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U.S. congressman visits Alcona woodworking class

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

To learn how to support and improve vocational education in northern Michigan, U.S. Rep. Dr. Dan Benishek (R-Mich., District 1) visited Alcona High School last Tuesday. He also visited high schools in Mio and Grayling, Mich.

Improving access to vocational education has been one of Benishek's top priorities in Congress. He feels in order to grow the economy we must ensure an individual's right to job training. He was interested to see how high school students were being prepared for job opportunities which are available.

As Benishek strolled through Alcona High School's woodworking shop he spoke with students and their teacher, Chuck Boyer. He was impressed with the degree of work the students were doing. He shook hands and congratulated them while admiring their craftsmanship.

He asked many questions during his visit and was surprised to learn much of the machinery in the woodworking shop was purchased with grants Boyer was able to se-

Boyer, who has been teaching at the school for several years, said he began writing grants about five years ago and has been able to secure \$25,000 to \$30,000 worth of machinery with grant funds.

One of the school's large purchases with grant funds was a "saw-stop" table saw which he demonstrated to Benishek. Boyer explained the saw can tell the difference between a finger and a piece of wood and if a finger touches the blade the saw stops instantly. Other large items purchased with grant funds were a CNC router, wood lathe and a surface sander.

Boyer explained to Benishek the grants paid for about 90 percent of the purchases and the students and their parents earned the other 10 percent through fundraisers. Benishek continued to be $impressed\,as\,Boyer\,went\,from\,$ one room to the next in order to show all the larger projects the students were working

He told to the representative his classroom could not hold all the larger items being worked on and they had to borrow space from classrooms not being utilized. Boyer said he didn't encourage students to build large items, simply because space was an issue, but he wouldn't discourage his second and third year students from building what they wanted.

There were many large items being worked on including a detailed roll top desk, an intricately designed gentlemen's dresser with many storage drawers and jewelry cubbies, a handsome large dining table with burled wood pedestal coupled with matching benches with burled wood legs, decorative head and footboard for a bed and a massive picnic table made of 16 inch logs.

Many students, Boyer explained, will be taking their finished projects to a regional competition on April 25 and the items judged first through fourth place at regionals would go on to the state competition in May. He explained how getting the project to their destination for competition was quite an undertaking and couldn't be accomplished without help by volunteers.

Most of the students come after school to work on their projects because they cannot complete them during class time. Boyer encourages them and is willing to put in the extra hours to be with his

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Alcona High School senior Schylar Bates (left) and his woodworking/CAD teacher, Chuck Boyer, explain the importance of computer aided drawing (CAD) to Representative Dan Benishek, M.D. (R). Dr. Benishek visited three schools in northern Michigan, including Alcona, to learn more about their programs and how to improve vocational education. Photo by Mary Weber.

Road commission down dump truck due to fire

By Cheryl Peterson

Editor

A routine day on the job became a little more exciting than expected for one road commission worker last

After completing his usual route on March 19, Tim Mac-Neill, parked the 2006 single axle dump truck he drives for the Alcona County Road Commission at the gravel pit on Hubbard Lake Road four

miles north of Ritchie Road. He moved to operating a front end loader in the gravel pit and, sometime later, noticed the front end of the dump $truck\,was\,engulfed\,in\,flames.$

According to Alcona County Road Commission Director Jesse Campbell, MacNeill used the fire extinguisher from the dump truck in an attempt to put out the fire. However, the fire was too large for the size of the extin-

the loader to dump a bucket of snow onto the dump truck and put out the fire.

Campbell said the fire is being investigated by the commission's insurance company - E.F.I Global - and a cause has yet to be determined. "The inspector conducting the investigation said it was smart thinking on the driver's part to dump snow on the fire... it potentially kept

guisher. So, MacNeill used it from further damage to the truck," Campbell said.

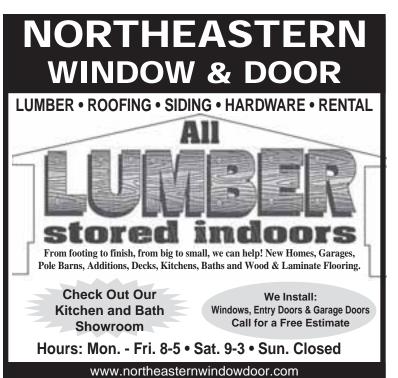
The dump truck is valued at \$123,000. After an appraisal has been completed the road commission should receive reimbursement. If the truck is a complete loss, Campbell hopes to be able to purchase it from the insurance company to use for

"A new truck will take about nine months to get in, he said. "And, there are a lot of usable parts on this one... it's a really nice truck. One of the nicest we had. No time is a good time, but at least we got through the bulk of the

Campbell explained the commission has been borrowing two trucks from the Michigan Department of Transportation this winter to cover the shortage of trucks because of the fire that completely destroyed the maintenance/storage building and other equipment last fall. "We have about three weeks to go before we get one of the new trucks that we've been waiting for. We hope to take delivery of it during the second week of April. I know it's the tail end of winter, but we have a lot of work to do this summer and we will need it."



(From left) Charlene Oliver, Rebeka Maturen, Hannah Riggs and Brenton Higgins serve pancakes during the sixth annual Alcona FFA Maple Syrup Celebration Day at the Sugar Shack on Saturday. Despite fresh snowfall and the fact that sap is just startring to run, the event was well attended. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.





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Obituaries



Ivola E. Edick

Ivola E. Edick, 105, of Lincoln, died on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

She was born December 31, 1908 to John and Carrie (Stricklen) Woletz in St. Charles, Mich. She was a longtime resident of Flint, Mich.

On December 20, 1934, she married Kenneth Wayne Edick in Angola, Ind. They moved to Lincoln in 1988.

She was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Flint Chapter 138, and a dual life member of the Lincoln Chapter 184. She was a member of the Lincoln United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Edick is survived by several nieces, nephews, greatnieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, on November 8, 1989; one sister, Dorothy Galbraith; and three brothers, John Woletz, Robert Woletz and Louis Snyder.

The funeral was held Sunday, March 23 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Linda Jo Powers officiated. Burial was in the City of Flushing Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Lincoln United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Susan C. Niederstadt

Susan C. Niederstadt, 67, of Greenbush died on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at her home.

She was born on October 3, 1946 in Detroit, Mich. to Clarence and Catherine (Wallbaum) Stevens.

In 1980, she moved to Greenbush and was surrounded by the wildlife she cherished. When she wasn't rescuing abandoned raccoons or adopting stray animals, she loved golfing, pontoon rides, casino trips and cookouts with her family and friends.

She is survived by her partner, Frenchy Desotell; two sons, Patrick (Diane) Hantz of Alpena and Jimmy (Valerie) Spry of Greenbush; five grandchildren, Michael Hantz, Krystin Brooks and Andrew, Marshall and Weston Bailey; and two spe-



cial dogs, Mia and Sammy. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made to the Alcona Humane Society, 457 W. Traverse Bay Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 or to an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

Donald R. Milligan

Donald R. Milligan, 77, of Hubbard Lake died Saturday, March 22, 2014 at home.

He was born April 1, 1936 in Lincoln to Sidney and Irene (Jobin) Milligan. Raised in Lincoln he moved to Wayne, Mich. and later to Westland,

On February 4, 1956 he married Vern Kutledge.

He was a truck driver for the Kroger Company for many years. He was a member of the Teamsters Union, Local 337. In 1995 he retired and moved to Hubbard Lake.

Mr. Milligan is survived by his wife, Vern; one daughter, Cathy (David) Staley of Westland, Mich.; two sons, Tom (Sharon) Milligan of Allen Park, Mich. and Don (Michele) Milligan Jr. of Westland, Mich.; three grandchildren, Christy (Jamie Bush) McGlynn, Andrew (Kristen) Milligan and Matthew Milligan; three great-grandchildren, Jacob and Shelby McGlynn and Collin Milligan; three sisters, Leona (Mark) Maxwell of Henderson, N.C., Rosalie (Wendell) Stafford of Wayne, Mich. and Marion Dean Of Columbus, Ohio; three brothers, (Jeannie) Milligan of Wisconsin, Dennis (Cyndi) Milligan of Clinton, Mich. and Paul (Sylvia) Milligan of Kalkaska,

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Vida Harrison and Angela Woods.

Visitation was Tuesday, March 25 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be made to the Alcona Humane Society or the American Heart Association.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2013

_	Weekly Report			Miles Per Hour		
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March 21	33	18	0.04	5.6	21	NNW
March 22	39	13	0.13	4.0	19	N

	Precipitation Sum	nmary (Inches)	2013-2014	
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal <u>Water Content</u>	
Weekly Total	0.19	2.0	0.49	
March to Date	0.31	6.6	1.46	
Year/Season to Date	e 2.04	58.0	4.57	

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



Obituaries



Michael S. Richardson

Michael Saunders Richardson, 73, died on Friday, March 21, 2014 in The Vil-

lages, Florida.

He was born October 5, 1940 the son of Robert Dean and Lucilee Ione (Krugman) Richardson in Traverse City, Mich.

He graduated from Oscoda High School in 1959. He graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1966.

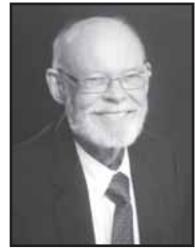
He married Jeri-Lynne Haines on September 1, 1962 in Oscoda.

Dr. Richardson was a longtime resident of Oscoda, where he practiced dentistry for 45 years. He was committed to bringing cutting edge dental care to his regional practice, and dedicated himself to a lifetime of professional learning.

He loved the company of his family. His garden, pond and vast woods were his favorite places. Being barefoot in the garden brought him great peace.

Dr. Richardson was a parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oscoda where he served on the parish council and was a eucharistic minister and lector.

He was a founding member of the Oscoda Rotary Club and actively supported its youth foreign exchange program; was a board member of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education and the Oscoda Area Chamber of



Commerce; supported Michigan Youth Services to assist at-risk youth; helped re-establish the AuSable River Canoe Marathon; and was a board member of Alcona Health Services.

Dr. Richardson is survived by his wife, Jeri-Lynne; two daughters, Lisa (Patrick) McClelland of State College, Pa. and Melissa (James) Hiner of Ann Arbor, Mich.; one son, Robert (Kammie) Richardson of Traverse City, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; two greatgrandchildren; and one brother, Anthony Richardson of Fort Myers, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held in Oscoda in late spring. Memories can be shared at www.hiers-baxley.com

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Oscoda Opportunity Education Foundation.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

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

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

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

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees of Northeast Michigan will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North, Alpena. Guest speaker will be Lt. Frank Keck, Commander of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact, Chuck Griffin at (989 727-3350, Frank Baranski at (989) 595-2789 or Don Cantleberry at (989) 354-5504 for more informa-

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

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

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

On Tuesday, March 18 Alcona GOP had the pleasure of hosting a Republican core team meeting for Dr. Dan Benishek, U.S. Congressman for the 1st District of Michigan. Dan and his group, Jesse Osmer and Traci Jahnke, joined us for a question and answer session before continuing on their tour of the first district.

The group reviewed many issues with Dan on his voting record regarding his feelings on conservative values and the activity in congress.

Dan supports legislation known as the "Faithful Execution of the Law Act," requiring all federal officials (specifically the attorney general who stopped enforcing the law) to report to congress the reason why the law is not being enforced, regardless of whether it is being done on constitutional or policy grounds.

This is similar to a recently passed House Bill "Enforce the Law Act of 2014 (H.R.

The group did not always agree with Representative Benishek, but came away knowing that he is a man of deep feelings and convictions. He expressed his faith in the conservative movement and does everything within his authority for the betterment of the district.

Dan's voting, as is the record of any elected official, is available at (GovTrack.us.)

The main take away from the meeting is that we, the people, must unify under the banner of GOP/conservative and support the Republican candidates if we are to defeat liberals who are constantly ignoring our constitutional rights.

Dan is concerned that a lot of downstate and out-ofstate money is being used to replace him with a liberal.

We need all the groups of the 1st District to come together as concerned Americans to change the direction of our country. We the people have unity and hard work as the name of our game plan.

Lawrence Brozowski **Alcona County** Republican Chairman





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Starting in 2014 new, affordable health insurance will be available to Michigan adults.

In April 2014, adults making less than about \$15,300 a year can get low-cost or free coverage in the new Healthy Michigan plan. But even if you aren't eligible for Healthy Michigan, there are affordable options for you—and all of them cover preventive care, doctor visits, mental health and substance use care, hospital stays and more. And, the insurance companies cannot deny you coverage if you have a health issue now. Look at the chart below, and decide what coverage works for you.

Individual income less than \$11,490 (household of 2: less than \$15,510) or Individual income between \$11,490 and \$15,282 (household of 2: \$15,510-\$20,628) or Individual income between \$15,282 and \$45,960 (household of 2: \$15,510 - \$62,040)

Enroll in Healthy Michigan (new Medicaid); coverage begins April 1, 2014. or Purchase a plan on the exchange (healthcare.gov), likely with financial assistance; coverage begins as soon as Jan. 1, 2014.

Before April 1, purchase coverage on the exchange.

Text "InfoMI" to 69866 to sign up to receive updates that will let you know when the Healthy Michigan Plan (Medicaid) opens for enrollment. After April 1, Enroll in Healthy Michigan.

Visit healthcare.gov to find an application counselor and enroll, or apply by phone at 1 (300) 318-2596.

Are you uninsured and need to see a doctor now?

- Call the **Michigan Department of Community Health** at (888) 988-6300 if you're pregnant and/or have children.
- Visit www.EnrollMichigan.com to locate a free clinic or health center near you.
- You can also find out if you are eligible for current coverage in your county health plan by calling (855) 275-6424.

Lincoln Clinic (989) 736-8157

Local Notes

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Help Needed

While My Brother's Hope is still unable to accept donations of clothing and personal items at the present time, monetary donations are urgently needed and would be appreciated. They may be sent to My Brother's Hope, Inc., P.O. Box 205, Harrisville, 48740.

Boy Scout Recruitment

Anyone interested in learning what Boy Scouts have to offer is encouraged to attend the recruitment event planned for Tuesday, April 8 at the Alcona Elementary School from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to see what is available locally for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and to meet leaders and scouts from the area. For more information, contact John Rouse at (989) 916-6556.

Event Kickoff

Relay for Life of Alcona County will have its kickoff for this year's event on Saturday, March 29 at the Maria Hall (behind St. Anne Catholic Church) on US-23 in Har-

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Peopleget their cats in many ways: shelters, rescues, breeders, gifts and over 52 percent say one of their current cats was a stray.

risville, just south of the light at M-72. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and all are welcome. The kickoff marks the first fundraising event leading up to the actual nightlong relay to be held July 18 through July 19 at the Alcona High School track.

Dinner will be a potluck supper, but chairman for the event, Veronica Brown, said even if someone doesn't bring a dish, all are encouraged to come anyway as there will be lots of food. There will also be a silent auction during the event. The committee is still putting together silent auction basket items; anyone who has a new item they would like to donate to the auction may contact Brown at (989) 335-0844. Relay for Life of Alcona County is looking to raise \$15,000 to give to the American Cancer Society this year.

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, March 31—Beef lasagna, peas, coleslaw, tropical fruit and garlic bread.

- Tuesday, April 1—Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts, flavored salad, fruit and a cookie.
- Wednesday, April 2—Baked fish, broccoli cheese rice, carrots, Jell-O with fruit and fruit.
- Thursday, April 3—Barbecued pork on a bun, potato lyonnais, wax beans, cucumber and onion salad and fruit.
- Friday, April 4—Stuffed green peppers, scalloped potatoes, corn, fruit salad and fruit. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Poster Contest

Create an 11 x 17 poster for Foster Care Month to help raise awareness for the need for foster and adoptive parents, as well as community support for the more than 14,000 children who are in which does posal to adoptive parents, as well as community support for the more than and no change of the community of the community support for the more than the community of the community

foster care in Michigan. The poster must include the Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan logo. Submit by April 10, 2014. Winning poster prize is \$200. For more information, call (989) 356-4567. E-mail for logo: nisbetm@cfsnemi.org.

Fruit Tree Pruning

The Alcona Conservation District is offering a free fruit tree pruning workshop Saturday, April 5. This event is open to the public and anyone interested in fruit tree maintenance is encouraged to attend. The Alcona Conservation District and the Harrisville Institute for Cultural Learning are sponsoring a fruit tree pruning demonstration on Saturday, April 12. The two to three hour demonstration will be held on the grounds of the Harrisville Institute for Cultural Learning and will be gin at 10 a.m. The institute is across from the Alcona Soil Conservation District office. Parking is available at the Alcona Conservation District's office.

The demonstration is for backyard growers or hobbyists and not intended for those with commercial interest or high density plantings. There is no charge for participation. Additional details may be found at www.alconaconservation.org or by contacting the Alcona Conservation District, 320 South US-23, Harrisville at (989) 724-5272

Trailer Hitch Clarification

The Michigan State Police, Alpena post would like to dispel an "urban myth" that has been circulating in the community. The post has received multiple inquiries into a fictitious law claiming it is unlawful to leave a trailer hitch assembly in the receiver of a vehicle that has no trailer in tow. Citizens have referred to House Bill No. 5610 of 2012, which does contain a proposal to add wording to MCL 257.721 which would prohibit this action. However, House Bill 5610 has stalled and no changes have been



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students. He has also developed a new Industrial Technology Club this year where a group of students, committed to come in one night a month, build projects strictly for the community and to use as fundraisers. He was surprised at the good attendance.

"The club is working on an informational kiosk for the elementary school's butterfly garden. Next year we are going to start working with Harrisville State Park and possibly build several things for them including furniture for their cabins and possibly some small information pavilions. We've built tables for the Harrisville library and picnic tables for the school garden.

"We're still new, but it's been exciting. I didn't think the kids would be on board, because it's not their own personal items. That's not the case. The kids have done an awesome job," Boyer said. He also feeds students during club time because the kids will do almost anything as long as they are fed.

Boyer said he was happy his program was adding classes. The school brought back computer aided drawing (CAD) classes because local machine shops were interested in hiring students with CAD training as well as CNC router training. Every year Boyer takes a group of students to visit different machine shops in the area to inform them of what kind of jobs are out there for them.

Although woodshop is an elective art class, Boyer thinks of it as more of a spacial relations class. "It's not so much I'm teaching a kid

how to make a coffee table. It's so they can see and read a blue print. They can see how things go together and use those simple skills and apply them to auto mechanics, engineering, just about anything. It's a platform. The stuff they learn here they can take anywhere," Boyer said.

Students in his class also use a lot of math in the woodshop including fractions, geometry and trigonometry. Boyer would have to alter the class drastically to meet math class requirements stating it would just basically be a math class with no time for anything else.

Benishek noted there were a lot of jobs available in northern Michigan with the right training. He talked about a diesel mechanic in Gaylord, Mich. looking to hire 10 mechanics next year, but can't find 10 qualified employees.

'We've got an incentive in our office to try and facilitate technical education or at least an introduction to the education in high school. When I was a kid we had all kinds of opportunities to get shop classes. Over the last 20 or 30 years we sort of lost that. Traveling along the district as I do, I see many job opportunities. These are good paying jobs, \$60,000 to \$100,000 a year. That's a good salary to raise a family. We want to see those jobs stay in northern Michigan," Benishek said.

He felt collaboration from the employers to help with donations of equipment to train high school students was essential. He also said funding for the programs needs to come from a variety of sources, not only the school

district and local industries, but also from the state and federal government. He wants to see all the entities work together and he is willing to do whatever he can to make that happen.

Benishek also said he felt the school districts were too tightly dictated by the federal and state government and more time should be given to students wanting vocational training. "Classes such as woodworking are elective classes. Some schools have had to be innovative and make the woodworking class fulfill a math requirement. We shouldn't have that. I think we should have flexibility in our schools and let the school district decide, to a degree, what they are going to do. Most districts have gone to a trimester class schedule to allow a little more flexibility for electives," Benishek

Benishek was pleased with what he saw and learned during his school visits and described Boyer as innovative, "You've got to have some teachers who are interested like that. This community is pretty lucky to have this staff here. It usually comes down to a teacher willing to convince the board of education to fund his project and allow him time to work on grants. I think that's key. If I get wind of more help (for those teachers), I'm happy to do that," Benishek said.

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It marks the start of springtime in the northern hemisphere: increasing daylight, warming temperatures, and the rebirth of plant and animal life. - Brenda Weaver

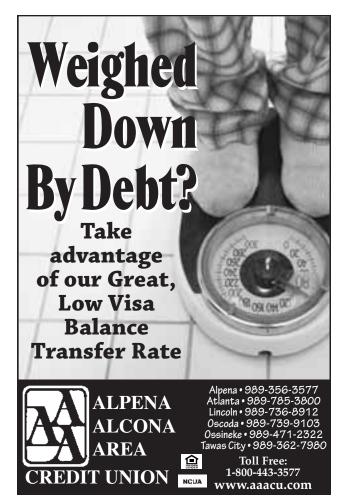
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Michigan State Police Trooper Ashley Simpson speaks to classes from Alcona high and middle schools about teenage cyber-bullying and teen sexting. She talked about the fatal consequences cyber-bullying has had noting teenagers who have committed suicide after being cyber-bullied. She also explained the charges which could be brought against teenagers and how explicit pictures and bullying text, even if they deleted it on their cell phones, can still be found on the device by police. *Photo by Mary Weber*.

Negwegon needs volunteers for park survey projects

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

It may be difficult to think about dragonflies, rare plants and invasive species with two feet of snow still on the ground, but spring is coming and the Friends of Negwegon are eager to meet it head on.

The Friends of Negwegon, a group which supports and protects the abundance of flora and fauna at Negwegon State Park, is preparing for spring by actively seeking volunteers interested in helping with stewardship projects this summer and fall. Anyone is welcome to help and volunteers do not have to be Friends of Negwegon members

The projects, funded by an \$83,500 grant through the Coastal Program of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will include comprehensive surveys over a two year period of invasive species and the Hines emerald dragonfly larval habitat within the park.

The Hines emerald dragonfly is federally listed as an endangered species. The dragonfly has been documented at the park, but to date no larval habitat has been identified. The surveys will be coordinated by Michigan Natural Feature Inventory (MNFI) scientists, Huron Pines and local Michigan Department of Natural Resource (DNR) park rangers.

There will be two training sessions for volunteers. The first will be a project overview held in the spring. The overview will help with identifying many rare plants and animals and discuss how field work will be set up and carried out.

The second training session will be held in the field in June or July. The field training will further discuss how to identify the Hines emerald dragonfly and their larval habitat. Instructions will be given to volunteers on how to map observations of the dragonfly and invasive plant species using global positioning systems (GPS) devices.

As part of the team, along with MNFI, Huron Pines and DNR park staff, volunteers

will use the skills learned in training to systematically walk and map the interior of Negwegon. Huron Pines and DNR park staff will accompany the teams and treat small infestations of invasive plants with herbicide as they are identified.

Volunteer times will be based on the volunteer's availability along with Huron Pines, MNFI and the DNR park staff schedules.

Sue Keller, president of the Friends of Negwegon, said the park's undeveloped uniqueness and many natural amenities were the reason the Friends of Negwegon was developed. "People find their own connection to the park which appeals to a wide variety of interests. People hunt, hike, camp, swim, kayak, ski and snowmobile at the park. There are shipwrecks just off shore and cultural, historical aspects are being studied at the park.

"It's an educational asset which can be used many different ways. As far as state parks go, Negwegon is unique and unique things should be looked after and protected. The Friends of Negwegon want its natural state admired for generations," Keller said.

Keller stated there is no need to commit to volunteering at the present time but they would like to know the names of people interested. For more information or to be added to the list, call the Harrisville State Park office at (989) 724-5126.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Region 9 Rural Task Force at 10 a.m. Friday, April 4, 2014 at the Montmorency County Road Commission, located at 11445 M-32, Atlanta, Michigan

The purpose of the meeting will be to review the regional 2014-2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) transportation projects utilizing federal-aid funding from the Rural Surface Transportation Program (STP-R) and Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF). The Region 9 Rural task Force covers Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle Counties. Interested persons are invited to attend to give public comment.

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Other free resources that can help include planprescriber.com or ehealthmedicare.com, two websites developed by eHealth Insurance that will compare Part D, Advantage and supplemental plans in your area and connect you to a licensed insurance agent.

In addition, the Medicare Rights Center (medicarerights.org) staffs a hotline at (800) 333-4114 to help answer your Medicare ques-

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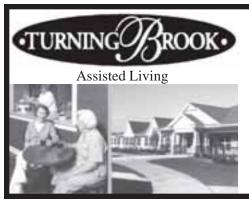
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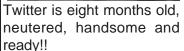
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A plague of politicians

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep Columnist

This past Christmas, I gave my four-year-old grandson the book "A Dignity of Dragons," by Jacquelin Osburn. Beautifully illustrated in rich dark colors by Nicolette Ciccoli, the fantasy bestiary gives the collective names for various groups of imaginary animals. ("A dignity of dragons, a grace of unicorns, a splash of mermaids.")

Now, books are not as exciting as say, the Fisher Price Jungle Train, and I didn't expect it to be. I wasn't the least concerned when Kai opened it, flipped through the pages and said, "Thank you. What's next?" I was a little concerned, later in the day, when I offered to read it with him and he demurred. "It looks a little scary," he told me. So I was delighted recently when Kate mentioned that once they had read it, it had become one of Kai's favorites.

I thought about that, this weekend, as the same sex marriage ban in Michigan was



Puttin' on the Fritz By Kathryn Kniep

overturned and then, 24hours later, the right to marry was stayed through today (Wednesday) by the 6th Circuit Court. The gay marriage ban was placed on the ballot in Michigan in 2004 and 59 percent of voters voted for it.

It's likely that about nine percent of those voters opposed gay marriage because they found the concept "a little scary" 10 years ago. Probably about another five percent based their vote on financial issues - they didn't want to allow same sex spouses the insurance and other benefits marriage offers. And probably about 45 percent opposed it for religious reasons -- because they,

or their church, viewed same sex marriage as wrong.

This is, of course, their absolute right. I totally respect the right to their beliefs and although I personally disagree, I would fight for that right any time it was threatened. The key word here being "personally."

Religious beliefs and marriage are both highly personal issues. All of us at one time or another have spent an evening with a married couple who make us turn to one another when we get home and say, "What do you suppose possessed him/her to marry her/him?" The answer

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A view through their eyes

By Warren MacNeill

On the first day of daylight saving time, I decided to start work early -- sort of jump starting my internal clock with a shock. Driving south on Poor Farm Road, the sun was coming up, the air was crisp, the temp read five degrees above zero, sort of warm for the winter of 2014.

Within three miles I came across two flocks of turkey. The toms were fanned out displaying for a couple of hens. The first thing that came to my mind was: It's official, winter is over! Yes, I took the love life of a large, unattractive, flightless bird, with the brain the size of a Skittles and pinned all my hopes and dreams of warmer weather on it.

Continuing on, I wondered "what else can I see today? There has to be something even better that I can talk about." I immediately thought of Dr. Seuss's poem, "And to Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street." One line in particular came to mind:

"All the long way to school and all the way back

I looked and I looked and I kept careful track.

but all that I've noticed, except my two feet,

was a horse and a wagon on Mulberry Street.

That's nothing to tell of, that won't do, of course....

Just a broken-down wagon, that's drawn by a horse.

I loved reading this book to our children when they were young. It's about a boy who is not satisfied with telling his dad the regular things he saw that day. In every one of the Seuss books there is a good life lesson to be learned. I learned one of those lessons the hard way the other day.

Recently, I had the privilege to escort five state representatives on a snowmobile tour of the trail system that circles the AuSable River. This trail goes from Oscoda to M-65 and back. This tour consisted of the representatives, several Michigan Snowmobile Association members, Iosco County Parks and Recreation personnel, and me, there to fix anything that went

Our first stop was at the warming shack where Alcona and Iosco trails meet. It is nestled in a thick, maturing jack pine and oak stand. The group was met by both Alcona and Iosco groomers and trail administrators. I watched as both of these groups talked with pride about their equipment and responsibilities. I ate muffins and checked registrations on the passing trail riders while waiting for the tour to resume.

We then moved on to the M-65 AuSable River bridges. I watched as the Iosco County Parks and Recreation commissioner talked with passion about the efforts the local agencies went through to get control of the old M-65 vehicle bridge and turn it into a snowmobile bridge. This old, steel frame bridge is on the state historic site registry and is a thing of beauty with its massive, angled arches.

During the presentation we



were serenaded by two trumpeter swans and hundreds of diver ducks as they swam beneath us on the AuSable River that was pushing ice chunks along as it wound through the valley toward Cooke Pond. Behind us, we could hear the crash of water coming over Five Channels

While waiting for the presentation to end, I monitored the passing snowmobilers to make sure they respected speed restrictions while crossing the bridge.

Our next stop was the high banks warming shack where we were met by a large group of trail workers from Hale. We were also joined by the Iosco County Sheriff Office snowmobile enforcement officers. I watched as the trail workers talked about what they do and their trail system. This setting was in a very large red and white pine stand, some of which contained trees too large to put your arms around. A couple of the downstate lawmakers seemed amazed at the majestic beauty of these hallmarks of the north.

In the meantime, the deputies and I discussed our weekend's patrol plan while helping the hosts reduce their high number of hot dogs and campfire coffee.

After we left the Hale group, we went to the Iargo Springs overlook. This is one of the best views in Michigan, especially in the winter. To the east you can see for miles up Cooke Pond with its islands and marshes and the back drop of the old logging camp with log slide. Up river you can see so far that the trees on the horizon look blue.

I have been there many times and as I stood with this group of people looking with wonder at the view, I was marking, in my mind, where I had spent several duck season openers, more than a dozen canoe marathons, and many marine and ice fishing patrols.

The last part of the tour took us east through the AuSable River Valley, winding through red pine, white pine and red oak stands, crossing the river again and through the old Air Force

Throughout the entire 70 mile ride I reflected on the many years of working this area. There wasn't one mile out of the 70 that I didn't have a memory that wasn't work-related. From forest fires, to lost people, to deer season enforcement, ORV and snowmobile enforcement -- my list went on and on. For me it was just another work day at someone else's pace.

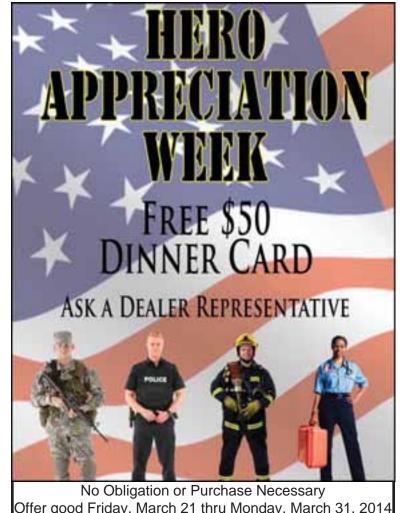
When we finally stopped, I was ready to be done with this crew. I walked up to them to say good-bye. As I looked

into their eyes I saw five noticeably different people from when we had started that morning. They had a look of peace and contentment. That day, they saw things that only nature can show you. The experience appeared to cleanse their minds.

I watched them and became a little embarrassed. We had just spent several hours during the nicest day this year, in one of the prettiest areas of the state, and all I had been thinking about were work-related things that had happened in the past while looking for wrong doers. Even though I had been there many times, this was an opportunity that I lost.

I learned three lessons on this trip. First, if you really want to appreciate what you have around you, look at it through someone else's eyes. Second, there are a lot of people who work very hard and are proud of what they do to make our area a great place to live. And the third thing is, don't eat bran muffins and drink campfire cof-

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

A free Skywarn Training Severe Weather Program will be held at 6:30 p.m. at 2600 East M-72, about six miles west of US-23 on the south side. Attendees will have a chance to win free weather alert radios. This event is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Alcona County **Emergency Management and** Amateur Radio Group. For more information, call Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

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. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church, Harrisville. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children and free for ages five and under. Everyone is welcome.

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

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 745 North US-23, Harrisville (one and half miles north of the light in Harrisville). A soup, bread and dessert luncheon will follow.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

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.

A one-day, eight hour FCC technician level amateur radio class will be held beginning at 9 a.m. at the Alcona County EMS building located at 2600 East M-72 (south side), six miles west of US-23. An FCC exam session for all amateur radio levels will be held starting at 5 p.m., immediately following the conclusion the technician class. The standard FCC exam fee applies. For additional details and to register for the class and/or exam session, call Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550. Sponsored by the Alcona County amateur Radio Group.

A mushroom cultivation workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Oscoda Township library, 6010 North Skeel Avenue. Participants will learn all about edible mushroom farming and how to set up a small scale operation. There is no charge to attend this class. Inoculated logs can be purchased for \$10 each, supplies are limited to 25 logs. For more information, call (989) 335-1056 or e-mail Andrew.beebe@macd.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

A teen challenge is being hosted by TriPoint Church of God, 500 South Brooke Street, Alpena at 11 a.m. Teens and young adults will share their stories, testimonies and music. This event is open to the public.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

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

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

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii are available for use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

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

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



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Family Heritage Baptist Church

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



New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA) Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Hubbard Lake Rd.,

1/2 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course Allow Courty Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

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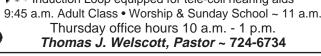
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Greenbush Community Baptist Church

2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350 Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

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Rev. Linda Jo Powers • (989) 724-3033 (h) • E-mail: pastorlindajo@charter.net

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to that question, it always seems to me, lies in the fact that none of us, really, can understand someone else's relationship from the outside, looking in.

One of the three basic tenets I live by is that unless or until you know they are in imminent danger; you don't get to choose who your friends

Religious belief is highly personal as well. The right to believe what we choose is, more than anything else, the foundation of our nation's democracy. And the right to impose those beliefs on someone else is its antithesis. Put simply, believing that homosexuality or same sex marriage is a sin is an absolute right. Imposing that belief on others is not. It seems so simple to me that if you truly believe that being gay is wrong, don't be. If your daughter or son is gay and you truly believe that endangers their immortal soul, pray for them. But that's where the right to religious belief ends. I personally believe that God would agree with that, but as I said, you don't have to believe that and I have no right to try to make you.

I find it particularly interesting that our state attorney

general Bill Schuette based his argument and his request for a stay on the argument that same sex marriage is somehow bad for the children of those unions. As quoted in the Detroit Free Press, Schuette said, "In 2004, the citizens of Michigan recognized that diversity in parenting is best for kids and families because moms and dads are not interchangeable. Michigan voters enshrined that decision in our state constitution, and their will should stand and be respected.'

This argument simply overlooks the high number of single parents raising children on their own in the state, without the assistance of an opposite sex partner, and the fact that the vast majority of abusive infanticides in Michigan happen in opposite-sex relationships.

Rather ironically, the case on point arose from a concern for children of a samesex union. The lesbian couple who filed with the court has four special needs children, all of whom have been legally adopted by one partner. However, state law does not approve same-sex joint adoption, and the couple worries that - despite a civil and legal

agreement on their part - the children would not be able to stay together if something happened to their adoptive mom. Four expert witnesses in the field of child development brought by the defense, support them. The state, on the other hand, brought one expert witness whose own university disavowed his theories.

I disagree with the stay for the same reasons I disagreed with the ballot issue. I agree with the judge who overturned the ban. I believe that it is unconstitutional. On Saturday, hundreds of gay and lesbian couples rushed to obtain marriage licenses. Over and over again, reports cited couples who had been together for 20 years, 30 years, waiting for the right to make their love legal and/or to ensure the rights of their

riage or have a negative effect

And I believe in love.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Re view for more than 30 years.)

families. While I oppose the ban and

the stay, and while I'm intrinsically uncomfortable with making such a highly personal issue a political one, I wouldn't have any problem with placing the issue back on the ballot. I strongly suspect that over the last decade, voter opinion has changed in Michigan as it has across the nation. Rather like Kai, who found that his book wasn't scary once he'd read it, I think a good many of that nine percent who carried the day may have come to realize that it isn't scary at all, nor does its existence threaten conventional mar-

Like most things, once they come out into the light, I think more people have realized that same-spouse union isn't scary at all. It's about love, after all, and love is something we need to nurture in our society, no matter the format.

on children.

I guess, basically, I believe in Robert Fulgham's quote as it applies to all people, no matter their sexual orientation: "We're all a little weird. And life is a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall into mutually satisfying weirdness-and call it

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March 26, 2014

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high

temperature of 24°, humidity of 63%. Southwest

wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for

today is 68° set in 1998. Expect mostly cloudy skies

tonight with a 50% chance of snow, overnight low

of 16°. South wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low

*Last Week's Almanac

Normals

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Alcona Review Weather Report

Seven Day Forecast



WEDNESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 24 Low: 16



THURSDAY

Rain/Snow High: 35 Low: 33



FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 38 Low: 22



SATURDAY Mostly Sunny High: 33 Low: 23



SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 42 Low: 32



MONDAY Mostly Cloudy

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Thursday	7:21 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	5:22 a.m.	4:34 p.m.
Friday	7:19 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	5:57 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
Saturday	7:17 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	6:31 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:15 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	7:03 a.m.	8:12 p.m.
Monday	7:14 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	7:37 a.m.	9:21 p.m.
Tuesday	7:12 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	8:12 a.m.	10:29 p.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

and thunderstorms Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 76° in Marathon Key, Fla. The

Northwest will see scattered rain and snow today and Thursday, isolated rain Friday, with the highest

temperature of 68° in Torrington, Wyo. The Southwest will see isolated showers today, mostly clear skies

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated snow today and

Thursday, scattered rain Friday, with the highest temperature of 66° in Hillcrest Heights, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today, scattered showers

Last

Local UV Index



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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	6:46 a.m.	5:38 p.m
Venus	5:34 a.m.	3:51 p.m
Mars	9:10 p.m.	8:26 a.m
Jupiter	12:21 p.m.	3:51 a.m
Saturn	11:42 p.m.	9:39 a.m
Uranus	7:43 a.m.	8:21 p.m

Weather History

March 26, 1971 - Parts of northern and central Georgia experienced their worst snow and ice storm since 1935. Two-day power outages ruined two million eggs at poultry hatches. Two people were killed when a tree landed on their car.

Weather Trivia

Does carrying an umbrella increase your chances of being struck by lightning?



make it more likely.

Answer: Probably, but standing next to a metal object will

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Lunar Eclipse Game Time

Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in Goodyear, Ariz.

Tax day, April 15; don't you just love it? Here is a small incentive to get your forms completed and filed in advance. During the early morning hours of Tuesday, April 15, Europe and the Americas are treated to a total lunar eclipse. The moon will be full and precisely opposite to the sun. Since the Earth produces a shadow of 750,000 miles in length, and the moon orbits about a quarter million miles from us, when Luna is exactly opposite to the sun, it MUST pass through the Earth's shadow. The beauty of a lunar eclipse is that anyone on the nighttime hemisphere of the Earth and under the dome of a clear sky has a grandstand seat. That puts nearly three billion people in the stadium to watch the eclipse. Kickoff begins at 1:58 a.m. EDT when the moon first makes contact with Earth's shadow. For CDT, MDT, and PDT zones simply subtract one, two, or three hours respectively to get the correct time. During the next hour and eight minutes, the moon trudges ever deeper into the umbra (shadow) until at 3:06 a.m. EDT, it is completely immersed. That's the start of totality or second contact and really the most exciting segment of any lunar eclipse. The moon takes on a variety of hues—browns, reds, oranges, and even yellows, but sometimes when the air is dusty after a major volcanic eruption, the moon simply disappears. Presently, the atmosphere is clear so this will probably be a bright and colorful eclipse. The moon will spend one hour, 20 minutes in Earth's shadow and begin to emerge at 4:26 a.m. EDT (third contact). The moon treks from the shadow during the next hour, eight minutes, leaving Earth's umbra (fourth contact) by 5:34 a.m., EDT with a healthy twilight in the eastern sky, and with the moon only eight degrees above the western horizon on the East Coast. The game is free and the halftime activities colorful. The stadium holds billions, and if you plan ahead, your taxes will be completed. It's the best astronomical show of the year! www.astronomy.org

Savvy

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plans from a number of providers.

The Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America have a directory on their website (see independentagent.com/contactus) that lets you search for agents in your area. But keep in mind that agents typically specialize in the Medicare plans they represent, rather than all the plans in your market.

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



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- 1. LANGUAGE: What is the dot on top of the letters "i"and "j"called?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: In what body of water can the island of Mykonos be found?
- 3. ACRONYMS: What does the acronym CAD stand for?
- 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a shillelagh used for?
- 5. POLITICS: What was the emblem of the Progressive Party of 1912?
- **6. ANATOMY:** Where is the skin the thinnest on the human body?
- 7. ACADEMIA: What does a vexillologist study?
- 8. MOVIES: What movie featured the tagline "Thank God it's only a motion picture"?
- 9. TELEVISION: What was the name of the town that was the setting for "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman"?
- 10. GAMES: How many body parts do you have to remove in order to be successful in the game "Operation"?

Answers: 1. A tittle; 2. Aegean Sea; 3. Computer-aided design; 4. Irish in origin, it is a cudgel that can be used as walking stick or a weapon; 5. Bull Moose; 6. Eyelids; 7. Flags; 8. "Airplane!"; 9. Fernwood, Ohio; 10. Twelve (c) 2014 King Features Synd.,

Super Crossword **52** "... Mac - PC?" **ACROSS** 4 Publication 44 Give a -86 Bancroft of that's quickly Cookie' 1 Symbol (care) "7 Women' before a key 53 Suffix with ("Sesame thumbed 45 Suffix with 87 Ollas, e.g. signature schnozz or Street" tune) 5 Addeast 89 Ida. neighbor 46 With 62-5 Neighbor of 105 Awakens (peripherals) 92 Casino game Motor 6 Bus. rep 94 Ottawa site Down, rotten Kauai **55** "Come 106 Oom-9 Actress Fox again? 108 Subjected to 7 Arrive at, as sort 96 Quito's land 14 Produces a 56 Brief moment severe trials a solution 47 Dumbbell 97 Autograph: 113 Golf surprise 8 Not masked Abbr winter **57** Past proper 49 Extent 114 "Ad - per 9 Stat of fuel 50 Handle the 98 Suffix with blanket? limits child 19 Arriving like **64** Ending for aspera" efficiency helm fog opal (Kansas' 10 Gift for 54 Timmy's TV 99 Easter eats 100 "- tu" (Verdi 21 Prefix with 65 Bring forth motto) music dog anthropology **66** Union topic 115 Co. offering 11 One peeking 57 Yogi of aria) baseball 101 Oktoberfest 22 Smith's tool 67 Lower exa Buddy List 12 Vowel string 116 "The Family 23 Out of 13 Amateur 58 Inflated head dances terior part of a ship's hull 59 Lemon-hued 103 Maestro character Circus" 14 Italian cartoonist 25 Hard up 69 L'Oréal rival Riviera city 60 Be snaky Toscanini 26 Barks in pain 61 Sci-fi's Solo 106 City of Light 72 "Nothing —!" 15 Dayton-to-120 Shah, e.g. 107 Lexus rival 27 Suffix with **74** Finer in Toledo dir. 62 See 46-**122** A bit ill 109 "To be -- ... meteor meaning **16** Way up Down 28 Without face **76** Taxing work 127 Shah, e.g. 63 Tapered off 110 Rat-athere in 77 Construction 128 Hen's resting 65 Prefix with 111 Dull value, as vears 17 Broader 112 Justice diversity stock beams with place 129 Remove 30 Theologian's 90-degree 18 In a foxy way – a snap!' Kagan 69 Coagulates 117 Figuring-out subj angles from a 20 Enlarged 31 Not up on 79 Buenos map details 70 Lash of computer shouts 130 Arranged for Argentina Western films 118 "Little House current 24 D.C. trends 80 Gold, to Julio 131 Spanish for summer hrs. Exempt from on the 36 Take a 81 Loony "others" 29 Declaration regulations Prairie' 85 Drink like 132 Challenge 72 Pol Quayle shopkeeper 32 Holds whack 119 - Stanley 37 States north 33 Suffix with Fido for a lab rat 73 Municipal of Nebraska 88 S-X linkup 133 "To be," to 58-Down statute: Gardner 40 Bauxite, e.g. 90 Woodsy, e.g. Tiberius "Woo- —!" Abbr. 121 Otoscope

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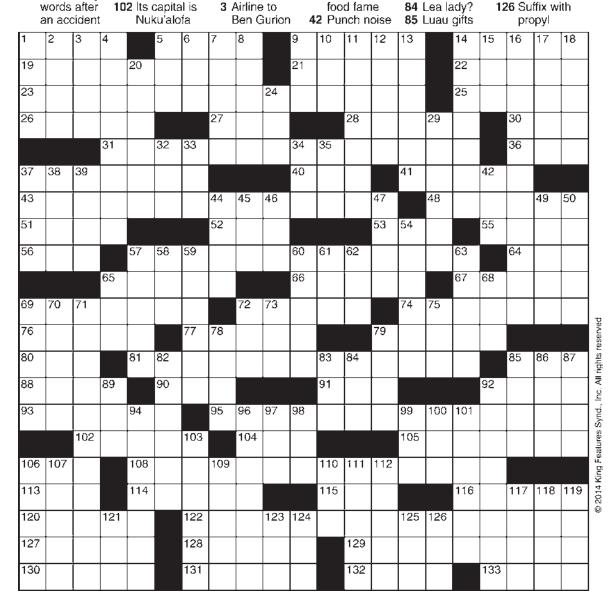
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ration of the birth of Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. Gautama Buddha was born as Prince Siddhartha, son of the king of the Sakya kingdom, located on the borders of present-day Nepal and India. On April 7, 1776, Navy Capt. John Barry, commander of

the American warship Lexington, makes the first American naval capture of a British vessel when he takes command of the British warship HMS Edward off the coast of Virginia.

 On April 12, 1914, the Mark Strand Theater opens to the public in New York City. The Strand was the first of the 'dream palaces." It seated 3,000 people and boasted a second-floor balcony.

• On April 9, 1939, Easter Sunday, more than 75,000 people come to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., to hear black contralto Marian Anderson give a free concert. Anderson had been scheduled to sing at Washington's Constitution Hall, but the Daughters of the American Revolution denied her the right to perform because of her race.

• On April 11, 1951, President Harry Truman relieves Gen. Douglas MacArthur of command of the U.S. forces in Korea. The firing set off an uproar among the American public, but Truman remained committed to keeping the conflict in Korea limited. Eventually the American people understood that MacArthur's policies might have led to a massively expanded war in Asia.

· On April 10, 1963, the USS Thresher, an atomic submarine, sinks in the Atlantic Ocean, killing the entire crew when it unexpectedly plunged to the sea floor 300 miles off the coast of New England. A subsequent investigation revealed that a leak in a silver-brazed joint in the engine room had caused a short circuit.

• On April 13, 1970, disaster strikes 200,000 miles from Earth when oxygen tank No. 2 blows up on Apollo 13, the third manned lunar landing mission. The crippled spacecraft continued to the moon, circled it, and began a long journey back to Earth, parachuting safely into the Pacific Ocean on April 17.

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Strange But True By Samantha Weaver

· It was 19th-century British author and social reformer John Ruskin who made the following sage observation: "In order that people may be happy in their work, these three things are needed: they must be fit for it; they must not do too much of it; and they must have a sense of success in it."

 Before the element helium was known to exist on Earth, scientists discovered that it existed on the sun. The newly discovered element was therefore named helium after the Greek god of the sun, Helios.

• If you suffer from odontophobia, you're afraid of teeth.

 If you have ever been pregnant (or known someone who has), you might be familiar with a condition sometimes known as "momnesia" or "prego-brain." It seems pretty common for pregnant women to forget names, misplace keys and sometimes even make it to work while still wearing their fuzzy slippers. You might be surprised to learn that there is science to support the existence of this phenomenon: Brain scans show that during pregnancy, some of the blood flow in a woman's brain shifts from the forebrain, responsible for short-term memory and multitasking, to the hindbrain, which takes care of the basics of survival. So the next time you see a pregnant woman in the grocery store wearing bunny slippers, give her a break; she's building a new

A cow was once purchased at auction for \$1.3 million.

· If you are like the average adult, you will be cheated on one time before you find the person you settle down with. cheater.

Thought for the Day: "A person usually has two reasons for doing something: a good reason and the real reason." --Thomas Carlyle

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- 1. Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) animated
- 2. 300: Rise of an Empire (R) Sullivan Stapleton, Eva Green
- 3. Need for Speed (PG-13) Aaron Paul, Dominic Cooper
- 4. Non-Stop (PG-13) Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore
- 5. The Single Mom's Club (PG-13) Nia Long, Wendi McLendon-Covev
- 6. The Lego Movie (PG) animated
- 7. Son of God (PG-13) Diogo Morgado, Amber Rose Revah
- 8. The Grand Budapest Hotel (R) Ralph Fiennes, F. Murray Abraham
- 9. Frozen (PG) animated
- 10. The Monuments Men (PG-13) George Clooney, Matt Damon

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Dollars And Sense By David Uffington

Spring fix-up

It's spring ... time to see just what Mother Nature has done to your house and yard over the winter. Here's your to-do list for spring fix-up.

Outside

- Clean out gutters and check for loose attachments. Look for leaks at the seams. Consider installing gutter screens.
- Check the foundation of the house to be sure there are no depressions in the ground where water can accumulate. Aim downspout water diverters and splash guards away from the house.
- If you have a shed, check for water damage. If it's on blocks, determine if it needs to be raised or leveled. (The higher it is off wet ground, the longer the shed will last.)
- Clear leaves and debris from in and around your air conditioning compressor. Be sure the supports underneath haven't shifted.
 - Look for exterior damage to paint and trim.
- If you have a deck, check for loose railings, splintered wood, raised nails and rotten step treads. If you replace wood, remember that you might not be able to paint it for up to a year.
- Check walkways to be sure paving stones haven't lifted. Check driveway for cracks.
 - Power wash the exterior of your house.
- Consider whether window awnings would help to keep the summer sun off your windows and keep your house cooler, especially on the south and west sides.

Inside

- If you have a basement, go all around the interior walls and look for evidence of water.
- Do the same with interior walls at the ceiling to be sure your house didn't develop a roof leak. Don't forget the ceilings in closets.
- Take down the clear plastic you put on windows and get out your sunblock curtains.
- If you've had had air leaks you didn't get around to fixing, do them now. Once the window frame is warm enough, apply caulk and weatherstripping. Buy electric-plug air insulator blocks.
- If you use a window air conditioner, make sure it still works. Then vacuum the evaporator fins and condenser coils, wash the filter screen and be sure the drainage hole isn't plugged with debris. (Use a paper clip to clear it.)
- Consider whether you need a dehumifier for moist summer air. Buy now before they're gone.
 - Replace furnace filters if you have central air.
 - Check fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

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fee if you plan to spend the day on a snowmobile.
That day, the last lines of Mulberry Street came back to haunt me:

"But Dad said quite calmly, "just draw up your stool"

and tell me the sights on the way home from school"

"He frowned at me sternly from there in his seat, "was there nothing to look at, no people to greet? Did nothing excite you or make your heart beat?" "Nothing," I said, growing red as a beet,

"But a plain horse and wagon on Mulberry Street."

This year I'm going to make it a point to take others to my Mulberry Street and look at it through their eyes.

(A native of Alcona County, Warren MacNeill has been a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for more than 20 years. He lives in Harrisville.)



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BINGO

Bingo-Every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to

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

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

WANTED

Wanted: Small size drop leaf table, reasonable, call (989) 724-6567.

BIDS WANTED

Request for mowing bids: Mikado Township is asking for sealed mowing bids of all Mikado Township properties excluding the Mikado Township Cemetery. Please call the township Clerk for bidding details at (989) 736-7721. All sealed bids are required to be received by April 11. Proof of all required insurances is required. We reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Rita D. Sands, Mikado Township Clerk.

Cemetery clean-up and mowing: Mikado Township is asking for two separate sealed mowing bids for the Mikado Cemetery. First bid will be for spring clean-up to be done between May 1 and May 17. The mowing bid is per mow for at least four (4) times per mowing season. Please call the Mikado Township Clerk to request a copy of the specific instructions at (989) 736-7721. All sealed bids are required to be received by April 11. Proof of all required insurances is required. We reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Rita D. Sands, Mikado Township Clerk.

HELP WANTED

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

Harrisville State Park is looking for employees for the summer season! Duties will include customer service, revenue handling, general maintenance, mowing, landscaping and janitorial work. Please contact the park at (989) 724-5126 or stop by the park headquarters between 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday for an application. Applications for this summer will be accepted until March 28, 2014.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Harrisville residents: Water freezing. Due to the extended cold, the city has had some service lines freeze. We are asking you to please run a pencil lead size stream of water in one faucet in your home or business. Thank you, City of Harrisville.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Mortgage Sale

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior year, please contact our office at the number below. Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Franklin D. First and Tina M. First, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Watson Group Financial Corporation, mortgagee, dated November 3, 2004 and recorded November 4, 2004 in Liber 409 of mortgages, page 125 which was assigned to Independent Bank of 4200 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, Mich., by assignment recorded in Liber 497, page 559. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forth-

At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of twenty two thousand eight hundred thirty eight and 98/100 (\$22,838.98) dollars including interest at the rate of 4.0 percent per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of **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 inter-

Mortgage sale - Default has been made

in the conditions of a mortgage made by

Anna M. Miracle, a married woman,

original mortgagor(s), to Mac-Clair Mort-

gage Corporation, mortgagee, dated

July 28, 2009, and recorded on July 29,

2009 in Liber 464 on page 279, and

assigned by said mortgagee to

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Asso-

the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the west entrance of the courthouse, 1065th Street, the place of holding the circuit court within the county of Alcona, City of Harrisville, Michigan, on April 23, 2014, at 10 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971, MCLA 600.3240, MSA 27A.3240, the redemption period shall be six months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned under MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale or expiration of statutory notice pe-

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-

ciation 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 forty-five thousand two hundred

fifty-two and 30/100 dollars (\$45,252.30).

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 April 2,

Said premises are situated in township of

Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and

are described as: Lots 41, 42, 43, 44 of

Huron Pines, a subdivision recorded in

Liber 1 of Plats, page 187, Alcona County

The redemption period shall be six months

from the date of such sale, unless deter-

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the township of Havnes, county of Alcona, state of Michi-

riod.

gan, described as follows, to wit: Part of the west 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Town 27 North, Range 9 East, Haynes Township, Alcona County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the southwest corner of said section; thence north 00 degrees 21'43" west along the west line of said section and the centerline of county road F-41, socalled, 1013,45 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 00 degrees 21'43" west along said line 337.80 feet; thence north 87 degrees 25'04" east 1335.03 feet; thence south 00 degrees 24'40" east along the west 1/16th line of said section (east line of the west 1/2 of the southwest 1/4) 337.79 feet; thence south 87 degrees 25'04" west 1335.32 feet to the point of beginning. Independent Bank.

Assignee of Watson Group Financial Corporation Schenk, Boncher & Rypma Curtis D. Rypma P44421 601 Three Mile Road, N.W. Grand Rapids, Mich. 49544-1601 (616) 647-8277 3-12, 3-19, 3-26, 4-2

mined 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: March 5, 2014 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File No. 437706F01

3-5, 3-12, 3-19, 3-26

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 inter-

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason Livingston and Linda Livingston, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems. Inc., as nominee for Wilimington Finance, Inc. its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated April 13, 2006, and recorded on April 25, 2006 in Liber 430 on page 251, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as successor by merger of U.S. Bank National Association ND 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

one hundred three thousand five hundred forty-seven and 39/100 dollars

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 April 16, 2014.

Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 28, T27N, R8E, thence north 18 rods; thence west 19 rods; thence south 18 rods; thence east 19 rods to POB. Subject to an easement over the above described property for ingress egress and utility purposes over an existing roadway which commences off of Ritchie Road and continues in a northerly direction to other property owned by the grantor. Said roadway is approximately 12 feet in width to benefit the balance of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 that is retained by the grantor. Said easement will be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties. Being the same premises conveyed to

Jason Livingston and Linda Livingston from Helen Marentette, a single woman by quit claim deed dated September 10. 2002 and recorded January 16, 2003 as instrument of book/page No. 375-898 of the Alcona County clerk's office.

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: March 19, 2014 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1301

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File No. 426006F01 3-19, 3-26, 4-2, 4-9

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale (Alcona County)

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jamie L. Teeters a/k/ a Jamie Teeters, a single woman, dated April 13, 2012, and recorded on April 30, 2012, in Liber 487, page 374, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is held by Alpena Alcona Area C.U. The sum claimed to be due and owing on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$87.670.00, with interest accruing at \$9.68 per diem.

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 shall be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Alcona County circuit court, 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2014. The mortgagee will apply the sales proceeds to the debt secured by the mortgage as stated above, plus interest on

the amount due at a rate of interest equal to 4.125 percent per annum; all legal costs and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law: and also any amount paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property. The properties to be sold at foreclosure are all that real estate situated in the township of Mikado, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as follows: Lots 35 and 36. Four Seasons, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 32-33 of Alcona County records. Tax Parcel ID No. 01-092-100-000-035-00. Commonly known as: 587 Kahn Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L. §600.3240(8).

March 13, 2014 Alpena Alcona Area C.U. Kilpatrick & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Alpena Alcona Area C.U. 903 N. Opdyke Rd., Suite C Auburn Hills, MI 48326 (248) 377-0700 3-19, 3-26, 4-3, 4-9

CITY OF HARRISVILLE

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on March 17 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce, council members: Tartaglia, Kaiser, Crick, Baird and Luenberger. Absent: Council member Sanderson and attorney Cook.

Motion by Crick, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of February 10. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Kaiser, support by Baird, to pay the bills in the amount of \$18,844.04. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Dobis informed council of letter of interest from Mary Peterson regarding a vacancy on the planning commission. Mayor Dobis gave his recommendation for her to fill the vacancy on the planning commission. Motion by Tartaglia, support by Baird, to accept recommendation of mayor for Mary Peterson to fill vacancy on planning commission, term ending December 31, 2016. Motion car-

Mayor Dobis presented a letter from Mary Lou Webb requesting the city be the official sponsor of the 38th Annual Harrisville Children's Parade on Saturday, July 5 at 1 p.m. Motion by Crick, support by Baird, to have the City of Harrisville be the official sponsor of the annual Fourth of July Children's Parade and designate Mary Lou Webb as city representative for parking and events. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Dobis recommended to council to proclaim April 2014 as Social Host Awareness Month, Moved by Baird, support by Crick, to proclaim April 2014 as Social Host Awareness Month as Resolution No. 2014-01, Motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Crick, Luenberger, Kaiser, Baird, Tartaglia. Nays: 0. Absent: Sanderson.

Mayor Dobis addressed Alcona County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan for adoption and resolution. Moved by Kaiser, support by Tartaglia, to adopt Alcona County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan as Resolution No. 2014-02. Motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Crick, Luenberger, Kaiser, Baird and Tartaglia. Nays: 0. Absent: Sanderson. Motion by Tartaglia, support by Baird, to approve the payment of the end of the year bills: General Fund, Fire, Equipment Pool, Liquor, Major and Minor. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis opened the General Fund Budget 2014/2015 Truth and Taxation Hearing at 7:30 p.m. The treasurer and finance committee chair reviewed the General Fund Budget (all categories) with council for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The hearing was opened to the public and no comments were forthcoming. Mayor Dobis announced, as part of the Truth and Taxation requirement, that the City of Harrisville would collect the maximum millage as required by law. The budget hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger, to approve the new General Fund. Fire. Equipment Pool, Liquor, Major and Minor Budgets, as presented to council, for fiscal year 2014-2015. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Dobis advised council on the new city employees contracts for 2014-2015. Motion by Tartaglia, support by Kaiser, to approve city employees contracts for fiscal year 2014-2015. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor Dobis discussed with council the policy for hiring summer help and that the work hours would be limited to a maximum of 300 hours for the sea-

Reports: Mayor Dobis informed council on the status of the SAW Grant (water/ sewer/lagoon/ upgrades). The city's application did not make the first draw by the state. However, the city is still in a good position for a second round draw later in the year. Mayor Dobis informed council that the timber sale contract is closed and finalized. City council would like to thank Don Krejcarek, forester, for his expertise and guidance, working with the city and the timber company on this

Harbor commissioner Baird recognized and thanked harbor commission chairman Neal Gehring for the outstanding work he is doing on behalf of the harbor. Planning commissioner Baird reported the next meeting of the planning commission is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Airport commissioner Boucher said things are well at the airport. Tree board member Crick notified council that there is no money budgeted for new trees this year, however, overall maintenance will be continued.

Fire advisory committee member Baird informed council that committee members of the city and township are working on a new fire department contract.

Comment Cards: None. Council last comments: Weather issues were discussed. Crick moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m.

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