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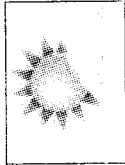
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Today's weather
Sunny

High: 75 Low: 53

Mostly sunny with low winds. Forecast, 8A.



AWARENESS

Zonta Club kicks off breast cancer awareness pin sale, 7A.



Hope House project detailed for Lions Club members

Lyle Dorr, executive director of Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan, recently explained the new Hope House project to the Alpena Lions Club. Dorr distributed architectural plans for the new home and school, which will be located in the former East Campus Building of Alpena Community College.

This building has been donated by ACC to Word of Life Church, which in turn set aside a large portion of the building for Child and Family Services. One of the CFS programs is Hope House, which is for girls who are assigned to the residential school by court order.

Dorr explained the financial plan for the project that includes grant funds on hand, future grant awards and a financial campaign.

The cost is estimated to be between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million. It is hoped to be completed in 2011. The facility would provide new jobs for a handful of persons and would permit a few of the present staff to be employed fulltime.

The plan is to enlarge the capacity for up to 15 Hope House residents and to add two new areas. One residential area would serve abuse and neglect victims, while the other area would provide limited independent living facilities for program graduates who would be working in the community and/or would be attending community college.

Program chair for the meeting was Vice President Randy Bobltz.