service by **Publication/Posting and Notice of Action** Case No. 14-2351 CH

Court address: P.O. Box 308, Harrisville, MI 48740

Court telephone no.: (989) 724-9410 Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).

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1023 161A Avenue Edmonton, AB Canada T5Z3G1 Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address and telephone no. David H. Cook P4560 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155

Defendant name(s), address(es) and telephone no(s)

Susan M. Cooper and all of her unknown heirs, legatees and assigns,

To: Susan M. Cooper and all of unknown heirs, legatees and

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to compel specific performance. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before February 15, 2015. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Alcona County Review for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publications shall be filed in this court. Date: December 3, 2014

Judge Laura A. Frawley, P39644 12-17, 12-24, 12-31

#### **Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale**

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

Mortgage sale: Default having been made in the conditions of certain mortgage made by Daniel Alan Good, a single man, and Rajeanna Josephine Ayers, a single woman, of 4669 E. Cedar Lake Road, Greenbush, Mich. 48738 to the United States of America, acting through Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, with its office being located at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, Mo. 63120, the mortgagee, the mortgage being dated July 20, 2010 and recorded August 3, 2010 in Liber 472, pages 516 - 521 (Instrument No. 20100002389) in Alcona County records, and such mortgage being given to secure promissory note payable to the government, and by reason of such default the mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such mortgage due and payable forthwith. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of December 17, 2014, for principal, interest and other charges, the sum of one hundred nine thousand four hundred thirty-two and 31/100 (\$109,432.31) dollars, and

no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the west entrance of county courthouse at 1065th Street, City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, Michigan, that being the place of holding the circuit court in and for said county, on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, at 10 a.m., local time.

Said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the mortgage together with 4.625 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale. Which said premises described in said mortgage are situated in the state of Michigan, county of Alcona, and are described as: Lots 520, 521 and the north one-half (1/2) of Lot 519. Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 5, as per plat

# expire thirty (30) days from the date of

erty is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the during the redemption period. For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center, Foreclosure Centralization Initiative, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, Mo. 63120, telephone

Dated: December 17, 2014 United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States De-

# CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting held December 10 was called to order by supervisor Ott with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Ott, Thornton, Timm, Scott and Hubbard, also in attendance zoning administrator Nancy Beck and one citizen. Motions to approve agenda, minutes of November 5, to pay the bills, and to place treasurer's report on file were made. Correspondence: Michigan Township Association training for board of review.

Planning commission report: Proposed zoning application has been sent to the board for review. They worked on township park ordinance. Zoning administrator report: Truck was removed from Brilinski property. Unfinished business: Tree was removed from access lot next to Mr. Galea. We picked option no. 2 to place name on township hall under

canopy. Also picked a new tile for entrance to building.

New business: Motion to pay \$64,000 towards our remaining bill to the road commission on Hubbard Lake Road contract. Motion to reappoint Gary Grove and Kathy Vichunas to a three year term on the planning commission. Motion for two people to attend board of review training in Alpena

The Caledonia Township meeting schedule for 2015 will be the second Wednesday of every month except in November We will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 4. All meetings start at 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is January 14, 2015. Planning commission meets January 5, 2015.

Helen Timm, Clerk

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