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County office struggles with staffing situation

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

The Register of Deeds made a second request for additional help for the department during a recent presentation to the Alcona County Board of Commissioners.

Melissa Cordes, Alcona County Register of Deeds, made her first request to Alcona County Commissioners last October. When she heard nothing back from the board, she made a second request at the January 15th board of commissioner's meeting.

Cordes explained to the board with only herself and deputy register Nancy Somers in the office it is very difficult to get all the work done in a timely fashion.

Cordes said duties like back indexing, large volume processing, meeting consumer and mortgage industry service time expectations and attending training meetings were next to impossible without additional help.

"We have approximately 40,000 images which need to be gone through and indexed to be able to search by computer for name and legal descriptions. We received four or five large-volume documents last year which contain 60 pages of legal descriptions. These are not just one legal description but multiple. That sets our office back at least 10 days because it is time-consuming to index all the information," Cordes said.

She explained there are longer than normal wait times for customers because of only two staff members in the office and if either she or Somers is out due to illness or a vacation, it puts a lot of extra burden on the lone employee.

Cordes has not been able to attend several meetings of Michigan Association Register of Deeds (MARD) including two district meetings and conferences where she would have gotten valuable information in order to perform her job because she was not able to leave the office.

"Passports are a time-consuming process which takes about 45 minutes per passport. There is a delay in recording documents during that time. We have several projects, such as having plat maps viewable online that we simply don't have enough time

to get to," Cordes said.
Other projects Cordes would like to accomplish soon are new programs that are designed to help residents. The opportunity to have programs such as fraud alert, Honor Rewards and Swift, became available with the new

software system they implemented last year.

Fraud alert would be available to anyone owning property in the county free of charge. The system would alert, either by phone or mail, to anyone wanting to know if anything was recorded on their property.

The Honor Reward program is available to veterans which enables them to receive discounts and benefits from local businesses.

Swift allows for the electronic return of paper documents by sending a digital print of the document.

'Swift would allow the faster return of recorded documents as well as cut down on the cost of postage. The programs initially would result in longer staff interaction with the $\rm \bar{p}ublic$ and would increase foot traffic and phone calls to get them signed up, but none of these programs will burden the taxpayer and would be of great benefit to the community," Cordes said.

Cordes inquired with counties surrounding Alcona County and said all of them have a register with at least two additional people in the office for support. "Some have two full-time support staff; some have one full-time and one part-time employee.

"Last year our office was consistently busy. We had no downtime at all. That's a good sign thing are going well (economically), but it means it requires a lot more work for the Register of Deeds office. Even a part-time employee would help," Cordes said.

Commissioner Carolyn Brummund asked if there was any room for any or all of the funding for an additional employee to be paid out of the automation fund? Cordes said she would be willing to help fund an employee out of the automation fund monies given to her department. She said automation funds were currently being used for software service and she would like to see that changed.

After the meeting, Cordes explained the automation fund which became effective in March of 2003.

"To record a document costs \$30. Of that, \$21 goes into the county general fund, \$3.94 goes to the state remonumentation fund, .06 cents goes to the county remonumentation fund with the \$5 remaining going to the automation fund. The remonumentation funds are for the monumentation of land corners," Cordes said.

The automation fund,

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Nancy Somers (left) and Melissa Cordes, Alcona County Register of Deeds, look at records in old books at the Register of Deeds office. Photo by Mary Weber.

Deferred maintenance at Michigan's national parks adds up to a big bill

By Kyle Davidson

Capital News Service

Michigan's national parks need more than \$50 million for maintenance and repairs, according to a report that identifies \$12 billion in such needs nationwide.

The state's need encompasses older parks such as Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and Isle Royale National Park, as well as newer ones like River Raisin National Battlefield Park.

"I know that Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore has \$10 million worth of deferred maintenance that is evident when you go visit the park headquarters," said Rod DesJardins, the mayor of Munising, Mich. one of the gateway communities to the

"They maintain it as best they can, but it's a 100-yearold Coast Guard station and they need new facilities and they need to have money to preserve the historic facilities that they're in," DesJardins said.

Pictured Rocks isn't alone. In 2016, Isle Royale applied for funds to replace the 58year-old MV Ranger III ferry that transports passengers and cargo to that park. Estimated cost: \$25-\$30 million.

Isle Royale (located in Lake Superior in the northwestern Upper Peninsula) would need \$17.9 million to address deferred maintenance projects,

with \$10.1 million of that Pew data showed a deferred needed to maintain the park's buildings, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts study based on National Park Service data.

Similar problems loom elsewhere.

"We continue to compete for dollars to be able to develop the park and staff the park, and those come from a variety of sources both internal from the National Park Service through government sources, as well as through our nonprofit partners," said Scott Bentley, the superintendent of River Raisin National Battlefield Park near Monroe, Mich.

The deferred maintenance costs for River Raisin total \$818,300, Pew reported.

At Sleeping Bear Dunes (near Traverse City, Mich.), maintenance backlog of \$16.3 million.

These struggles have not gone unrecognized by Con-

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee is working to increase funding to national parklands by about \$50 million a year, according to a recent article published by Pew. Congress would also be granted authority to appropriate \$300 million a year more.

In addition to these measures, Pew is urging lawmakers to include a dedicated funding of \$4.8 billion to account for high-priority transportation-related assets within the parks. This increase in funding would reduce the \$12 billion national backlog.

Deferred maintenance list

Here is a breakdown of the maintenance backlog of national parks in Michigan, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts based on National Park Service data.

- Pictured Rocks has \$10 million of deferred maintenance
- * \$2.4 million of this is toward historic maintenance
- \$4.9 million of this is toward transportation maintenance
- Isle Royale has a \$17.9 million backlog of deferred

maintenance

* \$3 million of this is toward historic maintenance

* \$465,000 of this is toward transportation main-

- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore has \$16.3 million backlog of deferred maintenance
- \$6.9 million of this is toward historic maintenance
- * \$1.7 million of this is toward transportation main-

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Obituaries



Viola "Violet" M. Gonzales

Viola "Violet" May Gonzales, 80, of Harrisville died on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, at home.

She was born on April 28, 1939, in Cass City, Mich. She was raised by her parents George and Genevieve (Bazant) Tier.

On July 12, 1958, she married Joe Gonzales.

Mrs. Gonzales is survived by three daughters, Lynne Gonzales, Joelle (Victor) McGuire and Tracy (Tracy) Box; two sons, Joe Gonzales and Ernie (Chris) Gonzales; four grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren; one brother, Harold Sorenson; and two sisters, Georgia (Wayne) Childers and Cynthia Tier.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, on Oc-



tober 16, 2011 and one sister, Carol Vargo.

Inurnment was in Mt. Joy Cemetery. A memorial will take place in the spring. Cremation arrangements were handled by the Bannan Funeral Home.

Leora F. Gillard, 93, of Lining 19

Leora F. Gillard, 93, of Lincoln, died on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020 at Maple Grove Adult Foster Care in Barton City.

She was born December 15, 1926 to Ernest and Matilda (McGregor) Basselman in Bay City, Mich. She was raised in Barton City.

She graduated from Harrisville in 1945 and enlisted in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps and became a registered nurse.

On November 20, 1948, she married William B. Gillard in Detroit, Mich. They lived in Detroit, Mich. until 1950 when they moved to Lincoln

Emily C. Bejesky, 95, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

She was born July 16, 1924 to Frederick and Marie (Samyn) Katona in Glennie. She was a lifelong resident of the area.

She attended Central Michigan University and was a teacher at the Bean Hill School and the Barton City Elementary School.

On July 28, 1956, she married Anthony Bejesky in Harrisville.

Mrs. Bejesky was a mem-

Leora F. Gillard

in 1950. The couple owned and operated Wilhite Insurance Agency.

Mrs. Gillard was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Barton City, where she was a former treasurer and active in the Ladies Aid.

She enjoyed quilting, traveling, bowling, golfing, and attending local sporting events.

Mrs. Gillard is survived by two daughters, Karen Gillard of Rising Sun, Ind., and Patricia (Mark) MacNeill of Barton City; three grandchildren, Yance MacNeill, Chelsey MacNeill and Kaitlin MacNeill; Basselman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death

one sister-in-law, Arden

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, on January 10, 1994; one sister, Ruth Gillies; one brother, James Basselman; one sister-in-law, Jean Williams; and one brother-in-law, Dick Gillies.

The funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 25 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Christina Bright officiated. Burial will be in Twin Lakes Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Emily C. Bejesky

ber of St. Anne Catholic Church where she played the organ, directed the choir, served on the ladies auxiliary, and worked as the director of religious education for 45 years.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, and her artwork, especially drawing.

Mrs. Bejesky is survived by one daughter, Kathy (Arnie) Gibson; two sons, Duane Bejesky, and Robert Bejesky; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Sally Katona; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony, on November 14, 1990; one daughter, Lisa Hodgson; one sister, Mary Siebert-Moore; and two brothers, Arthur Katona and Walter Katona.

Visitation is on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 4 to 8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Visitation will continue Thursday, Jan. 30 from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery in the spring.

REQUEST FOR BIDS: HARRISVILLE HARBOR PHASE 4 – DOCK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The City of Harrisville and the Harrisville Harbor Commission are requesting bids for reconstructing portions of the fixed and floating dockage systems within Harrisville Harbor. Sealed Bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. EST, February 11, 2020 at the Harrisville Harbor Office, 1 East Harbor Lane, Harrisville, Michigan 48740. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, January 30th at 11:30 a.m. EST at the harbor office. Contract Documents are available through the office of Edgewater Resources, LLC. Hard copies are available for a non-refundable fee of \$150.00 per set and digital copies are available free of charge. Interested parties should contact Colin Hassenger, PE for obtaining Contract Documents at chassenger@edgewaterresources.com.

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Arthur D. "Tom" Thomas III

Arthur D. "Tom" Thomas III, 73, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

He was born March 21, 1946 to Arthur D. and Mary Jean (Armstrong) Thomas Jr. in Dearborn, Mich., where he was raised.

On August 16, 1969 he married Patty Conway in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where he worked in computer technology.

computer technology.
In 2012 he retired to Har-

Lloyd L. Yuill, 89, of Hub-

He was born in Harrisville

After graduating from high

bard Lake died on January

on December 19, 1930 to John B. and Ida (Peterson) Yuill.

school, he served in the U.S.

Air Force. He married Phyllis

Ann Kitter on November 24,

They moved to Saginaw,

Mich. in 1952 where he found

a job as a police officer with

the City of Saginaw. He re-

tired from the police depart-

ment in December of 1981

After being retired for more

than 20 years, Mr. Yuill found

some part time work as a golf

course ranger at White Pine

National Golf Course in Hub-

bard Lake. His duties were to

reach out to golfers and help

after serving for 29 years.

26, 2020 at home.

1951.

risville where he enjoyed living on Lake Huron; attending Alcona girls' athletic events; morning coffee with the "breakfast club" at Alcona Coffee; open mic nights and any events where musicians were performing; and his time as "The Great Old Man" on WxTF Radio.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife, Patty; one daughter, Tracy Thomas of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sons, Andy (Mary) Thomas of Columbus, Ohio, and Joe (Mael) Thomas of Harrisville; six grandchildren, Kent Thomas, Carson Thomas, Keaton Thomas, Freyja

Fritz-Wilson, Ingrid Fritz-Wilson, and Greta Thomas; two sisters, Abbie Thomas of Midland, Mich. and Amy Thomas of Chicago, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

A memorial gathering will be announced at a later date. Memorials may be made to WxTF Radio, P.O. Box 142, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; the music or girls sports programs at Alcona High School; or a favorite charity.

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Lloyd L. Yuill

make sure they were enjoying themselves. He found plenty of lost golf balls for his family.

Lloyd enjoyed playing softball, bowling, hunting and playing golf. He also enjoyed playing cards and dancing with his wife, Phyllis, especially polkas.

The Yuills were charter members at New Life Lutheran Church in Hubbard Lake. He truly loved his church and was very active.

Mr. Yuill is survived by three sons, John (Chris) Yuill, Paul (Renna) Yuill and Jim (Isabella) Yuill; one daughter, Lori (Dennis) Nuttall; 11 grandchildren; two greatgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife,



Gordon Yuill; and one sister.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, February 15 at noon at the New Life Lutheran Church, 25 E. Kirche in the Woods. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Life Lutheran Church or the Hospice of Michigan.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 29**

Homeschoolers at the library - children of all ages are invited for a fun and educational activity at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 1 p.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

A town hall style forum "Making Democracy Work," will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Alpena Community College in room 106 across the hall from the Granum Theater. Information will be presented on Michigan's new voting rights, the Citizens Redistricting Commission (ending gerrymandering), and the 2020 Census. This event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the public is encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, **JANUARY 30**

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-32. Weighin starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

dren from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY

Genealogy 101 plus, genealogy classes for all levels, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at Robert Parks Library, 6010 North Skeel Avenue, Oscoda. Sessions will be tailored from beginners to advanced. Wi-Fi is available and digital devices are welcome. Bring questions, thoughts and ideas. For more information, call Judy Sheldon at (989) 984-9305, the library at (989) 739-9581 or email huronshoresgs@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Benefit breakfast for the Alcona Baby Pantry at the Alcona Brew Haus, 676 North US-23, Harrisville from 8 to 11 a.m. Eggs any style, hashbrowns, toast, pancakes, French toast, omelets, and much more. Bar will be open serving mimosas and bloody Marys. Twenty-five percent of sales will be donated. Sponsored by the Alcona Brew Haus and Harrisville Harbor Grocery.

Sunrise Side Strummers ukulele jam session from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wiltse's Brew Pub, 5606 North F-41 in Oscoda. All levels of ukulele players are welcome. Family and friends are encouraged to come and sing along. There is

a \$1 donation to defray costs. For more information, call Paula at (989) 724-5080.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The Chosen Ranch Community Center in Lincoln is starting life skill classes. Classes will be on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. The first class offered is basic sewing and is open to all ages. No class fees or material costs. Limit of six participants. To register, call (248) 808-2686.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

Individuals whose lives are affected by depression or another mental health condition are welcome to attend Fresh Hope, a Christianbased support group for those with mental health challenges. Loved ones are also welcome. Meetings are from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church on the corner of Shaw and Poor Farm roads. Harrisville. For more information, contact Claire at (989) 724-6665.

WEDNESDAY, **FEBRUARY 5**

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

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Bruce M. Park

Obituaries

Bruce Merrill Park, 78, of Chelsea, Mich. died on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020 at Arbor Hospice in Saline, Mich.

He was born on August 2, 1941 to Merrill Bliss and Lucille (Brown) Park.

He stayed on the family farm until he graduated from Alcona High School. He attended Eastern Michigan University and then transferred to the University of Michigan, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in engineer-

On August 12, 1967, he married Judith Ann Hardy in Ypsilanti, Mich.

After graduation, he began to work for Ford Motor Company until he took a military leave of absence to serve in the Air Force.

In 1970, the family returned to Michigan, and Mr. Park resumed working at Ford. The family moved to Chelsea, Mich. where he designed and built their home.

After more than 30 years, Mr. Park retired from Ford in 1997. Retirement enabled him to fulfill his dream of returning to farming. He purchased the Noah Farm and worked it for 26 years.



Restoring John Deere tractors, participating in the John Deere Two-Cylinder Club, hunting, and traveling were among his favorite interests.

He also enjoyed attending their granddaughter's dance recitals and sporting events.

Mr. Park is survived by his wife, Judith; one son, Michael Park; one daughter, Lisa Park; one granddaughter, Lyla Dabbs; one sister, Judy (Karl) Bunker; and faithful dog, Havlee.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service was held January 24 at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea, Mich. Memorials may be made to Arbor Hos-

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Road Sign Purchase

The Mikado American Le-

gion Post No. 254 has pur-

chased road signs for the cor-

ners of F-30 and Stout Road

and Kimberlin Road and F-

30. This is the culmination of

a two-year project. The signs

are needed in order to help

direct people to Mikado, ac-

cording to spokesperson Bill

Spring GospelFest

Save the date for Alcona

GospelFest, an afternoon of

singing Gospel-style music

followed by a community con-

cert on Saturday, April 25.

All interested singers are in-

vited to the choir workshop

beginning at noon, with com-

munity members invited to

the Concert at 6:30 p.m. at

the Alcona High School audi-

torium. Jean Wilson, from

One Voice Gospel Choir in

Saline, Mich., is the lead di-

rector. This musical activity

is sponsored by Inspiration

Alcona; the web page at

InspirationAlcona.org, for

more details on this and other

The following meals will be

served during the week at 4

p.m. in Glennie at the United

Methodist Church and at 4:30

p.m. at the Lincoln Senior

Center. No reservations are

required at the Lincoln Se-

nior Center, however call (989)

736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals

served in Glennie. No mem-

bership is required. Sug-

gested donation of \$3 per meal

• Monday, Feb. 3—Tuna

• Tuesday, Feb. 4—Fish al-

and noodles, carrots, pine-

apple, wheat bread, and milk.

mandine, baked potato, sour

cream and chives, green

beans, applesauce, wheat

Wednesday, Feb. 5—Beef

I.A. programs.

Senior Menu

is welcome.

bread, and milk.

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chop suey, brown rice, peas, and milk.

• Thursday, Feb. 6—Oven fried garden chicken, sweet potatoes, hot cinnamon apples, broccoli, milk, cake and ice cream.

• Friday, Feb. 7—Pork chop, baked potato, squash, pineapple, wheat bread, and

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

4-H Scholarship Recipient

Courtney Winter, a senior at Alcona High School and daughter of Cindy Smith of Spruce and Wayne Winter of Greenbush, was recently awarded the 2019 Michigan Rabbit and Cavy Scholarship through Michigan State University 4-H. She is the first youth from Alcona County to receive the award which is given annually to just one student in the state.



Courtney Winter

Winter said the scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will go toward her college tuition. Winter plans on attending Cornerstone University after graduation in June to study elementary education. She has been a member of the Jolly Rogers 4-H club in Alcona County for three years and won grand reserve at the Alcona County Fair for her rabbits two years in a row.

Les Thomas, Michigan State University Extension 4-H Coordinator, explained there was a lot of competition for the scholarship throughout the state with applicants having much more experience and years in the 4-H program. "It is a testament to her character, and to her intense involvement over the last few years. We're proud of Courtney's accomplishments and equally proud to call her a member," Thomas said.

Backyard Bird Count

The 23rd annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBCJ) will take place February 14-17. Residents of Iosco and Alcona counties will have an opportunity to submit valuable data to researchers about the numbers and species of birds located in this region prior to the spring migrations.

Local

Notes

Sponsored by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Audubon, and Bird Studies Canada, this count is open to anyone. Observations may take place in backyards, neighborhoods, woodlands, along river corridors, or even while riding in a car. Participants are encouraged to observe on one or all four days for at least 15 minutes each day. New counts are started each day. Results are submitted online to birdcount.org. Easy to follow instructions guide the observer through the submis-

"Last year there was quite a bit of open water in both counties and waterfowl were tallied in rather large numbers. In Iosco County 100 longtail ducks and 60 common mergansers were sighted, along with 98 mallards and 75 Canada geese in Alcona County," said Peggy Ridgway, local ambassador for the event. Among the other, more abundant, species were cedar waxwings, American goldfinch, European starling, snow buntings, rock pigeons and mourning

"With the help of modern technology and an increasing number of birders reporting online, scientists are now able to get a quick snapshot of where the various species are located, plus insight to the population status of each just prior to the massive movements to breeding grounds," added Ridgway.

Ridgway will host a free public information meeting about the GBBC and how to participate on Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Robert J. Parks Public Library on Skeel Ave. in Oscoda. She will also touch on hints for correct bird I.D., feeding patterns, and special things to watch for while observing. For more information or questions, call (989) 739-5674 eve-

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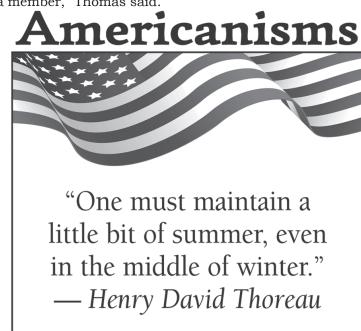
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What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for seniors this year? I didn't file a tax return last year because my 2018 income was below the filing requirements, but I got a part-time job late last year in 2019, so I'm wondering if I need to file this year. Semi-Retired

Dear Semi,

Whether or not you are required to file a federal income tax return this year depends not only on how much you earned last year (in 2019), but also the source of that income, as well as your age and your filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's IRS tax filing requirement thresholds. For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2019 gross income-which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately - was below the threshold for your filing status and age, you may

not have to file. But if it's can require you to file a tax over, you will.

- Single: \$12,200 (\$13,850 if you're 65 or older by January 1, 2020).
- Married filing jointly: \$24,400 (\$25,700 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$27,000 if you're both over 65).
- Married filing separately: \$12,200 at any age.
- Head of household: \$18,350 (\$20,000 if age 65 or
- Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child: \$24,400 (\$25,700 if age 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at (800) 829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Tax Guide for Seniors" (publication 554) or see IRS.gov/ pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf.

Check Here Too

There are, however, some other financial situations that

return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirements. For example, if you earned more than \$400 from self-employment in 2019, owe any special taxes like an alternative minimum tax, or get premium tax credits because you, your spouse or a dependent is enrolled in a Health Insurance Marketplace (Obamacare) plan, you'll need to file.

You'll also need to file if you're receiving Social Security benefits, and one-half of your benefits plus your other gross income and any taxexempt interest exceeds \$25,000, or \$32,000 if you're married and filing jointly.

To figure all this out, the IRS offers an interactive tax assistant tool on its website that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes less than 15 minutes to complete.

You can access this tool at



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IRS.gov/help/ita - click on "Do I Need to File a Tax Return?" Or, you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at (800) 829-1040. You can also get face-to-face help at a Taxpayer Assistance Center. See IRS.gov/localcontacts or call (800) 829-1040 to locate a center near you.

Check Your State

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume that you're also excused from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're entirely in the

clear. For links to state tax agencies see Taxadmin.org/ state-tax-agencies.

Tax Preparation Help

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and lowincome taxpavers, age 60 and older. Call (800) 906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/ freetaxprep to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE pro-

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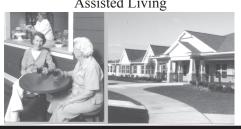
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Big first quarter leads to Lady Tiger win By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

A strong first quarter set the tone for the Alcona varsity girls basketball team home game with Hillman last Friday. The Lady Tigers held strong from there, and picked

up a 43-30 North Star League crossover victory. Alcona led the game 10-0 after the first quarter and

seemingly never looked back

from there. "We were able to dictate the pace of the game with our press and defense early," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "Our girls really did a great job on defense, especially Lily

Bilbey, holding their best player to five points. It was also good to see us playing strong in the third quarter again. We had good balance on offense and nice bench contribution."

Leading the way for the team on offense was Megan Grove with 16 points. Kelsey Hansen added 10.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21 the Lady Tigers played another NSL crossover contest at Fairview, and took the win handily, 62-36.

"We had a very good start and built up a lead early on in this one," Feldhiser said. "We also played a very good third

quarter which put the game away. Liz Henderson was outstanding both in the post and running the floor. It was nice to get our offense going a little better."

Alcona had a big offensive first quarter, taking a 23-8 lead after one. By the half that lead grew to 33-16 and it was a 50-25 margin entering the fourth.

Henderson led the way with 23 points. Rachel Layton netted 12. Grove finished with 10 and Bilbey added eight.

Alcona (8-3 overall) heads to Tawas on Thursday, Jan. 30 and is at home against W-P on Monday, Feb. 3.

Ligers snap five-game skid with two wins

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity boys basketball team shook off a five-gram losing streak with a pair of wins last week.

Last Thursday's North Star League crossover game at Hillman was the most recent win, 37-31.

"On a night of very poor shooting, we were happy to come out with a win," said head coach Ryan Bilbey. "The boys showed perseverance in the second half and they never gave up and that was the difference in the game."

The Tigers led 6-4 after a low-scoring first quarter. Dominic Howe hit a three and had five points total in the second quarter, as Alcona's lead grew slightly to 13-9 at the half.

In the third quarter, Mason Clark put in five of the team's eight points, but Hillman rallied to knot the score at 21-all entering the fourth.

Alcona was able to regain the lead in the final frame however and hit 12-of-23 free throws in the period as the Tigers closed out the win.

"It was a very physical game with a lot of fouls and we struggled from the free throw line, which made it difficult to pull away," Bilbey said. "Dominic Howe had some great rebounds and Robbbie Barbato was clutch down the stretch."

Clark and Howe finished with 12 points apiece. Robbie Barbato added four. Zach Stephenson and D.J. Howe added three apiece and Aidan Wrobel added two.

On Monday, Jan. 20 the Tigers notched a NSL crossover win over Fairview, 66-

"We had a very good third quarter and second half, which hasn't always been the case this year," Bilbey said. "It was good to see everyone on the team contribute to a great team win."

Wrobel netted eight points in the opening stanza to help Alcona to a 17-10 lead after the first quarter. D.J. Howe chipped in during the second quarter, netting four of the team's eight points to help stake the Tigers to a 25-15 lead at the half.

The third quarter saw Dominic Howe lead the way, as he was able to bury a three and net nine points in the frame. The Alcona defense held Fairview to just four points in the period, which allowed Alcona to take control of the contest with a 47-19 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Leading the way in the win was Wrobel with 15 points. Barbato hit two threes in the game and finished with 14 points. Howe added 13, D.J. Howe and Clark added eight apiece. Gavin Walker had four points and with two apiece was Jacob Sytek and Chris

Alcona (4-6 overall) will host Tawas on Friday, Jan. 31 and heads to Whittemore-Prescott on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

The 4-H Advisory Council would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their contribution to the annual 4-H Appreciation Dinner. Thanks to your contribution, our silent auction was very successful and it was the perfect addition to our annual dinner.

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Lady Tiger bowlers strong in season

After two weeks of cancellations, the Alcona varsity girls bowling team traveled to Hi-Skore Lanes in West Branch, Mich. on Saturday, Jan. 25 to compete against the Houghton Lake Bobcats.

The Lady Tigers swept the Baker games with a total score of 215 to the Bobcats' 206.

In the team event, the Lady Tigers swept the series with a score of 1,183 to the Bobcats 1,085 and a final score of Alcona 25, Houghton Lake 5.

High game for the Lady Tigers was Samantha Nordstrom with a 157 and Shelbi Evans for the Bobcats with a 142.

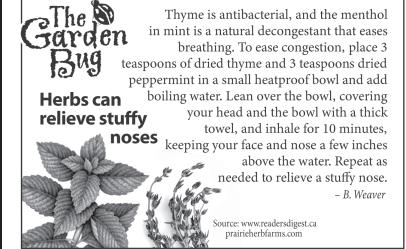
In the second match, the

Lady Tigers faced the Ogemaw Heights Falcons. The Falcons swept the Bakers by bowling a 306 to the Lady Tigers' 195.

In the team event the ladies split the games but came out on top with a total of 1,285 to the Falcons' 1,276. Final score: Ogemaw Heights 19.5 and Alcona 10.5. This is the first loss for the Lady Tigers this season.

High game for Alcona was Isabella Bates with a 170 and Ayla Wood for the Falcons with a 169.

The Lady Tigers will travel to Vista Lanes in Oscoda on February 1 to face three



Taking advantage of a window

By Gregg Schefferly *Outdoor Writer*

As I write this, the snow is piling up outside, and I'm taking full advantage of the circumstances to write this article while staying dry and warm.

What I'm trying to say is when you've been handed lemons you make lemonade. Sportsmen living in northeastern Michigan have found it easy to deal with winter as a result of outdoor pursuits, for the most part. Ice fishing and rabbit hunting have always been an escape to occupy our time and help us deal with cabin fever.

In recent years it's been a little frustrating for sportsmen because we haven't been able to count on Mother Nature to bring us ice covered lakes for fishing or enough snow in the woods to chase the rabbits. Five and six years ago we had a couple back-toback winters so cold the frost was driven several feet into the ground. For the first time ever, I had to buy an extension for my ice auger due to so many weeks of below zero weather.

This year it's been everything but that.

The firearm season brought snow and temperatures in the teens and November certainly had everyone thinking we were in for a good old-fashioned Michigan winter. Then it warmed up for December and the first couple weeks of January before Ole Man Winter finally showed up.

There's just no rhyme nor reason to the weather, and with winter's late arrival, everyone's worried the lakes may still be ice covered for the walleye opener this

spring.

While sitting in my rifle stand during deer season. I came up with a list of improvements I wanted to make to my spot; one of which is clearing some new shooting lanes. A couple weekends ago with no snow on the ground I decided to open up a few new shooting lanes.

Why would I do this now? Because of deer sign, all the runways, rubs, and scrapes are still visible from November. Being able to see the sign left from the previous season, allows me to more accurately cut shooting lanes in preparation for next year's hunt.

Currently, I'm waiting, hoping to see if it freezes tight enough allowing me to get out in the marsh and clear some willow clumps. I have been seeing deer crossing the marsh between two points along an ancient beaver dam which will certainly improve my odds for success next fall.

Looking for a reason to get out of the cabin, and because conditions haven't been favorable for normal winter activities, I took advantage of the opportunity to get outdoors.

Traditionally, I'd wait until spring or summer to take care of this. However, between the ticks and heat, it only makes sense to do it now.

For years I loved getting



Exploring the **Outdoors**

By Gregg Schefferly

outdoors turkey hunting or trout fishing every spring. In recent years, with the sudden explosion of wood ticks, I just don't like putting myself out to have those disgusting bloodsucking vermin embed themselves in me. Perhaps I'm overreacting, but the thought of contracting lyme disease minimizes my trips walking around the woods from spring until August, until they aren't as active. Fortunately for me, this is exactly the time of year walleye fishing is at its best in northeast Michigan, so I spend every opportunity in my boat fishing.

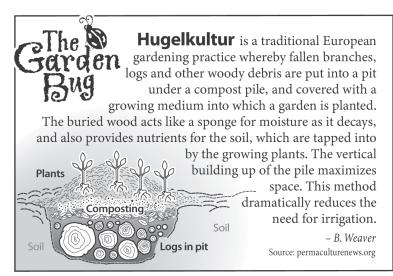
So, keep an open mind in regard making to opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy northeast Michigan in all its

In closing I can't stress enough to exercise extreme caution in regard to going

out onto the ice. I haven't ventured near it due to the temperatures being way north of freezing too often this past month. Recently, I've heard of a couple people putting their quads through the ice, so be careful. Currently, we have minimal ice covered in snow. The recent snow covering will insulate the ice preventing it from being as thick as we'd think.

If you venture on it, do so on foot and use a spud to monitor how thick it is as you make your way out. Be safe and enjoy the season.

(After spending several years in Afghanistan, Alaska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, Gregg Schefferly has recently returned to writing and Lincoln where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)

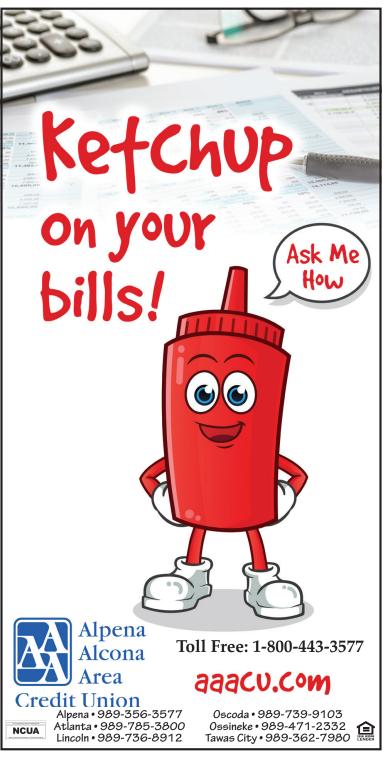


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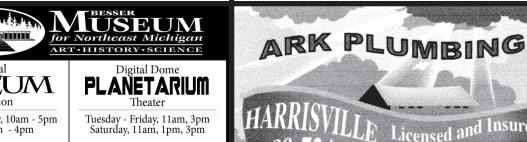
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

First Friday Folk will meet at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23), from 6 to 8 p.m. Kick off the winter blues. Participants should bring their guitar, flute, mandolin, ukulele, tambourine to play or sing along to old and new folk music.

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SATURDAY, **FEBRUARY 8**

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which adds up to about \$20,000 annually, goes towards program software and hardware, such as computers for the Register of Deeds office. According to Cordes, typically, there is not an overabundance of monies leftover and available from this fund. "There is no way this would fund an entire employee for the year," she said.

According to Commissioner Carolyn Brummund, the personnel committee, which consists of Brummund and Gary Wnuk, met with Cordes since the January 15 meeting to discuss her staffing concerns further and gather additional information. They hope to meet with her again before taking their recommendation to the next commission meeting scheduled for February 5.

• Also, during the commission meeting of January 15, the board heard a presenta-

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tion by Kerry Scott, building department clerk, who furnished examples on what the breakdown cost would look like if building inspectors were given an additional \$10 per inspection without raising permit/inspection fees to consumers.

The board voted unanimously to give building inspectors an additional \$10 per inspection with no additional increase cost to the consumer for permits.

• The board also heard a presentation from Mike Maturen from Up North Prevention for Catholic Human Services and what it has been doing to inform the public about opioid addiction. He would like the community to come together to reduce the problem of drugs in the county.

According to Maturen, he recently showed a documentary in the Whittemore/Prescott school district titled "Chasing the Dragon" about opioid addiction.

"It was very impactful," Maturen said. I'd like to do the same thing in Alcona County and I'm working with the superintendent of Alcona Schools to put that together."

• The invocation for the commission meeting was given by Lenny Avery, a minister and the new executive director of the Alcona County Commission on Aging (AC-COA). Avery also gave a short presentation about how he would like to instill new confidence in the agency and increase services.

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Harrisville Hotel to open January 30

January 29, 1970 ~ After business establishment weeks of extensive remodeling, the Harrisville Hotel will again open to the public on Friday, Jan. 30, it was announced this week by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Falkenhagen of the south shore of Hubbard Lake. The hotel has not been in operation since 1963.

The management announces specials for the opening weekend in their adv. on page two of this issue of The Review, featuring Chinese food on their menu.

Remodeling of this landmark on Harrisville's Main Street, includes the enlargement of the dining area and a private dining room with gift shop, new restrooms, office, modern kitchen, new front entrance to dining room and to the hotel lobby on the first floor and eight bedrooms each with a private bath, on the second floor. Wall-to-wall carpeting has been installed in all rooms and on the wide stairway, and wall paneling used in all rooms. In direct lighting and drapes add to the attractiveness of the dining room areas.

Mr. Falkenhagen is a former building contractor of Oscoda and also developed the South Shore Subdivision at Hubbard Lake. Employed as his helper in the remodeling was William Clark also of Hubbard Lake.

Residents of this community and surrounding areas are happy to welcome the Falkenhagens and their new enterprise and wish them all success in the future.

The Harrisville Hotel was known for years as the Cottage Hotel and became a local

Announce Engagement

January 29, 1970 ~ Lt. Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Harry MacDermaid of Harrisville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gail Ann, to Mr. John Heath, son of Lt. Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. John H. Heath of Tampa, Florida.

The bride-elect is a teacher in the Alcona Community School System. She is a graduate of Michigan State University. Mr. Heath is a teacher at Alpena. He is a graduate of Ferris State College.

A summer wedding is planned.



around the turn of the century. The original structure was the dwelling of the late Joseph and Esther J. Evans, who kept roomers in their home. Their son-in-law, the late Harry George, who was a carpenter by trade, enlarged the building, converting it into a two-story hotel. Several years following the death of Mr. Evans, Esther Evans married Adam Sellers, in 1902, and they continued operation for many years, and after Mr. Sellers' death his widow carried on the business until 1925.

Owners of the property through the years were William Noyes, Francis Babcock, Joseph and Esther J. Evans, Esther Sellers, Edith Martin, Cora Jones and Mr. and Mrs. James McCullough. In May, 1946, when the McCulloughs acquired the property they did extensive remodeling and opened to the public on July 4, 1947 as The Harrisville Hotel. Mr. McCullough died in January, 1950 and his widow continued operation until 1963. Others, besides the above mentioned, taking over the management of the hotel through the years were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings and the Arthur Newberrys, and Mr. and Mrs. John McCluskey.

Alcona's Record 10 - 1 after wins over Whittemore-Prescott and Posen

the first half of the 69 -70 schedule out of the way, Roscommon held its lead over runner-up Alcona with Houghton Lake in third place, two games off the pace. The leaders bumped Harrison last Friday night, 64 -54, while the Tigers were handling Whittemore-Prescott, 77-58, and the Bobcats were taking an easy 84 - 51 win over Beaverton.

On Friday night a full league is scheduled with Beaverton making the trip to Harrison, Roscommon hosting Whittemore-Prescott and Houghton Lake tangling with Alcona. On Saturday night Mio plays at Roscommon in a return engagement.

Both Alcona and Whittemore-Prescott had hot hands in the first quarter of play as the Tigers edged the Cardi-

January 29, 1970 ~ With nals 25 - 23. The winners slowed the scoring pace in the second stanza, but the losers fell to a 16 - 9 tally to trail by nine at the intermission. Alcona continued to find the basket following the rest period, taking the third canto scoring at 21 - 14 and finished the evening with a 15 -

> The Tigers had two players in the 20 point class with Al Stephenson high with 22 on nine and four while teammate Bob Potvin had 20 on a six and eight duty.

12 last frame count.

Dave Somers chipped in with 13 for the winners. For the Cardinals, Mark Sztanyo was tops with 19 on eight field goals and three free throws while Jeff Fellows had

Alcona swept the night's play by taking the J-V contest, 68 - 60.

Local news

January 29, 1970 ~ Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Potter called on their son, Gilbert, and his family in their home at Mt. Clemens, on Sunday, January 18.

Then they joined the Norman Oliver family and the James Potters in Ypsilanti to attend the mid year commencement ceremonies at Eastern Michigan University, where Mrs. James Potter received her Bachelor of Science Degree.

W.O.C. Rov M. Williams has completed training at Fort Walters, Texas and after a two weeks leave will report to Fort Ruckers, Alabama.

Mrs. G. E. George was hostess to the Monday night auction bridge club this week. Following a six o'clock dinner three tables of bridge were in play with high prizes going to Mrs. W. Teeple, Mrs. R. Warner, Mrs. G. Leonard and Mrs. L. MacDonald, and low to Mrs. W. Foster.

Alcona Tigerettes lose to Hale, 43 - 33

January 29, 1970 ~ The Alcona Tigerettes dropped a 43 - 33 decision to the girls from Hale on January 21st. Hale outscored the local girls by a 13 - 9 margin in the opening quarter and maintained their lead throughout. Alcona got in early foul trouble and lost three players via the foul route.

Ki Ann Kruttlin was the only Tigerette in double figures with 14; Mary Sysak scored six; Mary Somers and Christy Wilson each tallied four; and Kris Frederick hit for three. Sandy Goddard and Sue Frederick each contributed one from the foul line. Sue also led the Alcona rebounders with 12. The Hale attack was led by Bridget Ruckle with 25 points.

The Alcona junior varsity dropped the preliminary game by a 10 - 9 score. On January 28th. the girls traveled to Beaverton and their next encounter is with Sanford Meridian on February 4th. at Meridian.

CryptoQuip

answer

If our washing machine stopped functioning, I imagine we'd hire a spin doctor.



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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2019 **Weekly Report**

	Tempera	iture (F°)		Miles Per	Hour	
			Water	Av. Wind	High	Dominant
<u>Date</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	Content	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Speed</u>	Direction
January 19	26	10	0.00	2.5	20	WSW
January 20	24	5	0.00	0.3	13	WSW
January 21	30	10	0.00	2.4	18	SW
January 22	32	19	0.00	6.0	21	SW
January 23	32	25	0.00	0.7	10	SSW
January 24	34	30	0.23	3.1	13	NNE
January 25	35	31	0.10	1.5	10	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

		2019-2020 Season	
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.33	0.0	0.38
January to Date	1.23	13.4	1.46
Year/Season to Date	1.23	35.8	1.46

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.)



ACROSS

1 Tostada

relative

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez





1. U.S. STATES: Which two states share no borders with any other U.S. state?

2. TELEVISION: What is Richie's last name in the 1970-80s series "Happy Days"?

3. FOOD & DRINK: What is whey?

4. GAMES: What are "bedposts" in bowling?

5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature is an ocelot?

6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: By how many Senate votes was President Andrew Johnson spared removal from office after he was impeached by the House?

7. LITERATURE: What is the end of the nursery rhyme that starts: "Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall/ Humpty Dumpty had a great fall ... "?

8. ASTRONOMY: Which is the largest planet in our solar system?

9. BIBLE: Who was John the Baptist's father?

52 "Pshaw!"

53 Stylishness

10. MUSIC: How many Top 10 songs were released on Michael Jackson's "Thriller" album?

Answers: 1. Hawaii and Alaska; 2. Cunningham; 3. The watery part of milk that remains after cheese curds have formed; 4. A 7-10 split; 5. A small, wild cat; 6. One vote short of the necessary two-thirds majority to convict; 7. "... All the king's horses and all the king's men/Couldn't put Humpty together again."; 8. Jupiter; 9. Zechariah; 10. Seven (c) 2020 King Features Synd.,

Super Crossword

4 "Carmen" and

"Elektra"

95 Ukr., Est. or

96 "Kewl!"

Lith., once

GROUNDED FOR LIFE

76 Big name in

repair

transmission

33 Pledges

34 Raven's cry

35 "How's that?"



• On Feb. 16, 1878, supported by Western mining interests and farmers, the Bland-Allison Act, which provided for a return to the minting of silver coins, becomes law. It required the U.S. Treasury to resume purchasing silver and minting silver dollars as legal tender.

• On Feb. 13, 1915, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) is founded to "assure that music creators are fairly compensated for the public performance of their works, and that their rights are properly

protected.'

• On Feb. 10, 1957, Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the best-selling "Little House" series of children's novels, dies at age 90 in Missouri. In 1932, Wilder, then in her 60s, published her first novel, "Little House in the Big Woods."

- On Feb. 15, 1961, the entire 18-member U.S. figure skating team is killed in a plane crash in Belgium. The team was on its way to the 1961 World Figure Skating Championships in Prague. U.S. women's figure skating champion Laurence Owen, 16, was featured on the Feb. 13, 1961, cover of Sports Illustrated.
- On Feb. 12, 1972, the release of American POWs begins in Hanoi as part of the Paris peace settlement. The first 20 of 591 U.S. POWs arrived to a hero's welcome at Travis AFB in California.
- On Feb. 14, 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini calls on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," and his publishers. Booksellers the world over refused to sell the novel for fear of retribution. Many who did sell it were bombed.
- On Feb. 11, 1990, in a major upset, Buster Douglas defeats Mike Tyson, the undisputed world heavyweight champion, in 10 rounds at a boxing match in Tokyo. The loss was the beginning of a long, downward spiral for Tyson, which included jail time and license revocation in Nevada.

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Strange But True By Samantha Weaver

- It was famed cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead who made the following sage observation: "One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don't come home at night."
- It's been estimated that a million pigeons live in New York City.
- When pop star Christina Aguilera is on tour, she insists on having a police escort. She hates to be stuck in traffic.
- Next time you're heading to Illinois, you can stop off in Metropolis and visit the self-declared birthplace of Superman. In honor of their hometown superhero, the citizens erected a 15-foot bronze statue of him on Main Street.
- It was Abraham Lincoln who signed into law the legislation that created the Secret Service. That very night, he was assassinated.
- Those who study such things say that on the 13th of every month, triskaidekaphobia causes a loss of \$83 million to American business due to absenteeism from work and other disruptions.
- In the United States, more babies are born on Oct. 5 than on any other day of the year. If you do the math, you'll find that New Year's Eve is 9 months and 5 days before that.

Thought for the Day: "Show me a hero, and I will write you a tragedy." -- F. Scott Fitzgerald

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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: K equals P

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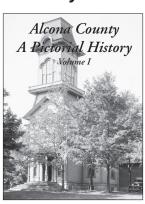
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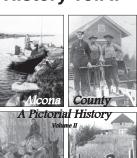
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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel L. Frazier and Teresita M. Frazier as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee; which mortgage is dated December 2, 2016, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on December 5, 2016, in Liber 528 at pages 110-124. And, upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$35,276.14, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020, at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated; said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.49 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Part of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/ 4 of Section 14, Township 26 North, Range 9 East, described as the west 132 feet of: Commencing 62 rods and 22 feet east and 2 rods south of the northwest corner of said northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4; thence southerly 254 feet; thence north 53° west 264 feet: thence north to an iron pipe at the county road; thence easterly 287 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 3, 2020 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, Mich. 48708 (989) 893-9511 1-8, 1-15, 1-22, 1-29

MIKADO TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE No. 20.01

Synopsis for Civic Center Property Park Recreation Ordinance No. 20.01

An ordinance to provide for the use, protection, regulation and control of the public parks, playground equipment, park facilities and other matters concerning recreation, conservation, education, historic and scenic area and preserve parkways and to provide for the adoption of supplementary rules and regulations and other matters related to the use of and conduct on all park properties.

The Township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan Ordains: Section I: Short Title: Civic Center Property Park Recreation Or-

ter Property Park Recreation Ordinance No. 20.01
Section II: Public Use and Hours:

Describes hours, permits, agreements/contracts and no fireworks allowed.

Section III: Baseball Diamond, Basketball Court: No building and other property allowed disfiguring or removing.

Section IV: Sanitation: No trash or refuse allowed to be left on grounds.

Section V: Traffic: All persons must obey the state laws.

Section VI: Parking: Parking in designated areas. Any unlicensed or "all-terrain vehicles" or snowmobiles prohibited from use.

Section VII: Property Rental: Rental of property involving alcohol requires rental agreement and liability insurance of \$500,000 and security cleanup deposit.

Section VIII: Violation and Penalty: Ordinance Enforcement Officer and/or such persons designated by the township.

nated by the township.
Section IX: Validity: Several provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and the determination by any court of judge of competent jurisdiction that any section or provision thereof is valid shall not affect or impair the validity of any such section or portion.

Section X: Savings Clause: Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional, unauthorized or invalid, or in conflict with any other section or provision of any ordinance by the township by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or provision of this ordinance.

Section XI: Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect 30-days after adopted and publication. Adopted: January 13, 2020. Effective: February 29, 2020.

A true copy of the complete ordinance can be inspected or obtained at the Mikado Township clerk's office (989) 736-7721.

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