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New hiking, bicycling trail through state is Iron Belle Trail

Nearly 9,000 name suggestions were submitted for Michigan's planned, state-wide hiking and bicycling trail stretching from Belle Isle Park in Detroit to Ironwood in the western Upper Peninsula.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced this showcase trail will officially be called Michigan's Iron Belle Trail.

"This name effectively captures the beauty and strength of our state's exceptional natural and cultural resources," said DNR Director Keith Creagh. "Along the route from Belle Isle to Ironwood, Michigan's Iron Belle Trail will ultimately connect

communities, provide a variety of recreation opportunities, and showcase our great state to residents and visitors alike."

Creagh said it's important to note that while Michigan's Iron Belle Trail is a work in progress, significant portions of the trail already exist throughout both peninsulas and are open for public enjoyment and exploration. "The hard work and thoughtful vision that have for years gone into Michigan's existing trail system and future connectors help to lay the groundwork for completion of this important cross-state trail," Creagh said.

In September the DNR

hosted a contest inviting residents and visitors to submit their best ideas to help name the trail. More than 8,800 submissions were received and then evaluated by a team representing partner organizations - the Michigan Trails Advisory Council, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Michigan Recreation and Park Association and the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance - involved in the trail's establishment. Creagh chose the final name based on recommendations from that committee.

The trail-naming contest ran for three weeks with entries submitted via online



While the name has been chosen, the trail is still under development by the DNR and other partners. *Graphic courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

survey, Facebook and paper entry form. Contest participants also showed their support by sending hand-drawn logo concepts, personal stories about their connections to trails and even a stack of entries from elementary students.

The DNR received hundreds of variations of the final name. To determine contest winners, three names were randomly drawn from that smaller pool of entries: Amanda Mailer of Rochester, Mich., Matthew Husted of Jerome, Mich. and John Meikle of Lapeer, Mich. Each will be awarded (via drawing) one of three vacation prize packages at locations along

the trail:

- The Henry Ford and Westin Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, Mich.
- The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Mich.
- Kaug Wudjoo Lodge at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in Ontonagon, Mich.

First proposed as a "showcase trail" by Gov. Rick Snyder in November 2012, Michigan's Iron Belle Trail will stretch across Michigan and link numerous existing trails to provide both a 1,259-mile hiking route and a 774-mile bicycling route. One end of the trail lies in Michigan's newest state park, Belle Isle Park in Wayne County; the other is more than 900 miles away in Ironwood located in Gogebic County.

The Parks and Recreation Division of the DNR, as well as other partners, is seeking private and public funding to secure and develop trail corridors for Michigan's Iron Belle Trail. Temporary connectors already are in place along much of the trail and will be made permanent as resources become available.

For more information about the development of the trail, contact DNR state trails coordinator Paul Yauk at (517) 284-6141.

Additional segments of Michigan's Iron Belle Trail will open throughout 2015, with ceremonial events in communities along the trail to locally mark the occasions.

Michigan's Iron Belle Trail follows the existing North Country National Scenic Trail for most of its length in Michi-



Alcona Tiger Nick Lamantia receives the ball and gets ready to shoot. For the story, see page 6. *Photo by Kathy Steiner.*

Alcona students will use technology for mandated testing and future jobs

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona Community Schools is moving forward in technology by preparing students for state mandated spring assessment testing and preparing them for future jobs.

Two of the state mandated tests for students will be taken online this year, according to Ashlie O'Connor, volunteer instruction technology coach for Alcona schools.

She explained the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-Step), an online assessment test, will be replacing the 44-year-old

Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) for grades three through eight. A Michigan Merit Exam (MME) for grade 11, which includes a college entrance exam; a work skills component and a summative component, will also be given online.

"In order for students to be able to take the test online they will need to know how to navigate through it, how to use a mouse to highlight, point and click, how to write text, scroll and use the tab key. They will also be using a cross out key, a line guide for reading and (have to) know how to zoom in and out. That's a lot for a seven or eight-year-

old third-grader to know just to be able to take the test," O'Connor said.

O'Connor, who teaches secondary world history and physical fitness, admitted she is not aware of what the students in the younger grades already understand about using computers. However, she will be working closely with the elementary and middle school teachers to come up with successful formulas to have the students up to speed by spring testing.

She is also working on scheduling time with the computer labs so each student receives enough training. "We have about 350 computers

in the school but we are not yet one-to-one and not every student has a computer at home either," O'Connor said. "Time is also a factor since teachers can't take several days out of their curriculum to teach how to test online. They will have to work putting subject matter along with technology so they are double dipping in both curriculum and assessment."

O'Connor is excited about the technology being used at the school. She said one of the biggest challenges in her field of education and, what fuels her passion for technol-

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gan (1,085 of 1,259 miles). North Country Trail extends to the New York/Vermont border to the east and central North Dakota to the west. Spanning 4,600 miles, it is the longest National Scenic Trail in the nation.

The Michigan State Trails system provides broad public access to low-cost, healthy recreation opportunities and strengthens communities' appeal by boosting quality-of-life amenities.

The DNR works each year with communities and partners to celebrate and promote Michigan's public trail offerings during Michigan Trails Week - which this year runs September 19-26. The website offers many planning tools and ideas for participating community projects.

Visit the DNR website www.michigan.gov/dnrtrails to learn more about Michigan's Iron Belle Trail and other recreation trail offerings.

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| Glennie Tavern | 61 | | |

Tiger bowlers defeat Cougars

The Alcona Bowling Team competed against the Bay City All Saints Cougars at Arenac Lanes in Standish, Mich. on January 31.

The Tigers defeated the Cougars in the first team game 135 to 119 and the Tigers won the second team game 136 to 97.

The Tigers won the overall total team score 271 to 226.

In the first individual game, Jay Nordstrom was defeated by Ben VanOchten 157 to 180; Cory Hoffman won his game 233 to 113; Robert Levesque lost to Noah Grzgorczyk 147 to 164; Travis Pawloski lost to Adam Kuczynski 109 to 164; and

Leigh Gibson defeated Nathan Emmrich 210 to 150.

The Tigers won the individual game totals 856 to 771.

In the second individual game, Nordstrom defeated VanOchten 146 to 137; Hoffman defeated Alvarez 201 to 138; Brett Wambold lost to Grzgorczyk 143 to 177; Levesque lost to Kuczynski 174 to 211; and Gibson defeated Emmrich 179 to 153.

The Tigers won the individual game totals 843 to 816.

~ Submitted by coach Ron Ellsworth.

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Obituaries



Theodore Anderson

Theodore Anderson, 93, of Oscoda, died on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015.

He was born February 14, 1921 in Mikado to Edward and Edith (Loyer) Anderson.

He attended the Limerick School in Mikado.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1940 and served during World War II. He earned many decorations and obtained the rank of chief quartermaster.

After his service, Mr. Anderson worked for Chrysler for 31 years until his retirement. During a special ceremony held in 2001, he was acknowledged as a graduate of Tawas High School.

He was a member of the Oscoda American Legion and

was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Anderson is survived by one son, Edward (Cathy) Anderson of Mikado; two daughters, Cynthia (Steven) Hall of Arizona and Shelly (Dennis) Militello of Evart, Mich.; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Charles Anderson of National City, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Buresh Funeral Home, Oscoda. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the funeral home. A memorial luncheon will follow



the service at the cemetery at the Oscoda VFW.

Arrangements handled by the Oscoda Chapel of the Buresh Funeral Home.

Dennis C. Lane

Dennis Charles Lane, 78, of Ossineke, died on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, at his home.

He was born in Lansing, Mich. on May 31, 1936 to Charles and Leora (Rood) Lane.

He married Sally Parmater on February 7, 1959.

Mr. Lane was employed at Huron Portland Cement Company and later retired from National Gypsum's Gold Bond Division in Tawas in 1995.

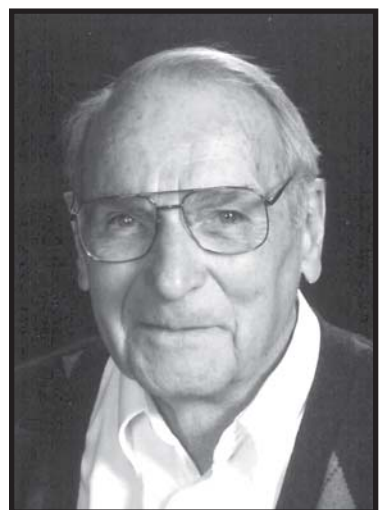
He was a member of New Life Lutheran Church and was an avid wood worker.

Mr. Lane is survived by his wife, Sally; three daughters, Laurie (John) Lane Brodberg of Lansing, Mich., Carrie Lane of Ossineke and Mary (Matt) Dunckel of Ossineke; one son, Dan (Sara) Lane of Holt,

Mich.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bonnie Griffith of Florida and Patti Jo (Paul) Ashlock of Flint, Mich.; one brother, Jack (Mary Kay) Parmater of Georgia; several nieces and nephews, including niece, Melissa (David) Ketterman; and his faithful companion, Belle.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Michael Lane and Jim Parmater; one brother-in-law, Roger Griffith; and one nephew, Graig Griffith.

Memorial visitation will take place on Saturday, Feb. 7 at New Life Lutheran Church, 25 Kirche in the Woods, Spruce, from 10 a.m. until time of the memorial service at noon. The Rev. Christina Bright will officiate. Inurnment is in Roselawn



Cemetery in Perry, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the New Life Lutheran Church's Memorial Garden Fund.

Arrangements were handled by the Bannan Funeral Home.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015

| Date | Temperature (F°) | | Water Content | Miles Per Hour | | |
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| | High | Low | | Av. Wind Speed | High Speed | Dominant Direction |
| | Jan. 25 | 24 | | 16 | 0.00 | 9.1 |
| Jan. 26 | 23 | 18 | 0.00 | 7.3 | 18 | ESE |
| Jan. 27 | 22 | 11 | 0.00 | 7.8 | 23 | NNE |
| Jan. 28 | 28 | 10 | 0.00 | 7.5 | 26 | N |
| Jan. 29 | 31 | 18 | 0.22 | 7.9 | 28 | SW |
| Jan. 30 | 18 | 5 | 0.00 | 4.7 | 28 | N |
| Jan. 31 | 27 | 8 | 0.00 | 3.3 | 15 | SW |

| Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015 | | | |
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| | Water Content | Snow Fall | Normal Water Content |
| Weekly Total | 0.22 | 5.4 | 0.35 |
| January to Date | 0.60 | 15.9 | 1.76 |
| Year/Season to Date | 0.60 | 21.7 | 1.76 |

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.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Read the paper, eat a muffin and enjoy coffee from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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.

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 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 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Read the paper, eat a muffin and enjoy coffee from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 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.

Alcona retirees will meet for a potluck lunch and card bingo at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. Newcomers are welcome.

A blood pressure clinic will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the

Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:30 to 8 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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Read the paper, eat a muffin and enjoy coffee from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, 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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

A snowmobile safety class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda. The class is open to any youth under the age of 17, but any youth under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The class is designed to teach trail etiquette, proper riding gear, basic first aid and much more. The class is free but space and materials are limited. Pre-registration required by calling David Hanson at (989) 739-4711. The class is sponsored by the AuSable Valley Trailriders.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Residents can meet with State Representative Peter Pettalia to talk about state government during office hours scheduled from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the commissioner's room, Alcona County building, 106 5th Street in Harrisville. Pettalia will meet with people individually on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (877) 737-4106.

The AuSable Valley Audubon will have a meeting at 1 p.m. at the Robert J. Parks Library (located on Skeel Ave. on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base) in Oscoda. Kurt Hagenmeister, president of the Michigan Bluebird Society, will present a program on bluebirds. For further information, call Larry at (989) 362-2522.

Men and women are invited to play pinochle at 1 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. First-timers welcome.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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) 736-8338.

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

Play euchre at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program will distribute commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Newcomers need proof of identity, residency and income.

An informal breakfast meeting of the Alcona County Democrats will be held at 9 a.m. at the Iron Skillet Restaurant in Lincoln. Members and non-members welcome. For more information, call Sandra Williams at (989) 727-4080.

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FFA Dinner

The Alcona FFA Alumni Association will be hosting its 2015 annual meeting on Friday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, attendees do not have to be a former FFA member. To kick off the meeting there will be a potluck style dinner in the cafeteria at the Alcona High School. The alumni will purchase the main course. If possible, those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Following dinner will be leadership contest presentations from FFA members. For more information, contact Mike Sutor, FFA Advisor at (989) 736-8534 or e-mail at alconaffaalumni@gmail.com.

Youth Fishing Tournament

Don McEwen Kid's Ice Fishing Tournament will be held at Jewell Lake in Barton City on Saturday, Feb. 14 during the free fishing weekend. Kids and young adults age 15 and under fish free in this tournament. Registration on the ice is from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., fishing starts at 10 a.m. and goes until 2 p.m. Trophies will be awarded at 2 p.m. Poles, bait and holes are provided; adult fishermen will be available for assistance. Trophies will be awarded for fisherman of the year, largest sunfish, bluegill and perch, smallest fish and

most unusual fish. Medals will go to the first 125 fishermen to sign in. There will be free hot dogs and hot cocoa. A warming area and port-a-john will be available. This event is sponsored by the Barton City Improvement Association.

Away at School

Joanna Richards of Harrisville was named to the president's list for the fall 2014 semester at Davenport University. To achieve president's list recognition, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, Feb. 9—Breaded chicken breast, baked potato, stewed tomatoes and mixed fruit.
 - Tuesday, Feb. 10—Beef lasagna rolls, peas, tossed salad and pineapple.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 11—Pork chop with applesauce, potato Lyonnais, cauliflower, tossed salad and mandarin oranges.
 - Thursday, Feb. 12—Country beef steak, mashed potatoes and gravy and peaches.
 - Friday, Feb. 13—Chicken mostaccioli, green beans, tossed salad and pineapple.
- (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)**

Story Published

"Fall of a Fantasy," a new crime story by local author Jim Allyn, is published in the February 2015 issue of "Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine". The story appears in the "Black Mask" section of the magazine, which is reserved for stories that best represent the hard-boiled approach to crime fiction made famous by such authors as

Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler. "Black Mask" was the name of a magazine launched in 1920 by prominent journalist and critic H.L. Mencken. That magazine originally serialized Hammett's classic "The Maltese Falcon" and was the inspiration for and the original name of Quentin Tarentino's film "Pulp Fiction."

"Fall of a Fantasy" takes the good cop-bad cop theme to new and sinister heights, including corruption, hidden identities, prostitution and murder. The EQMM website, themysterplace.com describes the story as "fraught with emotional tension and dark deeds." This is the third story by Allyn, of Black River, that has appeared in EQMM, the country's leading mystery magazine, since he returned to this area after working in the field of health care marketing in lower Michigan, Chicago, Ill. and South Bend, Ind. He is a graduate of Alpena High School, Alpena Community College and the University of Michigan.

Deadline for Grant Applications

The Iosco County Community Foundation (ICCF) is accepting applications for its 2015 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) grant cycle. All IRS designated (501)(c)(3) non-profit organizations, schools, churches (for non-religious projects or programs), and government agencies serving Iosco County are eligible to apply. The funds must be used for purposes that benefit youth 18 years and younger. The deadline for application submission is Saturday, Feb. 28. Grant application forms and guidelines are available www.iccf-online.org. Applications may be completed and submitted online, or printed for completion. If applications are mailed, they must be post-marked by the grant deadline and sent to the ICCF office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for youth-related projects and programs in Iosco County. Mini-grants of

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Technology

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ogy, is that teachers are required to prepare students for jobs which don't exist yet. She explained one of the ways to do this is by showing them the possibilities to do things with the skills they have. To help students do this O'Connor has implemented working with code.org into the school curriculum.

Code.org is a nonprofit education site which encourages computer science. Any student from kindergarten through high school and be-

students interested and learning.

According to code.org statistics Michigan has over 15,000 open computing jobs with only 2,098 computer science graduates. O'Connor is optimistic in seeing students from Alcona schools fill this need and is grateful Michigan is one of 25 states where students can count computer sciences for credit towards high school graduation.

To introduce students to code.org O'Connor arranged with math teachers for sec-

"The math teachers, Rick Sedgwick, Maureen Villalobos, Abby Krentz and Tammy Nelson helped the kids through the Hour of Code, it was a total team effort and very cool. After students did their hour they didn't want to stop and I saw students writing programs when they had down time. They were learning."

~ Ashlie O'Connor, volunteer instruction technology coach for Alcona Community Schools.

yond can utilize code.org to maneuver through basic steps to learn how to write code to program a computer.

Code.org is free and offers enjoyable programs for any age or skill level. One of the programs which appeals to grade school students is a simple coding exercise with Anna and Elsa of the Disney movie "Frozen." Young students are able to learn to write code to help Anna and Elsa create snowflakes and ice skate. Through the exercise students learn logic, math and cultivate creative confidence. Other programs such as having a dog fetch a ball or making a student's name light up and blink in different fonts keep older stu-

ondary students involvement in the "Hour of Code 2014." The Hour of Code 2014 took place in December as a one hour introduction to computer science. It was designed to demystify code and show that anybody from age four to 104 can learn the basics.

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"It's an easy way to connect their math initiative; they

have to know angles if they are writing a pin ball game or a game like 'Angry Birds.' Students need to know their geometry. The Hour of Code helped get everyone's feet wet digitally coding and what it can do for math education. This opens up so much opportunity for students that they don't even realize is there."

O'Connor has been invited to speak at the upcoming Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) conference at Cobo Hall in Detroit, Mich. in March. MACUL is one of the biggest education conferences in Michigan drawing 4500 educators from around the state and region.

O'Connor will be giving a presentation on the 5K run/walk which was designed completely by students using computer assistance to map, budget, fundraise and cover every detail of the event from beginning to end. The 5K run/walk will take place in May.

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Wireless Network

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Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "2015 WIRELESS NETWORK SEALED BID" for Oscoda Area Schools, and shall be identified with the bidder's name and address and the date and time of the bid opening.

DESCRIPTION:

Provide, install, configure and commission a fully operational Local Area Network (LAN) and wireless network for Oscoda High School and Richardson Elementary Middle School. Contract documents may be obtained from the Convergent Technology Partners BidPro website at www.ctpartners.net/rfp. (registration is required), from the Board of Education Office located at 3550 East River Road, Oscoda, Michigan, by calling (989) 739-2033, or from the district website at www.oscodaschools.org.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount not less than five percent of the proposal amount, made payable to Oscoda Area Schools.

Each bid proposal must be accompanied by a Familial Disclosure Form in accordance with MCL 280.1267 and an Iran Economic Sanctions Act Form in compliance with Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012. Bid proposals that do not include the two sworn and notarized forms shall not be accepted.

The owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any or all bids, accept any portion of the bid, or accept any bid, when in the opinion of the owner, such action will best serve the district's interest.

The owner reserves the right to accept alternates in any combination and to determine the low bidder on the basis of the sum of the base bid and any alternates accepted.

Withdrawal of any bid is prohibited for a period of thirty (30) days after the time set for opening of proposals.

All questions are to be directed to Jana Stepp, technology director at Oscoda Area Schools, e-mail steppj@oscodaschools.org.

Edward Davis, Secretary
Oscoda Board of Education

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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Tigers defeather two Eagles teams and take down Hurons

By Jordan Steiner
Basketball Writer

The Alcona varsity boys basketball team traveled to Fairview on January 27 to take on the Eagles and came away with a 65-51 win.

The game was competitive early on as the teams traded baskets and kept the score close all the way until the end of the first quarter which found the Tigers on top 15-10. Alcona made some room by going on an 8-0 run to end the half at 33-24. Trenton LaVergne, Brandon Smigelski and Alec Link all contributing to the run.

The Tigers scored 20 points in the third quarter and 12 in the fourth to help finish off the Eagles to get their first road victory of the season.

LaVergne scored 31 points to lead the way for the Tigers. Smigelski and Link put up seven points apiece; Nathan Swinson and Mitchell Havercroft scored six each; Jason Steiner had four points; and Brandon Ritchie and Jeff Schram had two points each.

On January 30, the Tigers traveled to Hale and prevailed over the Eagles with a final score of 83-32. The Eagles opened the game by taking a 6-0 lead, but the Tigers responded by going on a 29-2 run to end the first quarter at 29-8. The Tiger's dominance did not change in the second quarter, as they took a 43-19 lead into the halftime.

The third quarter started with Isaac Dubuque putting in a circus shot while getting fouled. This kicked off the Tiger's 19-6 run to take a commanding 62-26 lead in the fourth quarter. The fourth quarter was a chance for the Tiger's bench players to show what they were made of and

they did not disappoint -- they scored another 21 points to get the win for the Tigers.

LaVergne scored 22 points; Smigelski and Steiner had 15 and 14 respectively; Nick Lamantia scored eight points; Link had six points; Havercroft and Swinson had four points each; Chase Matthews and Hunter Sullivan had three apiece; and Schram and Dubuque had two each.

On January 31, the Tigers hosted the Rogers City Hurons in a makeup game that was canceled earlier in the year due to weather. The Tigers came out on top and won by more than 20 points.

They dominated from the

start by scoring 21 points in the first quarter and 17 in the second to take a 38-16 lead into the half. Alcona's offense didn't slow down in the second half, they put up 27 more points to take the 65-40 win.

LaVergne scored 25 points; Steiner made 13 points; Smigelski had 11; Tristan Gordy and Swinson had five points each; and Havercroft and Lamantia had two each.

Alcona played at home Tuesday, Feb. 3 against Posen and is home against Mio on Friday, Feb. 6.

The junior varsity team also won all three games during the week and their record now stands at 10-2.

Lady Tigers prevail over Hale, fall to Fairview

By Hope Smith
Sportswriter

The Alcona varsity girls basketball team took the floor in front of an enthusiastic home crowd against the Lady Eagles from Hale on January 29. It was all Alcona as the Lady Tigers turned up the heat at both ends to finish the night with a convincing 55-8 win over the Eagles.

In the first quarter, Torie Harmon got Alcona's offense rolling when she hit a bucket four seconds into the game and triple a few minutes later. The Lady Tigers clamped down on any offensive attempts by Hale holding them at 19-5 by the end of the period. It was more of the same in the second quarter as Alcona's lead soared to 32-6 by the sound of the half-time buzzer.

Alcona's defensive pressure continued in the second

half and kept the Eagles scoreless ending the period 46-6. In the final quarter, Alcona allowed Hale only one basket to cinch the 55-8 victory.

"It was a good win in our quest to get ready for the playoffs. Our bench played really well and that will be important to us at the end of the season," said coach Brad Cole.

The junior varsity team also defeated Hale 43-34.

Kendra Cole led the Lady Tigers with 17 points and eight rebounds, Harmon put up 11 points and grabbed four rebounds. Samantha Schopfer added six points and snatched seven steals. Nicole Walen made six points and five assists. Alissa Terpstra added six points and pulled down eight rebounds. Sierra Forsythe had four points; Sydney Pierce made two points; Jessica Grove made two points and pulled down five rebounds; Keilee Elmer added one free throw.

The Lady Tigers came up short on Monday, Jan. 26 against the Fairview Eagles and lost 37-36 in overtime.

It was a tough battle on the boards but the Lady Tigers persevered to get the narrow 6-5 lead in the first quarter and extended that lead to 11-9 by the half. Alcona put a little more distance on the scoreboard in the third period to finish 21-15 heading into the final quarter but it wasn't enough.

The Lady Tigers were outscored 15-9 in the fourth quarter, but a bucket from Grove with 24 seconds left on the clock tied the game 30-30 to force overtime.

The battle continued in to overtime as both teams worked diligently to get into scoring position but Fairview managed to pull ahead earning the 37-36 win.

"It was very disappointing that we came out on the short end tonight. Our inability to put the ball in the basket hurt us again," Cole said.

Harmon led Alcona's offense with 11 points and four steals. Cole put in eight points

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to make your bathroom safer

Dear Savvy Senior,
What tips do you recommend for making a bathroom safer and more functional for seniors. My 79-year-old mother slipped and fell getting out of the shower last month, and I'd like to modify her bathroom a bit with some safety features that can help protect her.

Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,

Because more accidents and injuries happen in the bathroom than any other room in the house, this is a very important room to modify for aging in place. Depending on your mom's needs, here are some tips for each part of the bathroom that can make it safer and easier to use.

• **Flooring:** To avoid slipping, a simple fix is to get nonskid bath rugs for the floors. Or if you want to put in a new floor get slip-resistant tiles, rubber or vinyl flooring, or install wall-to-wall carpeting.

• **Lighting:** Good lighting is also very important, so install the highest wattage bulbs allowed for your mom's bathroom fixtures, and get a plug-in nightlight that automatically turns on when the room gets dark.

• **Bathtub/shower:** To make bathing safer, purchase a rubber suction-grip mat, or put down adhesive nonskid tape on the tub/shower floor. And have a carpenter install grab bars in and around the tub/shower for support.

If your mom uses a shower curtain, install a screw or bolt-mounted curtain rod, versus a tension-mounted rod, so that if she loses her balance and grabs the shower curtain the rod won't spring loose.

If your mom has mobility issues or balance problems, get her a shower or bathtub seat so she can bathe from a seated position. In addition, you may also want to get a handheld, adjustable-height

showerhead installed that will make washing while sitting down easier.

Another, pricier option is to install a walk-in-bathtub or a prefabricated curbless shower. Walk-in tubs have a door in front that provides a much lower threshold to step over than a standard tub. They also typically have a built-in seat, handrails and a slip resistant bottom, and some have therapeutic spa features with whirlpool water jets and/or bubble massage air jets.

Curbless showers have no threshold to step over, and typically come with a built-in seat, grab bars, slip resistant floors and an adjustable handheld showerhead. Prefabricated curbless showers and walk-in-tubs typically cost anywhere between \$2,500 and \$10,000 installed.

• **Toilet:** Most toilets are about 14 to 16 inches high which can be an issue for many people with arthritis,



Savvy Senior

back, hip or knee problems. To raise the toilet height, which can make sitting down and getting back up a little easier, you can purchase a raised toilet seat that clamps to the toilet bowl, and/or purchase toilet safety rails that sit on each side of the seat for support. Or, you can install an ADA compliant toilet that ranges between 17 and 19 inches high.

• **Faucets:** If your mom has twist handles on the sink, bathtub or shower faucets, replace them with lever handle faucets. They're easier to operate, especially for seniors with arthritis or limited

hand strength. Also note that it only takes 130-degree water to scald someone, so turn her hot water heater down to 120 degrees.

• **Entrance:** If your mom needs a wider bathroom entrance to accommodate a walker or wheelchair, install some "swing clear" offset hinges on the door which will widen the doorway an additional two inches.

• **Emergency assistance:** As a safety precaution, purchase a waterproof phone for the bathroom or get a medical alert device (SOS emergency

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Lady Tigers

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and nabbed nine rebounds. Walen added five points and eight rebounds. Pierce had four points and pulled in six rebounds. Terpstra, Grove, Schopfer and Elmer each had two points.

The junior varsity team defeated Fairview 38-24.

Alcona has a 6-8 record for the season and a 6-3 record in the North Star League. The Lady Tigers will be on the road for two games this week starting with Posen on February 2 when they take on the Lady Vikings and on Thursday, Feb. 5 they will head to Mio-AuSable High School for more girls basketball action.

CryptoQuip

answer

Kids' tune concerning a girl who was eating a tasty mollusk: "Mary Had a Little Clam."

Great Backyard Bird Count needs participants

Residents of Iosco and Alcona counties once again have the opportunity to submit valuable data about local wintering birds during the 18th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) to be held February 13-16.

"Our November and December weather conditions proved to be rather mild compared to last year," said Peggy Ridgway, local ambassador for the national event. "However, January seemed to make up for our earlier lack of snow cover," she added.

According to Ridgway many area residents contacted her about the absence of the regular "feeder birds" visiting their backyard feeding stations. "Perhaps in early winter the birds were enjoying the natural supply of food sources available during the absence of snow cover," Ridgway said. "However, when the snows came in January, many feathered friends returned to the seeds and suet supplied by human providers."

In 2013 the GBBC went worldwide for the first time.

Online reports from all over the globe accounted for at least one third of the total number of bird species on the planet. According to Audubon chief scientist, Gary Langham, "Technology has made it possible for people everywhere to unite around a shared love of birds and a commitment to protecting them."

Between February 13-16, observers are asked to spend at least 15 minutes watching one or all four days.

There are no physical boundary limits. Folks are encouraged to report birds seen at their feeders, in their yards, neighborhoods, parks, wooded areas, or along rivers and shorelines.

Each daily observation is reported online to the headquarters at Cornell Lab of Ornithology at birdcount.org. Easy submission instructions guide the observer through the process. Online I.D. is also available for those unsure of certain species identification. Pictures may also be submitted by observers.

While observing, one should note the date, time, number of birds seen of each species, and any other important things they noticed during the observation. For each day observers need to complete new online data forms.

During the past 11 years Alcona and Iosco counties have had strong participation in the GBBC and have supplied researchers with data concerning local bird populations just prior to the massive spring migrations.

Residents seeking additional information are encouraged to contact Ridgway at (989) 739-5674 in the evenings.

Savvy

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Early Bloomers

January 20

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| Rosebud | 105 | 39 |
| Mums | 78.5 | 65.5 |
| Daffodils | 71.5 | 72.5 |
| Buttercups | 67.5 | 76.5 |
| Violets | 57.5 | 86.5 |
| Marigolds | 50 | 94 |
| High game: | Carla Travis, 482. | |
| High series: | Annette Kane, 193. | |
| High team game and series: | Rosebuds, 440 and 1,210. | |

January 27

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| Rosebud | 127 | 41 |
| Mums | 94.5 | 73.5 |
| Daffodils | 79.5 | 88.5 |
| Buttercups | 69.5 | 98.5 |
| Violets | 67.5 | 100.5 |
| Marigolds | 64 | 104 |
| High game and series: | Carla Travis, 222 and 551. | |
| High team game: | Violets, 462. | |
| High team series: | Rosebuds, 1,297. | |

Huron

January 20

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| Back Alley Bar | 81 | 69 |
| Rob's Repair | 80.5 | 69.5 |
| Seven | 79 | 71 |
| Lincoln Prec. | 73.5 | 76.5 |

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| Harbortown Piz. | 69.5 | 80.5 |
| Gary Oil | 66.5 | 83.5 |
| High game: | Dave Glazar, 269. | |
| High series: | Harley Robinson, 718. | |

High handicap game and series: Matt Fletcher, 327 and 828.

Wednesday Nite Women's

January 21

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| Stoney Acres | 91 | 59 |
| JB's Auto | 84.5 | 65.5 |
| Ark Plumbing | 78.5 | 71.5 |
| Back Alley Bar | 78 | 72 |
| Alcona Tool | 73.5 | 76.5 |
| Lincoln Prec. | 64 | 86 |
| High game and series: | Lynn Gibson, 237 and 610. | |

High handicap game and series: Lynn Gibson, 261 and 682.

January 28

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| Lincoln Prec. | 83 | 97 |
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A cat named Chapters

By Katrina Wouters
Columnist

The naming of cats is a difficult matter,

It isn't just one of your holiday games;

You may think at first I'm as mad as a hatter

When I tell you, a cat must have three different names.

First of all, there's the name that the family uses daily,

Such as Peter, Augustus, Alonzo or James,

Such as Victor or Jonathan, George or Bill Bailey,

All of them sensible everyday names.

There are fancier names if you think they sound sweeter,

Some for the gentlemen, some for the dames:

Such as Plato, Admetus, Electra, Demeter,

But all of them sensible everyday names.

But I tell you, a cat needs a name that's particular,

A name that's peculiar, and more dignified,

Else how can he keep up his tail perpendicular,

Or spread out his whiskers, or cherish his pride?

Of names of this kind, I can give you a quorum,

Such as Munkustrap, Quaxo, or Coricopat,

Such as Bombalurina, or else Jellylorum,

Names that never belong to more than one cat.

But above and beyond there's still one name left over,

And that is the name that you never will guess;

The name that no human research can discover,

But the cat himself knows, and will never confess.

When you notice a cat in profound meditation,

The reason, I tell you, is always the same:

His mind is engaged in a rapt contemplation

Of the thought, of the thought, of the thought of his name:

His ineffable effable Effanineffable

Deep and inscrutable singular name.

~ "The Naming Of Cats" by T.S. Eliot

I awoke in a cloud of orange fluff, disoriented and overheated. My nose itched and when I attempted to scratch it I heard a tiny noise like a meow only smaller, sleepier. I closed and opened my eyes again and blinked several times. An orange ear came into focus and then a sly kitty smile came into view. I got a good morning nose bonk to the forehead. "Ah, Chapters," I thought, "you need to learn to bring me coffee."

I've learned to distinguish between my cats without opening my eyes. Braveheart, my slinky black jaguar, feels silky and cool to the touch. Nommers, the fluffy long-haired mademoiselle, makes her presence known with a tail flourish and a loud demand for snuggles. Roomba, the kitten we rescued from a potential fatal eye infection, often greets me with a foot pounce or knuckle bite. Chapters is the softest; his short hair feels like dandelions right before you make a



The Princess Diaries

By Katrina Wouters

wish and the seeds get blown away.

It has been five years since I adopted my first cat. He is an orange tabby cat and a native Floridian with a white belly and back paws that look like he descended from kangaroos. When I rescued Chapters from the tropical wilderness he could fit in the palm of my right hand. I brought him home in a shoebox and litter trained him in my tiny bathroom of my apartment; the only place with tile. It became evident that he was weaned a little too early -- he would suck on the fleece blanket on the back of the couch and purr himself to sleep. I was also convinced that his name could only be Chapters and I have no idea why.



While napping Chapters looks cute making it hard to believe he would bite his person on the chin for no reason whatsoever. *Courtesy photo.*

At first he was a rambunctious and gangly kitten. In his teenage state he appeared elongate before the inevitable neutering when he added a layer of fat and topped out at 22 pounds of feline. Back then he had a manic streak. He would start the day by shredding a tissue and unplugging the modem and move on to attacking my knitting and stealing the drinking straw out of my glass by early afternoon, stopping to nap on top of Bastie, my beloved toy poodle. He went through a biting phase where he even once jumped up into midair to feast upon my backside.

Over the years Chapters has become my constant companion and resembles a furry mood ring. When I am sad or sick he snuggles up close, falling asleep on the arm of my chair or between my feet. He has never been the sort of cat that likes to sleep on your lap but from the first month of pregnancy all the way to the night before my induction, Chaps loved to perch on my bump. The more Phoenix kicked the louder he would purr and when I brought the baby home the other cats ran and hid under the bed -- but not Chapters. He sidled up next to the Moses basket and peered over the side and I swear he grinned.

These long winter days I have a tendency to hibernate.

When Phee and I lie down for our afternoon siesta Chapters waits for me to get my covers just so and then cuddles up at the head of the bed. Just as I am drifting off to sleep my mind wanders.

I often miss my mom since she passed away and I start thinking about what she might say to me about Phee's first steps and Kaiden's kindergarden adventures. Before I realize it a sleepy sigh escapes my lips and then I feel the warm and steady pressure of a paw against my wrist. A small reminder that I am not alone.

That small comfort takes me into the land of dreams where a new chapter awaits.

(Editor's Note: Katrina Kniep Wouters was born and

raised in Harrisville and started editing her mother's column — Puttin' on the Fritz — at age eight. She taught middle school English and journalism for six years in Parkland, Fla. She has returned to her home town to settle down. She has a Masters of Arts in child psychology and is pursuing a degree as a board certified behavior analyst. She enjoys spending time with her husband, AJ, her stepson, Kaiden and her daughter, Phoenix. She is passionate about knitting, rescue animals and cheese. She writes a blog that can be found at: nomorehighheels.wordpress.com.)



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The Alcona Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2015-16 at the Alcona Township Hall at 5576 US-23 on Tuesday, May 10, 2015 during the regular monthly meeting starting at 7 p.m. **The proposed tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the clerk's office. Please call (989) 471-2948.

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The Iosco County Youth Advisory Council is a group of young people ages 12 to 21 from Iosco County. Working with adult advisors, these youth work to improve the lives of other children in the community through the allocation of grant money. With initial funding support by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, YAC encourages young people to learn how philanthropy can help meet the specific needs of their community.

The Iosco County Community Foundation is a charitable organization that serves as a catalyst and resource to inspire private giving for the betterment of Iosco County. Led by a volunteer board of local citizens, the foundation oversees a group of permanent endowment funds from a wide range of donors. Gifts

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Through the hard work and dedication of its employees and the generosity of its membership, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union was able to raise \$1,397.10 in monetary donations for The Salvation Army. The Lincoln branch sold candy bars, paper kettle bells, held a bake sale and conducted two different raffles, one for a Santa quilt and the other for a men's and woman's baskets. Along with the member donations, staff members were able to donate \$2 on Fridays to dress down in jeans.

The Salvation Army is an

international organization that helps assist community members with utility bills, house payments, and helping stock local food pantries.

Dementia Caregivers Program

Dementia is every day, all day and it progressively gets worse. Family caregivers have a high risk of experiencing a decline in their own well-being. Anyone who is caring for a family member with dementia should consider attending the Creating Confident Caregivers Program which could provide the support and knowledge one needs to reduce the effort of care giving.

"There is a growing population in our community of family members caring for a relative with memory loss. The memory loss issues are to the extent that it is impairing quality of life. These caregivers often forgo their own needs to take care of their

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| Message/Well Being Check | 5 | Miscellaneous | 1 |
| Agency Assist | 2 | Dog/Animal | 3 |
| Traffic | 8 | Alarm | 4 |
| Drugs | 1 | Domestic | 1 |
| Harassment/Threats/Stalking | 6 | Operate While Intoxicated | 1 |
| Warrant Arrest | 3 | Auto Repossession | 1 |
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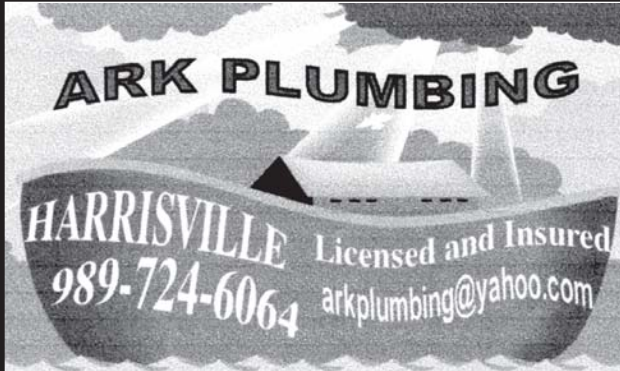
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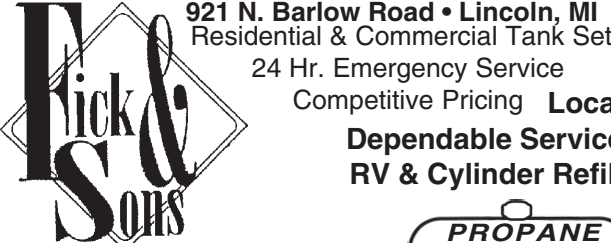
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not fully understand the disease process or how it drives the actions of family members. There may be angry outbursts, repetitive ques-

tions, occasional wandering and many other difficult behaviors. Caregivers often become isolated due to their family member's unpredictable behavior.

The Creating Confident Caregivers Program is based on the notion that family members who become caregivers assume a new role in life for which they are unprepared and untrained. Acquiring the knowledge, skills and the attitude necessary to be a caregiver of a person with dementia is essential to be successful and to go through the experience with as much reward and as little distress as possible.

Space is limited for the Confident Caregiver sessions. Classes begin Thursday, Feb. 19 and will be held for six weeks from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alcona County Commission on Aging. For more information or to register, contact Meghan Winterstein at (989)358-4608.


Gift of Technology

It was a great start to the year for Nancy Marshall, Little Pals Day Care (Iosco County) and Michelle Wambold (Alcona County), two home providers who were presented with a desktop computer from the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC), which gives back to the community during the holiday season each year. This year ECIC decided to give the gift of technology to several home providers throughout Michigan to help them with their businesses. As a result of this project, two home-based child care providers received a desk top computer through their local Great Start to Quality Resource Center. For more information about Great Start to Quality visit www.GreatStartToQuality.org.

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Bowling

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Gibson, 265 and 650.
High handicap game and series: Lynn Gibson, 287 and 716.

He's & She's January 16

Wine Tards 55 5
3 Right/Wrong 42 18
Splits Happen 40.5 19.5
Family Affair 39 21
Up Your Alley 30 30
Part Timers 14 46
Wild Ones 10.5 49.5

Men's high game: Bill Cordes, 246. Men's high series: Dave Glazar, 639.

Men's high handicap game: John Bernard and Bill Cordes, 278.

Men's high handicap series: Nick Cordes, 711.

Women's high game: Gale Rowley, 188. Women's high series: Kathy Smith, 515.

Women's high handicap game and series: Kathy Smith, 251 and 731.

Sportsman January 22

We R Versatile 48 33
Phil's Barber 45 36
LLW 43 38
AuSable Inn 38 43
Village Lanes 35 46
Cole's Appl. 34 47

High game and series: Kevin Rice, 247 and 719.

High handicap game: Larry Yingling, 284.

High handicap series: Ray Medore, 772.

Minors

January 17

Tigers 112 31
Red Skulls 78 39
Girl Power 70 73

Boy's high game and series: Ashton Smith, 64 and 113.

Boy's high handicap game and series: Ashton Smith, 229 and 443.

Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 100 and 183

Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hanson, 221 and 425.

January 24

Tigers 117 39
Red Skulls 86 44
Girl Power 83 73

Boy's high game: Ashton Smith, 69. Boy's high series: Triston Robinson, 113.

Boy's high handicap game and series: Ashton Smith, 232 and 434.

Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 118 and 196.

Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hanson, 238 and 436.

January 31

Tigers 130 39
Red Skulls 99 44
Girl Power 83 86

Boy's high game and series: Garrett Somers, 111 and 171.

Boy's high handicap game and series: Garrett Somers, 248 and 445.

Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 109 and 201.

Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hanson, 227 and 437.

Majors January 17

Crazy Kids 198 99
Spare Happens 150 147
Pin Busters 141 146
Lucky 7 100 188

Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 214 and 606.

Boy's high handicap game and series: Cory Hoffman, 257 and 735.

Girl's high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 169 and 447.

Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hoffman, 251 and 693.

January 24

Crazy Kids 213 111
Spare Happens 169 155
Pin Busters 149 165
Lucky 7 112 203

Boy's high game: Alex Harmon, 174. Boy's high series: Cory Hoffman, 492.

Boy's high handicap game: Alex Harmon, 244. Boy's high handicap series: Matthew Turpen, 651.

Girl's high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 136 and 331.

Girl's high handicap game: Emily Hoffman, 215. Girl's high handicap series: Hannah Tanner, 578.

January 31

Crazy Kids 236 115
Spare Happens 173 178
Pin Busters 159 182
Lucky 7 129 213

Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 214 and 587.

Boy's high handicap game and series: Cory Hoffman, 253 and 704.

Girl's high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 149 and 389.

Girl's handicap game and series: Emily Hoffman, 229 and 629.



Welcome to Birding!
If you want to attract colorful songbirds to your backyard, fill a tube feeder with black oil sunflower seed or toss white proso millet on the ground. It won't take very long before you see your first cardinal pair. I promise, you'll be hooked and won't regret it.

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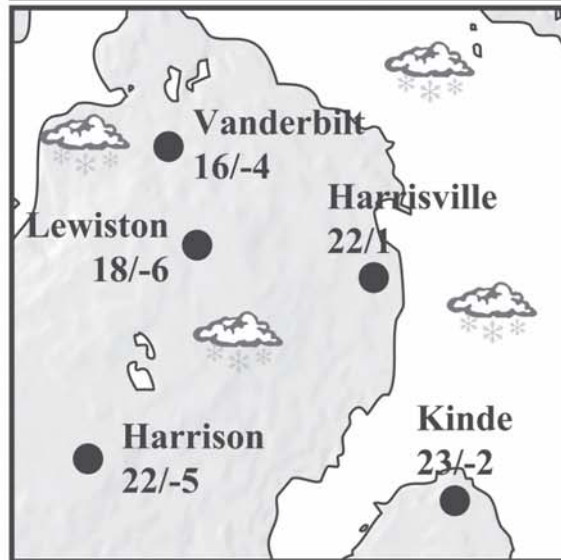
Alcona Review Weather Report

Feb. 4, 2015

Seven Day Forecast

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| | WEDNESDAY Snow Possible High: 22 Low: 1 |
| | THURSDAY Partly Cloudy High: 12 Low: 5 |
| | FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 24 Low: 17 |
| | SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 24 Low: 9 |
| | SUNDAY Cloudy High: 16 Low: 4 |
| | MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 13 Low: 1 |
| | TUESDAY Snow Possible High: 17 Low: 5 |

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 22°, humidity of 67%. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 53° set in 1991. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of snow, overnight low of 1°. The record low for tonight is -24° set in 1978.

*Last Week's Almanac

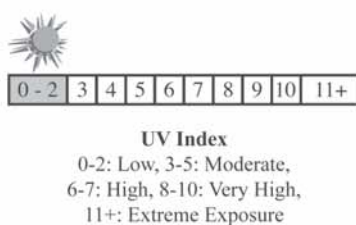
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| Wednesday | 29 | -5 | 26/8 | 0.00" |
| Thursday | 30 | 15 | 26/8 | 0.43" |
| Friday | 15 | 3 | 26/8 | 0.02" |
| Saturday | 27 | 6 | 26/8 | 0.03" |
| Sunday | 14 | 6 | 26/8 | 0.00" |

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Wednesday | 7:47 a.m. | 5:46 p.m. | 6:50 p.m. | 7:49 a.m. |
| Thursday | 7:46 a.m. | 5:48 p.m. | 7:48 p.m. | 8:18 a.m. |
| Friday | 7:45 a.m. | 5:49 p.m. | 8:46 p.m. | 8:46 a.m. |
| Saturday | 7:43 a.m. | 5:50 p.m. | 9:44 p.m. | 9:13 a.m. |
| Sunday | 7:42 a.m. | 5:52 p.m. | 10:42 p.m. | 9:40 a.m. |
| Monday | 7:40 a.m. | 5:53 p.m. | 11:41 p.m. | 10:08 a.m. |
| Tuesday | 7:39 a.m. | 5:55 p.m. | No Rise | 10:38 a.m. |

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 50° in Salisbury, Md. The Southeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies and scattered showers today and Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 77° in Key West, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain today and Thursday, scattered rain Friday, with the highest temperature of 62° in Sheridan, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in El Centro, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

| | Rise | Set |
|---------|------------|------------|
| Mercury | 7:01 a.m. | 4:56 p.m. |
| Venus | 8:57 a.m. | 7:51 p.m. |
| Mars | 9:11 a.m. | 8:35 p.m. |
| Jupiter | 5:45 p.m. | 8:09 a.m. |
| Saturn | 3:01 a.m. | 12:28 p.m. |
| Uranus | 10:04 a.m. | 10:46 p.m. |

Weather History

Feb. 4, 1887 - San Francisco experienced its greatest snowstorm of record. Nearly four inches of snow was reported in downtown San Francisco, and the western hills of the city received seven inches. Excited crowds went on a snowball-throwing rampage.

Weather Trivia

Why does salt keep snow from turning to ice?

Answer: Salt water needs to be much colder to freeze.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Groundhog Day: Not the Movie

My wife and I have three rabbits as pets. My favorite is Skye Blue, a female Dutch, who loves to sit on my lap and receive my famous "chiropractic" bunny massages. With a body temperature of 104 degrees F., you can imagine the workouts Skye has gotten lately with the cold weather that we have been experiencing. However, as anyone will attest, rabbits are fairly low on the mammalian food chain, designed to duck and cover, evade, and outrun their predators. They aren't the sharpest tools in the shed, but they are, in reality, quite loving creatures. Easter is their time, but another member of the rodent family is getting top billing right now. It's the slow moving, and even slower thinking groundhog. They make lagomorphs look like virtual Einsteins, and in addition, rather than just delivering eggs, groundhogs decide "weather" winter is staying or going. No rodent should have to live under that kind of pressure. The badger is the European equivalent, but in America, groundhogs were adopted as the soothsaying marvels that were given this opportunity to excel, and about 40 percent of the time, they get it right. It's all about roots, and the fact that groundhogs are burrowing creatures that have the opportunity of observing how roots and tubers are growing, whether they are fattening ahead of schedule, indicating an early spring, or are falling behind in their timetable, which means more winter lies ahead. A highly chatty groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil, and others across the country, make this prediction on February 2. Now add the sun to the mix. If Phil sees his shadow, it's six more weeks of winter, and if not, an early spring is at hand. This all occurs on the first of the four cross quarter days of a year, the time between a solstice, a high or a low sun, and an equinox, a mid-positioned sun. Frankly, I could care less about Phil's observations because I've got Skye (and my wife) to keep me warm. Okay, now I'm in trouble. Happy Groundhog Day! www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** What was Luna Lovegood's "patronus" in the "Harry Potter" movies?
2. **FIRSTS:** Who was the first surgeon to perform a heart transplant?
3. **FOOD & DRINK:** In what country did the drink sherry originate?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the basic currency of Botswana?
5. **ASTRONOMY:** Ganymede is a moon of which planet in our solar system?
6. **CHEMISTRY:** What is the common use for the drug diphenhydramine hydrochloride?
7. **HISTORY:** Who was the second wife of Henry VIII of England?
8. **MYTHOLOGY:** Who was the Roman god of fire?
9. **TELEVISION:** What was the last name of neighbors Ethel and Fred on the "I Love Lucy" show?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In what century was tea introduced to Europe?

Answers: 1. A hare; 2. Dr. Christiaan Barnard, 1967; 3. Spain; 4. The pula; 5. Jupiter; 6. Antihistamine to treat allergies; 7. Anne Boleyn; 8. Vulcan; 9. Mertz; 10. Early 17th century (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 While away the hours</p> <p>9 Amorphous, sunken-into seats</p> <p>17 Book divs.</p> <p>20 Adopts, as a belief</p> <p>21 Do a new layout of</p> <p>22 Marina del —, California</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>25 Musician Yoko</p> <p>26 Fixes a seam, say</p> <p>27 Drink served with scones</p> <p>28 Suffix with final or solo</p> <p>29 Heroic poetry</p> <p>30 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>37 7-Eleven drink</p> <p>41 Isn't on target</p> <p>42 Contract inker, e.g.</p> <p>43 "Stones for —" (1988 film)</p> <p>44 San —, California</p> <p>46 Most fake</p> | <p>48 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>51 With 57-Across, descent before</p> <p>52 Chilean cheer</p> <p>53 Praise publicly</p> <p>54 Margarita glass liner</p> <p>57 See 51-Across</p> <p>60 1990s Philippine president</p> <p>62 Ad entreaty</p> <p>64 ET of TV</p> <p>67 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>71 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —"</p> <p>72 Gel alternative</p> <p>74 Bow rub-on</p> <p>75 "— Cassius has a lean and hungry look": Julius Caesar</p> <p>77 — Sunday</p> <p>78 Let out</p> <p>79 Xenon, e.g.</p> <p>81 Fesses (up)</p> <p>85 Riddle, part 5</p> | <p>92 Deliver news about</p> <p>94 Capacious</p> <p>95 One of Jupiter's moons</p> <p>96 Rare Italian violins</p> <p>97 Trial run</p> <p>98 Watched kids for cash</p> <p>99 End of the riddle</p> <p>104 Tip jar bills</p> <p>105 Mimicker</p> <p>106 "— There Was You"</p> <p>107 — ghanouj</p> <p>111 Poetry Out Loud org.</p> <p>112 Riddle's answer</p> <p>119 Wind up</p> <p>120 Tendency to stick together</p> <p>121 "Casino Royale" Bond girl player</p> <p>122 Rds.</p> <p>123 Outburst of wild emotion</p> <p>124 Tokyo "ta-ta"</p> | <p>3 Shoot forth</p> <p>4 Male heirs</p> <p>5 "Tsk!"</p> <p>6 "Semi-" suffix</p> <p>7 Get together</p> <p>8 Road twists</p> <p>9 Male sib</p> <p>10 Always, to bards</p> <p>11 Astern</p> <p>12 Feature of a perfect ball game</p> <p>13 Audacious</p> <p>14 Just slightly</p> <p>15 Slender fish</p> <p>16 Hog home</p> <p>17 Certain liquid fuel</p> <p>18 High-tech map</p> <p>19 Natalie Portman's childhood home on Long Island</p> <p>24 "Bali —"</p> <p>29 Most tense</p> <p>30 Twist</p> <p>31 Skin cream brand</p> <p>32 Ensnares</p> <p>33 Cookie giant</p> <p>34 Lead singer</p> <p>35 Beginning on</p> <p>36 Have supper</p> <p>37 Son of Willy Loman</p> | <p>38 Skyscraper beam</p> <p>39 Many an app</p> <p>40 Anguish</p> <p>44 Actor Gibson</p> <p>45 Had supper</p> <p>46 Sainted pope</p> <p>47 FDR follower</p> <p>49 Hit the links</p> <p>50 Boxing punch</p> <p>55 London lav</p> <p>56 16 eighths</p> <p>58 Tummy "six-pack"</p> <p>59 Actor Marvin</p> <p>60 Interstate stop</p> <p>61 Pal, in Calais</p> <p>62 Earlier</p> <p>63 "No — do!"</p> <p>64 Rock blaster</p> <p>65 Mauna —</p> <p>66 Big magazine</p> <p>68 Suze with financial tips</p> <p>69 Stir up, as silt</p> <p>70 NASDAQ kin</p> <p>73 Polishes</p> <p>76 Bride's belongings</p> <p>78 Green start?</p> <p>79 Big Red, e.g.</p> <p>80 Poet Lowell</p> <p>82 "— calling?"</p> | <p>83 California's — Valley</p> <p>84 TDs, e.g.</p> <p>86 Fortitude</p> <p>87 — -bitsy</p> <p>88 Looking up</p> <p>89 Attend</p> <p>90 Imminent</p> <p>91 Lard holders</p> <p>92 Seminal punk band</p> <p>93 Distinquished</p> <p>97 Feared fly</p> <p>98 Luxury watch company</p> <p>100 Vows</p> <p>101 In a tizzy</p> <p>102 Dol. divisions</p> <p>103 Quotes</p> <p>107 Farm building</p> <p>108 Cruising</p> <p>109 South African Dutch</p> <p>110 Actress Faris</p> <p>112 "— bin ein Berliner"</p> <p>113 Nerf ball, e.g.</p> <p>114 Make public</p> <p>115 "— will not!"</p> <p>116 Genetic ID</p> <p>117 Actor Liotta</p> <p>118 Swelled head</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Feb. 19, 1473, Nicolaus Copernicus is born in Torun, Poland, on the Vistula River. Revered as the father of modern astronomy, Copernicus was the first European scientist to propose that Earth and other planets revolve around the sun.
 - On Feb. 22, 1819, Spanish minister Do Luis de Onis and U.S. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams sign the Florida Purchase Treaty, in which Spain agrees to cede the remainder of its old province of Florida to the United States. The Treaty put Florida into U.S. hands at no cost beyond the U.S. assumption of \$5 million in claims by U.S. citizens against Spain.
 - On Feb. 21, 1926, glamorous Swedish actress Greta Garbo makes her U.S. screen debut in "The Torrent." Unlike many of her contemporaries, the Nordic beauty successfully made the transition to sound after becoming a star during the silent film era.
 - On Feb. 18, 1964, the United States cuts off military assistance to Britain, France and Yugoslavia in retaliation for their continuing trade with communist Cuba. The action was chiefly symbolic, but represented the continued U.S. effort to destabilize the Cuban regime of Fidel Castro.
 - On Feb. 20, 1974, Reg Murphy, an editor of The Atlanta Constitution, is kidnapped. Kidnapper William Williams drove Murphy around the city, stopping to phone in ransom demands to the newspaper. Managing editor G. James Minter delivered the money to Williams, and Murphy was released. After being caught, Williams was sentenced to 40 years for kidnapping and extortion.
 - On Feb. 16, 1984, Bill Johnson becomes the first American man to win an Olympic gold medal in downhill skiing, a sport long dominated by European athletes. Johnson quickly became a national hero, though his fame was short-lived and he never again competed in the Olympics.
 - On Feb. 17, 1996, in the final game of a six-game match, world chess champion Garry Kasparov triumphs over Deep Blue, IBM's chess-playing computer, and wins the match, 4-2. However, Deep Blue would go on to defeat Kasparov in a rematch the following year.
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was comedian Bill Maher who made the following sage observation: "Is [hunting] really a sport if you have all the equipment and your opponent doesn't know a game is going on?"
 - If you're one of the many Americans who likes a good tailgate party, it's entirely possible that it's the highlight of game day for you. In a survey conducted by McCormick Grill Mates during the 2014 football season, 44 percent of respondents said they enjoyed the tailgating more than they enjoyed the game.
 - Just like your fingerprint, your tongue print is unique.
 - Spring is traditionally considered the most popular time for weddings, but 2014 saw a spike in nuptials in mid-December. More than 13,000 couples in the U.S. tied the knot on Dec. 13, due in large part to the fact that 12/13/14 fell on a Saturday. Anyone else who would like to marry on a number-sequential date will have a long wait; it won't happen again until January 2, 2034.
 - If you're feeling a bit chilled and can't wait for springtime, consider this: On the planet Uranus, winter lasts for 21 years.
 - You might be surprised to learn that Pennsylvania was not named after William Penn, one of the colony's founders; in fact, King Charles II granted the land charter to William Penn in repayment of a debt to Penn's father, Admiral William Penn, and created the name of the sizable land grant by combining the name of the naval officer with the Latin word "sylvania," which means "woods." The younger Penn was embarrassed and feared that people would think he named the colony after himself. He petitioned the crown to change the name, but the king refused.
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- Thought for the Day: "Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same." -- Oscar Wilde
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: I equals T

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patti L. Crowl, a single woman and Andrew M. Byce, a single man, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated February 28, 2007, and recorded on March 8, 2007 in Liber 439 on page 1,260, in Alcona County records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety-two thousand eight hundred thirty-six and 99/100 dollars (\$92,836.99).

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

Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Raymond E. Krause Jr. and Lea M. Krause, husband and wife, to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, whose address is 1100 South Bagley Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

The mortgage is dated December 22, 2006 and recorded on December 29, 2006 at Liber 438, pages 289-290, Alcona County records. There is claimed to be due on the mortgage at the date of this notice, for principal, interest, and other items paid as allowed by the mortgage, the sum of \$140,795.70 and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured thereby. The power of sale contained in the mortgage has now become operative.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the applicable foreclosure statute, the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Courthouse at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 10 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage with 6.75 percent interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and

closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on February 25, 2015.

Said premises are situated in township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Town 26 North, Range 6 East, Section 25. East 554.66 feet of northeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4 except north 264 feet of east 276.66 feet except north 264 feet of west 84.9 feet S228/594 includes Parcels "C" and "D."

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

Dated: January 28, 2015

For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300
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Farmington Hills, Michigan
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insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale. The property located in the township of Hawes, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and subject to the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: The west half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter and the east half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Town 27 North, Range 8 East. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right-of-way purposes.

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

Dated: January 20, 2015
Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union
Mortgagee
Daniel W. White
Attorney for Mortgagee
313 North Second Avenue
Alpena, MI 49707
989-354-4104
1-28, 2-4, 2-11, 2-18

ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held January 28 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the January 14 meeting; authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$84,211.54; approve a six-month salary adjustment for the account clerk; approve submitting an application for Federal Lands Access Program funding for Bis-

sonette Road; approve a road improvement agreement with Curtis Township; approve a contract for work on F-41. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com, or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 11 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Alcona County Road Commission is soliciting sealed bid proposals for a Contractor to furnish and construct an approximate 17,550 SF pre-engineered metal building to be used for Alcona County Road Commission truck storage and repair. Interior to the building will also be admin areas, tool storage, restrooms, etc. Along with the building there will be some exterior utility and paving work. The plans and specifications cover all of the requirements. Engineered drawings and specifications have been prepared by Russo Engineering, Inc. There will be no organized site visit. Bids will be accepted until 2 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the office of Russo Engineering, Inc., 225 Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 187, Tawas City, MI 48764, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Award can only occur after review and deliberation by the Alcona County Road Commission. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as, "ACRC Garage". Bid Bonds and Payment & Performance Bonds will be required. Bid documents will be available for a non-refundable \$90 per project set with an additional non-refundable \$10 if the documents are mailed, beginning January 26, 2015, from Russo Engineering, Tawas City, phone (989) 362-7735. Bidding documents may be examined at the office of Russo Engineering, at the administrative office of the Alcona County Road Commission, or at various plan rooms after that date.

The Alcona County Road Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and make the award of a firm, fixed-price contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in any manner deemed in the best interest of the Alcona County Road Commission.

Construction is intended to occur as soon after bid receipt and due diligence has been performed as is practical, thus likely spring 2015. If requested, the apparent low bidders may be asked to provide references. There will be no liquidated damages.

Calendar

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 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 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 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.

A blood pressure clinic will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road.

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:30 to 8 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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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.

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

The Alcona FFA Alumni Association will host its annual meeting at 6 p.m. at Alcona High School. There will be a potluck style dinner in the cafeteria, the alumni will purchase the main course. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Everyone is welcome, attendees do not have to be a former FFA member. For more information, contact Mike Suitor at (989) 736-8534 or e-mail alconaffaalumni@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). Proof of resi-

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