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ommittee explores changing to a district library

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

The Alcona County Library Board, Curtis Township Library Board, Alcona County Commissioners and the Curtis Township Board have agreed to form an exploratory committee to look into combining all public libraries in the county to become a district library.

Alcona County Library Director Denise Bearre presented the agreement to county commissioners last week before commissioners voted unanimously for a district exploratory committee to be formed.

In all, there are nine different types of public libraries and Alcona County has two. The Alcona County Library which includes branches in Harrisville, Lincoln, Mikado and Caledonia along with a contract to operate the Alcona Elementary School library is a county library. The Curtis Township Library, which has kept its independent status since it removed its connection with the Alcona County Library system in 1993, is a township li-

Bearre explained to commissioners that for the last several years, the Curtis Township Library has had a large turnover in library directors. Not being able to find a suitable candidate for the position, last year the Curtis Township Library Board contracted with Alcona County Library for Bearre to act in an administrative capacity for its County libraries are on the Northland Library Cooperative system while Curtis Township is on Superiorland Library Cooperative system.

"Although both systems are similar, they don't work exactly the same way and do not communicate with each other at all. It would be nice to have them all on the same system for inventory and other purposes," Bearre said.

She presented a list of pros and cons to commissioners. tis Township board. Each library system also has a separate volunteer library board.

Bearre said changing to a district library would not affect the contract it has with Alcona Community Schools to operate the elementary library. "We supply the employees for the school library and the school supplies, the books we recommend for students within their budget, becoming a district library would not change that," Bearre said.

According to Bearre, a district library would set its own tax rate and policies including personnel policies. It would be the only way to collect the Curtis Township Library millage that exists until 2024, bringing in an additional \$30,000 annually. Curtis Township residents pay a .5 millage for their library in addition to the .5 millage for Alcona County Library, which will expire in 2025.

Because Curtis Township could have members on the district library board, it could still have a say on how the library is managed. Other items, such as receiving \$7,000 annually in penal fines, state aid, remaining a class three library and retirement costs would stay the

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> ~ Denise Bearre, Alcona County Library Director

Bearre explained that becoming a district library would offer positive benefits for all. "The two libraries becoming a district library is the most sustainable option for both.

'Currently, the Curtis Township Library is on a different library system than the four branches of the Alcona County Library. Alcona

Pros included that district libraries are autonomous and do not answer to a governing municipality such as the libraries do now; the four branches of the Alcona County Library system are governed by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners. The Curtis Township library is governed by the Cur-

Longtime employee retires from road commission

After more than 27 years of service to the Alcona County Road Commission, Henry Charron spent his last day of work, February 18 cleaning out truck No. 21 and handed the keys to the next driver.

Originally from Bay City, Mich., Charron moved to Alcona County and operated equipment and semi-trucks for a couple local companies. He started full-time with the Alcona County Road Commission in December of 1994 as a truck driver.

Throughout his time at the road commission, Charron wore many hats including truck driver, mower operator, brush tractor operator, and sign technician. Henry was always the first in line to sign up to be on the summer dura-patch crew. His least favorite task was driving the brush tractor.

Charron recalled the earier vears when Alcona County saw major snow storms. He shared stories of having to plow around vehicles that had gotten stuck in the snow and were abandoned on the roadways. He also remembered the tree and debris cleanup after two tornadoes that caused destruction locally.

Managing Director Jesse Campbell asked Charron what his advice to the new guys would be. "Just do the best you can," Charron said.

Campbell said Charron took great pride in the work he did at the road commis-



Henry Charron

sion. His easygoing nature and attention to detail made him a valuable member of the

'Henry was very dedicated to the road commission," Campbell said. "It's not easy being on-call for 27 years but we could always count on Henry." Campbell recalled Charron saying he won't miss the worrying every night on whether he may or may not be called in to provide emergency road service in the event of a storm or road emergency.

The answer to the usual question upon retirement, what's next? Charron doesn't have any immediate plans other than not getting up every morning to come to work. He'll have more time to spend with his wife, Donita, and their Yorkie, Ziggy.

History of Alcona County Library

- October 1935: A PTA meeting in Mikado discussed the need for a public library. A donation of 200 books was given from the state library. The library was housed in the Mikado Post Office. Edna Bell became the librarian.
- October 1940: The Alcona County Library was officially created by the county board of supervisors. Edna Bell (later Cole) was the librarian with library board members from Mikado, Lincoln, Spruce and Curran.
- 1941: The Alcona County Library's main branch was located at the Glennie School. There were additional branches in Spruce at Roy Carlson's Store, at the Curran Post Office and a branch in Harrisville was located in the basement of the Information Bureau. The Harrisville branch was moved upstairs in the bureau building in 1942 due to dampness. In 1943 a branch opened in the Mikado Post Office.
- 1956: The Harrisville branch moved to the courthouse where the commis-sioner's meeting room is located today.
- 1961: The Glennie branch opened in the Curtis Township Hall.

1965: The Riecker Memorial Library opened in Lincoln with nonfiction titles per the will of Elizabeth Riecker Bartlett.

• 1970: The Caledonia branch moved from the Thompson Building to the treasurer's office in Spruce.

- 1978: Edna Bell Cole retired with over 40 years of service to Alcona County.
- 1993: Curtis Township Board decided to remove Curtis Township Library from the Alcona County Library system.
- 1998: Alcona County Library opened the current Harrisville branch building and the Curtis Township Library opened.
- 2002: Alcona County Library bought the former credit union building to house the Lincoln branch.
- 2019: Alcona County Library signed an agreement with Alcona Community Schools to staff the elementary school library. • 2020: Wi-Fi enhancers were installed
- at Harrisville, Mikado and Lincoln branches. Hubbard Lake enhancer was installed at the Hubbard Lake Community Center.
- 2021: Alcona County Library signed an agreement with Curtis Township library to administer library functions.
- The Alcona County Library owns the branch libraries in Harrisville and Lincoln. The branches in Mikado and Caledonia townships are operated through an agreement with the townships. The townships provide space and utilities, the library provides the staff and materials.
- Both the Curtis Township Library and the Alcona County Library are the product of many dedicated people and organiza-

God Bless America





Obituaries





Harold (Ki) Shirley Cuyler Jr.

On March 3, 2022, Ki Cuyler passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. He was 76 years old.

Ki was born on October 18, 1945, in Harrisville to Harold and Jacqueline Cuyler. He was the grandson of National Baseball Hall of Famer Hazen (Ki Ki)

Ki graduated from Alcona High School and continued his education at Western Michigan University where he played both baseball and football. He was awarded All-American honors and later signed on with the Baltimore Orioles. While pursuing his professional baseball career with the Orioles, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Vietnam War.

After being wounded in Vietnam, he was awarded both the Army Commendation Medal and a Purple Heart award for his bravery. Ki later returned home and graduated from WMU with honors. He then went on to have a successful business career.

He is survived by his

daughters, Heather Cuyler, Jessica Cuyler, Jaclyn Cuyler and Abigail (Cuyler) Smith; grandchildren, Chance, Mae, Colleen, Greta, Miles, Cuyler, Owen, Tyson and Wyatt; sister, Candy Cuyler; and his nephew, Hazen Cuyler.

Ki lived a great life and accomplished all that he wanted to. He was a good father and honest man who will be dearly missed.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date for immediate family. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local veterans association.

Paid Obituary

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or e-mailed to: editor@alconareview.com.

Sharon I. Wagner, 81, of Lincoln, died on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

Sharon I. Wagner

She was born November 8, 1940, to Gerald and Dorothy (Meisener) Schell in Pontiac, Mich. She was raised in Auburn

In 1959 she married Robert Wagner. They moved to Alcona County in 1990.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed sewing, knitting, crochet, and cross stitch.

Mrs. Wagner is survived by one daughter, Heather (Brian) Hazelett; two sons, Kevin (Heather) Wagner and Scott Wagner; 14 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, on November 12, 2002, and her son, Robert Wagner.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Edna J. Rainey

Edna J. Rainey, 94, of Greenbush, died on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at Ascension St. Mary's in Saginaw, Mich.

She was born June 6, 1927, to Charles and Anna (Asmus) Nowitzke in Wyandotte, Mich., where she was raised.

On June 1, 1945, she married James Rainey in Wyan-

Mrs. Rainey worked as a secretary and retired to her summer cottage in Greenbush in 1982.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Oscoda.

She enjoyed traveling, baking, and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Rainey is survived by one daughter, Ann Christian; three sons, James Dean Rainey, Timothy C. Rainey



and David E. Rainey; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two brothers.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced later this summer.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Alcona Humane Society, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

红etter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Several articles in the past two weeks of the Review have really made a positive note of things going on in the community. Sharing with the public information about such things as the Sheriff's Office new Victims Services Unit, the Alcona Elementary reading program, and the biography and creative ideas of the new harbormaster is important to make the public aware of new or existing pro-

Contributions by the Roorda brothers are always appreciated. I enjoy Eric Roorda's art work and history lessons, and Terry Roorda's recent treatment of a burgeoning "problem" added a humorous dimension to the

Local news and commentary are important in a small community such as this.

Mary Peterson Harrisville

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m. Meeting is open to the public.

A Pop-up Pantry will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. (or until food runs out) at the Food Pantry of Lincoln located at the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA), 207 Church Street Lincoln. It is a con-tactless, drive through pick up. For more info. or to ask about volunteering, call Lori at (989) 334-3475 or pantry@alconaseniors.org.

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more info.

TOPS 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and meeting at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Site is handicap assessible. For details, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

A story time and craft activity for children will be held at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville will begin at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addiction program, will meet at 7 p.m. at Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more information, contact Pastor Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

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(The Lounge) during regular hours to feed their creativity - create a journal, make a zine, artwork, bookmarks, buttons, collage, crochet and more. Call (989) 724-6797 for more information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Euchre is played at the lower level of the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors welcome.

It's "Drop in Craft Week" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Teenagers are encouraged to stop by the youth activity room (The Lounge) during regular hours to feed their creativity - create a journal, make a zine, artwork, bookmarks, buttons, collage, crochet and more. Call (989) 724-6797 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

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An artists' reception for the Northeast Michigan Artists' Guild will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at noon. "Divergence" is the theme selected to display the artistic range of guild members. The artwork will be on display until Wednesday, April 27. Call (989) 724-6796 for info.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more info.

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Do you have news we can use? Call the Review 724-6384

ALCONA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake St., P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, MI 48742, until 4 p.m. local time, Monday, April 11, 2022. Accepted bids will be tabulated and publicly read during the Road Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, for furnishing the following:

1 or more New 2022 Ford F550 Super Cab (Ext. Cab) 4x4 Cab and Chassis or EQUAL (GVWR 19,000 lb. & Pay Load 11,000 lb. minimum) Truck is to have 84" cab to axle with capabilities to accommodate 11 ft construction service body.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Alcona County Road Commission, 301 N. Lake St., Lincoln, MI 48742, Phone (989) 736-8168, roads@alconacrc.com or alconacrc.com

All proposals must be submitted on the Road Commission's bid form in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and item being bid. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities in the bids, and to accept the bid which is in the best interest of the Alcona County Road Commission. No faxed or emailed proposals will be accepted.

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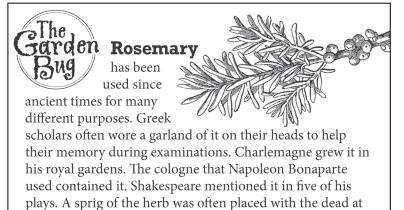


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The Harrisville Harbor Commission is looking to fill a board vacancy. This is a three (3) year term of a Commissioner on the Harrisville Harbor Commission; this term expires at the end on 2024 and reappointment is possible. The commission is responsible to govern over management, operations, budgets and to approve expenditures required for proper harbor operations. This is a volunteer position.

Please send resume to Ms. Janet Mansfield at winsten@voyager.net by March 28, 2022.

QN/XX **PUBLIC NOTICE OSCODA-WURTSMITHAIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING**

March 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

This meeting is being conducted remotely utilizing Zoom Meeting Service or you may attend in-person at the Airport Terminal Building located at 3961 E. Airport Drive, Oscoda, MI 48750

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83112240087 Join Zoom Meeting via internet at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81821622647 Meeting ID: 818 2162 2647 1 929 205 6099 US Meeting ID: 818 2162 2647

Participants are encouraged to connect by 9:50 p.m.





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Artwork at the Library

The creative work of the Northeast Michigan Artists' Guild will be featured at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library starting Wednesday, March 30.

The guild has selected "Divergence" for the themed traveling show. Guild members have created art expressing their interpretation of divergence. Some are realistic, some abstract and each will provoke thought about moving from one common point to another from any personal aspect.

Everyone is invited to a reception in honor of these local artists on Tuesday, March 30 at noon. The art will be on display until Wednesday, April 27.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at noon Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. Reservations are required by noon each day by calling (989) 334-3470. Takeout meals can be reserved at the same number by calling before noon. No membership is required. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, March 28: Sausage gravy, biscuit, California blend vegetables, mandarin oranges, muffin, milk.
- Tuesday, March 29: Chicken chop suey, rice, peas and carrots, honey bran muffin, apple sauce, milk.
- Wednesday, March 30: Meat loaf, baked potato, California blend vegetables, berry blend, milk.
- Thursday, March 31: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, milk.

New Grant Awards

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) recently awarded a new round of community grants covering a four-county area that includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle counties. The Board of Trustees recently approved 56 new grants totaling \$119,643. Of that amount, \$82,201 was awarded in Community Impact Grants, and \$37,422 was awarded in grants from the Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC).

Community Impact Grants Alcona Historical Society was awarded \$1,500 for Fam-

ily Day at the Lighthouse.

• Friends of Negwegon State Park received \$1,500 for the Bay to Beacon Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K.







Runners who participated in the Bay to Beacon Half Marathon, 10K and 5K last year will have a chance to compete again this year with support from the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. Courtesy photo.

- Hubbard Lake Bible Church / Sunrise Community Food Pantry was awarded \$3,000 for the Feeding the Hungry program.
- Iosco County Coats for Kids was awarded \$1,500 for the Happy Feet program.
- Mikado Township was awarded \$1,500 for the No Child Without A Christmas program.

Grants from the Youth Advisory Councils:

- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$2,000 for a Track Timing System.
- · Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$2,000 for Alcona School Property Stewardship Projects.
- Iosco County Coats for Kids was awarded \$702 for the Coats for Alcona program.
- Mikado Township was awarded \$1,000 for the No Child Without a Christmas

The next opportunities for submitting grant applications are through the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle and Community Impact grant with respective grant deadlines of July 1, 2022, and July 15, 2022. Applications are available at cfnem.org.

Celebrate Military Families

Michigan 4-H is celebrating military families and children in April during the Month of the Military Child 4-H GooseChase Challenge. This online scavenger hunt is a fun way to honor military kids across Michigan. Open to all children regardless, if they are from a military family, new missions will be released weekly in April, for a chance to win prizes. The first 50 registrations will receive a free National 4-H STEM Kit (must register by March 30).

Any youth 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to their phone or tablet; younger youth or youth without a phone or tablet can partner with an older sibling or parent/guardian to play as a team. For more information, and to register, visit https:// tinyurl.com/32dpdv5b.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention classes are available on Mondays from April 4 through May 23, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Alcona County Commission on Aging, 207 S Church Street, Lincoln.

These classes can help people with or without arthritis to improve balance, both mentally and physically, which helps significantly reduce the rate of falls experienced by older adults. Studies have shown that tai chi can reduce falls by nearly 70 percent. The program focuses on confidence building, which is linked closely to the reduced rate of falling. Other benefits include increased strength, increased balance and posture, preventing falls, improving mind, body, and spirit, and reduced stress and increased relaxation.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention is led by Nicole Wethington a certified instructor, with each session including warm-up and cooldown exercises; one or two movements per lesson, progressively leading to completing six basic core movements and six advanced extension movements; breathing techniques; and Tai chi principles relating to improving physical and mental balance.

Modifications will be provided for those who want to attend seated or standing. This program is targeted to help older adults and older adults with disabilities, at risk for fall, to stay active. There is no cost, thanks to support from MSU Extension and the Administration for Community Living. Register at https:/ /events.anr.msu.edu/ taichitawas/.

Does Medicare cover power lift chairs?

Dear Savvy Senior,

Because of back pain and knee arthritis I'm interested in getting a power lift recliner for my living room that's easy for me to get into and out of. Does Medicare cover them? Can't Get Up

Dear Can't,

Yes, Medicare does indeed provide some coverage for lift chairs, provided your doctor prescribes it for a medical reason, but they won't cover the entire cost of the chair. Medicare will only pay for the motorized lifting mechanism, which is considered durable medical equipment (DME), and is covered under Part B. The other parts of the chair the frame, cushioning, and upholstery - are not covered. Here are a few more details you should know.

What Is a Lift Chair?

First, for those who aren't familiar with them, lift chairs, which look like traditional recliners, have motorized lift mechanisms built in that aid with standing up and sitting down for people with limited mobility. With the push of a button, a lift chair hoists a person from sitting to a position where they can comfortably stand up. It also works in reverse to help a person gently take a sitting position.

Medicare Coverage Requirements

If you're a Medicare beneficiary, to find out if you qualify for coverage, you'll need to get a prescription and a "Certificate of Medical Necessity" from your doctor that indicates your need for a lift chair. The conditions you'll need to meet include:

- That you have severe arthritis of the hip or knee, or a severe neuromuscular dis-
- That you can't stand up on your own from a regular

Once standing, you can walk independently or with the aid of a walker or cane.

• That you do not reside within a skilled nursing facility, hospice or nursing home

You'll also need to purchase your lift chair from an equipment supplier that's enrolled in Medicare. To find and compare Medicare approved suppliers in your area go to Medicare.gov/medical-equipment-suppliers, type in your Zip code and "Seat Lift Mechanisms" in the equipment box.

If you do qualify, Medicare will pay 80 percent of the approved cost of the chair's motorized lifting mechanism, after you've met your Part B annual deductible. You, or your Medigap supplemental policy (if you have one), will pay the remaining 20 percent of the lift mechanism. You will also pay 100 percent of the remaining cost of the

You should also be aware that if you do buy your lift chair from a Medicare supplier, you will likely pay for the total cost of the chair upfront and can then seek reimbursement from Medicare. Lift chairs can run anywhere from \$400 to \$2,000 or more depending on the fab-



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ric, options and upgrades. The reimbursement is usually between \$250 and \$300 depending on the state you live

Advantage Coverage

If you happen to get your Medicare benefits through a private Medicare Advantage plan, they too provide lift chair coverage, but they may impose different rules and will likely require you to see an in-network supplier. You'll need to contact your plan directly for details.

Other Helpful Options

If you find that Medicare won't cover your lift chair or if you're looking for something less expensive, there are assistive products you can add to your current furniture like the Stander EZ Stand-N-Go (Stander.com, \$140), which has adjustable support handles that can be used on any sofa or recliner to help with sitting down and standing up.

Another way to make your furniture more accessible is by increasing its height with "furniture risers." These typically range from two to five inches in height and are inserted under the legs of your furniture. Costs range from a few dollars up to \$50 or more and can be purchased at retail stores like Walmart and Target, or online at Amazon-

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

The Called "ladybug" or "ladybeetle" in the United States, this garden favorite is Bug called glückskäfer in Austria, slunécko in Czechoslovakia,

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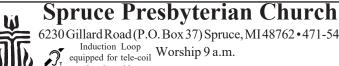
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Bearre wasn't sure how health benefits and the employer/employee cost would change but thought it would be much cheaper per person to insure 20 employees instead of just three which is what the Curtis Township Library employs.

The cons included that change is scary and becoming a district library is a long process of stages that require specialized legal counsel.

The district exploration committee includes a member of the Alcona County Library Board, Kerry Turner; a member of the Curtis Township Library Board, John Maus; Alcona County Commissioner Bill Thompson; and a resident of Curtis Township, Kevin Perry.

Perry agreed the Curtis Township Library has had a hard time finding qualified employees, especially in the role of a director, but he wasn't all that sure if moving to a district library would help the employee situation or not. He was, however, all in favor of exploring ways to keep the Curtis Library thriving.

Maus, who has been a member of the Curtis Township Library Board for about 10 years, said the Curtis Township Library is a huge asset to not only the township but all of Alcona County. "It's a beautiful building. My wife, Moira, and I took part in building it.

"Funding for museums and libraries is decreasing. We must compete for funding. Curtis Township Library use to be subsidized by grants such as community foundation and Besser grants which the director of the library would find. My wife used to be the director of the Curtis Library and I can tell you there is a lot more to that position than people realize.

"Combining and consolidating library services and resources could provide a future for all the libraries in the county. Statistics say four out of 10 people cannot read well enough to comprehend what they are reading. Our libraries provide a lot (to assist with literacy). In our community we see a lot of people using (the library) Wi-Fi, there is book distribution, video distribution, books on tape, and a lot of other unseen resources.

"As funding dwindles, we need to inform the public of

all the library offers. The better citizens are educated, the broader their view of the community, state, country and the world. Libraries help do that," Maus said.

According to Bearre, becoming a district library would give all branches including Curtis Township better continuity and could streamline operations. "A district library would be responsible for setting what millage they could ask residents to vote on. Currently, we must go through the county commissioners to do that.

"The county began charging us (the Alcona County Library) an appropriation fee last year of \$20,700 for payroll/accounting tasks. This year they raised the fee to \$25,000. As a district library, I feel we could get similar services performed at a much lower rate," Bearre said.

Additionally, Bearre said that despite rising costs, the Alcona County Library has been very diligent in maintaining a budget and its general fund has been steadily growing instead of declining.

Perry felt his presence on the district exploration committee will be to keep the Curtis Township Library vital without abusing the community. "Residents here are paying double for libraries.



Denise Bearre

There is a lot to look at here and it will be challenging," he said.

One of Perry's concerns was while the Curtis Township Library owns its building, Curtis Township owns the land it stands on. Maus said that was a secondary consideration because documentation would be included in the district agreement reverting the property to the township, should the library ever close its doors for good.

Curtis Township Supervisor, James (Mac) McCormick said the township board was approached by Bearre and Maus to explore going district and was voted through on a three to two vote of approval. "I voted yes because this is just to investigate the possibility. This is all in its preliminary stages. There are still a lot of questions that need to be answered before anything is decided," McCormick said.

Black bears are hungry in spring

It's that time of year. Black bears will leave their dens and become active soon. Though they'll primarily forage on green vegetation, bears will eat from bird feeders, outdoor pet foods and garbage cans, if available.

Taking simple steps now can keep bears safely at a distance and prevent conflicts this spring and summer, according to the Michigan Desite to learn more about native plants that birds love.

• Bring in outdoor pet foods and keep grills and patio furniture clean. Pet foods, outdoor grills and patio furniture offer a buffet of smells for bears, whose noses are highly effective at sniffing out snacks. In fact, they can smell 100 times better than hu-

• Secure garbage cans in-



Bird feeders attract bears, especially in the spring. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

partment of Natural Resources:

• Remove bird feeders or replace feeders with bird baths. Residents who live in the Upper Peninsula or northern Lower Peninsula, bird feeders can lead to problems for them and bears. Rather than leaving out a calorierich bird seed, swap out the feeder for a bird bath, nest box or bird perch.

Even better, add a few native plants to gardens that will attract birds year after year. Visit the Audubon web-

doors overnight; take them to the curb the morning of pickup. Bears and other wildlife can be more active under the veil of darkness.

Rather than leaving the garbage can outside overnight, store the garbage in a garage, basement or freezer until the morning when garbage is collected.

To learn more about being Bear SMART this spring, visit Michigan.gov/Wildlife or contact the DNR Wildlife Division at (517) 284-9453.



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Portraits

March 26, 1997 ~ By John Ristow and Kay Kniep

Joan Hartman started out as "the woman behind the man" and rapidly found herself the woman behind one of the largest arts and crafts shows in the state.

"Joan doesn't paint, or sculpt, or crochet or do any of that," a close friend said, "She just does everything else."

The art show in question, of course, is Harrisville's Labor Day Weekend show, an event which has grown from a handful of artists to more than 500 entrants in its 25 year history.

The man in question is Joan's husband Bruce, who began the show in the early 60s and continues to organize the event annually.

But it was Joan who computerized all the entrants, keeps track of who will be participating each year, and handles a million other details that keep the event, which now sprawls across both sides of M-72 each Labor Day, running smoothly.

"During the show," an Arts Council member said, "she's always there, and always handling the problem areas."

In her "spare time," Joan serves as deputy city clerk, bringing her cheerful greetings and computer skills to City Hall. "She doesn't have many hobbies," a friend said, "She devotes most of her time to the show and to the community."

And to her neighbors. The same friend tells a story illustrating Joan's devotion to her friends. "One evening," she

Men caught in storm have a tough time

March 23, 1922 ~ Messrs. Geo. W. Colwell, Alex Ferguson, Stewart Conklin, Robert Bryce, A. Silverthorn, S. B. Pizer and W. R. Barber, had rather a harrowing experience while returning home Monday evening from attending lodge in Lincoln. The storm was at its height at midnight when they started for home in two cars. They got along fairly well until they nearing Hiram were Galloway's, when they were stuck in the snow. From this time on their experience was sort of a nightmare, with teams hauling and passengers shoveling and pushing. One by one the passengers deserted until only three were left to bring the cars to town. Two walked home and two others sought refuge at houses along the way. Only one car came all the way home—Will Barber's driven by Sandy Ferguson, the owner having deserted early in the game. Sam Pizer's car was abandoned at Greenfield's hill and he and Stewart Conklin came home in the other car. They arrived about 5:30—five and a half hours on the way.

said, "Joan was taking some things off the clothesline. She happened to look at the house next door and noticed the older lady who lived there down on the floor on her knees.

"Bruce wasn't home, and she knew the neighbor was home alone, too. So she went running across the back yard, opened the neighbor's back door and yelled, 'It's okay! Stay there! I'm coming to help you!"

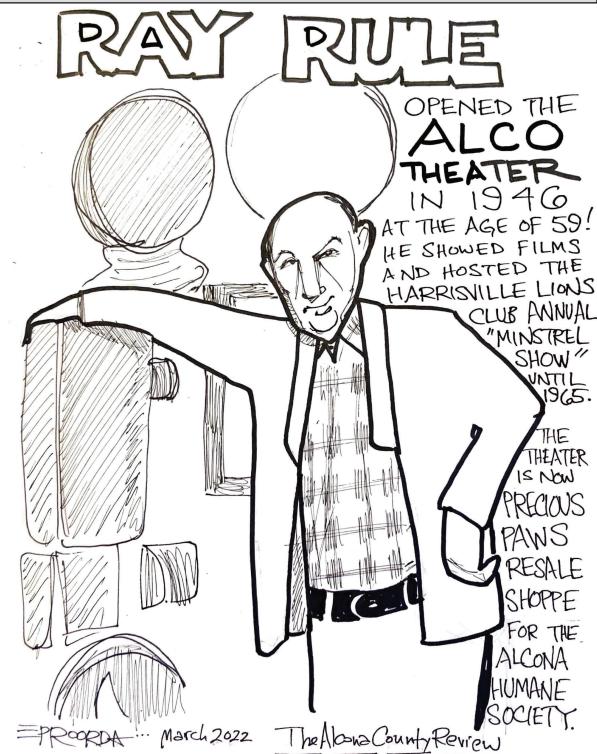
"She was real embarrassed to find that the neighbor was only saying her evening prayers."

Joan is a native of Harrisville and a graduate of the former Harrisville High School.

She and Bruce have two grown children, Tracy and Wade.

While she doesn't paint or sculpt, she is an artist in her own right, creating a tromp de oile portrait of a seemingly effortless carnival each August on the courthouse lawn. What one doesn't see, beneath the play of color and light, are the hours of effort and planning that create it. "In July and August," said a council member, "Joan and Bruce eat, sleep and breathe art show."

These past few months, Joan has had to face a sometimes rough road. With this Portrait, we thought in addition to thanks from her community, it might be good to tell her that we're all rooting for her.



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| Year/Season to Date | e 1.72 | 20.7 | 4.36 | | | | |

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.)



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Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



- GEOGRAPHY: In which U.S. state is the Devils Tower monument located?
- 2. LEGAL: Which U.S. Supreme Court justice served for the longest period of time?
- 3. TELEVISION: Which biker drama is set in the town of Charming, California?
- 4. WEATHER: What kind of natural disaster is caused by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption?
- 5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president founded the University of Virginia?
- **6. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a young hare called?

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bill

- 7. CHEMISTRY: Which two elements on the Periodic Table are liquid at room temperature?
- 8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features the characters Leopold and Molly Bloom?
- **9. ASTRONOMY:** What planet in our solar system is the farthest from the sun?

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10. MOVIES: Which movie portrays the beginnings of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg?

Answers: 1. Wyoming; 2. William O. Douglas (36 years); 3. "Sons of Anarchy"; 4. Tsunami; 5. Thomas Jefferson; 6. A leveret; 7. Bromine and Mercury; 8. "Ulysses" (James Joyce); 9. Neptune; 10. "The Social Network" (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

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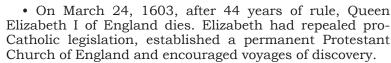
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• On March 21, 1871, journalist Henry Morton Stanley begins his famous search through Africa for the missing British explorer Dr. David Livingstone. When Stanley found him on Oct. 27, he stepped forward and stretched out his hand: "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

• On March 22, 1893, the first women's college basketball game is played at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Each made basket counted as one point with the game lasting two 15-minute halves. The game had been invented in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith, with rules for men and women the same.

• On March 27, 1912, in Washington, D.C., first lady Helen Taft and the Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, plant two Yoshina cherry trees on the northern bank of the Potomac River, near the Jefferson Memorial. The event was held in celebration of a gift, by the Japanese government, of 3,020 cherry trees to the U.S. government.

 On March 23, 1962, Pakistan's governor Ayub Khan gives first lady Jacqueline Kennedy a horse she nicknamed Black Jack. Jackie chose Black Jack to serve as the ceremonial riderless horse during Pres. John Kennedy's funeral.

• On March 26, 1950, ever on a witch hunt, Sen. Joseph McCarthy charges Johns Hopkins University Professor Owen Lattimore with being a top spy for the Soviet Union. Lattimore's career was ruined, even though no evidence ever surfaced to support the charges.

• On March 25, 1983, during filming of the television special "Motown 25," Diana Ross, formerly of the Supremes, shoves Mary Wilson out of the spotlight. It later had to be edited out. Smokey Robinson stepped in onstage to keep between the two warring Supremes.

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

• The shamrock, called the "seamroy" by the Celts, was considered a sacred plant that symbolized the arrival of spring. According to legend, St. Patrick used it as a visual guide when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 17th century, it had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism.

• There's a doughnut shop in Clare, Michigan, that's owned entirely by cops.

· A long-haired tortoiseshell cat named Towser holds the Guinness World Record for catching mice -- an estimated 28,899 in 24 years -- as the pest control expert at the Glenturret whiskey distillery in Scotland.

 Between 1912 and 1948, Olympic medals were given out for sporting-inspired masterpieces of architecture, music, painting, sculpture and literature.

 Subaru WRX owners are the most likely in the U.S. to have a prior speeding citation.

• The average energy expended during the ladies Wimbledon tennis final match adds up to 1.56kWh, which is enough power to keep an iPhone charged for a year.

 Hackers were prevented from stealing nearly \$1 billion after misspelling the word "foundation" as "fandation" on a payment transfer. However, they were still able to swipe roughly \$80 million before their typo tipped off the banks.

 Nineteen-year-old Shayla Wiggins, of Wyoming, found a man's corpse in a river while she was playing Pokemon Go.

• In 2014, South Korea produced an alternative version of their national anthem "Aegukga," which was two keys lower in order to make it easier for kids in school, especially boys going through puberty, to sing.

 When actor Dwayne Johnson was in high school, his height of 6-foot-4 and weight of 225 pounds had some of his classmates suspecting he was an undercover cop.

Thought for the Day: "One who knows how to show and to accept kindness will be a friend better than any possession.' -- Sophocles

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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: P equals S

XO IKKF QGMMGVBCY HYQYMGVYP GFXKPV QK BQVYMYPV KQ PKIBGF XYZBG. BV'P G QYCYM-VMYQZBQH PVKMO.

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Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated each year on March 17 in the United States, but collectors found few postcards, greeting cards or objects to collect before 1900. The first St. Patrick's Day parade is said to have taken place in 1601 in St. Augustine, Florida. But a major event is the New York City parade, which started in 1762.

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Roman Britain and kidnapped in the late fourth century, when he was 14 years old. He was taken to Ireland as a slave, but he escaped in 431 A.D. and converted the Irish to Christianity. Parties, dances, drinking and celebrations started about 1600, and the observance has grown into an important celebration not only in Ireland but also in the U.S.

There have been many symbols of the past celebrations to collect. The leprechaun is an important symbol. The mischievous, red-haired elf is usually pictured in a top hat, green jacket, tie and vest standing with a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. He represents the magic of fairies and the little people, and you are lucky if you find him and the gold.

Q: What are the symbols of St. Patrick's Day, besides the leprechaun with the bucket of gold?

A: The shamrock is the first plant of spring in Ireland and represents rebirth. By the 17th century, it was the emblem of Ireland. The Celtic harp is another important emblem: It appears on the presidential seal, passports, official documents and coins

A surprising number of symbols are food. Corned beef and cabbage are the traditional dinner. The corned beef is the leftover meat from the sailing ships. It was a cheap substitute for bacon bought by poor immigrants. Shepherd's pie and soda bread also were inexpensive substitutes. Today, we also get green bagels and green beer. Save anything

₩eterans ৠost By Greddy Groves

Top-secret ghost army: The stuff of legends It takes a certain kind of soldier to create

It takes a certain kind of soldier to create diversions on the spot, pretend to be a much larger unit than they are and believably impersonate others, but that's exactly what the top-secret Ghost Army did in World War II. Over 1,000 men, with their actions, saved the lives of an estimated 30,000 soldiers during the war.

Their deceptions were stuff of legend, with 1,000 men pretending to be over 20,000. The 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133rd Signal Service Company created make-believe headquarters, whole divisions and fake convoys, all with the purpose of deceiving the enemy about the size and location of Army units. Using recordings, they created the impression of large armored units and faked radio traffic, even copying the Morse code style of others. They used inflatable airplanes, rubber tanks, troops and jeeps that they'd pump up with air compressors, laid down fake tank tracks in the dirt and told tall tales in local cafes to spread false information to the enemy. They could turn on a dime, suddenly appearing miles closer than the enemy believed they were.

Now, years after the fact, they are finally being acknowledged and recognized. In February, the Congressional Gold Medal Act was signed, awarding the medal to both groups, after they were declassified in 1996.

To read more about the Ghost Army, go to the Ghost Army Legacy Project (www.ghostarmylegacyproject.org). Be sure to see the Archives for journals kept by the soldiers from those units, as well as the Secrecy and Leaks file. See ghostarmy.com for even more information. (Don't miss the pictures of all their gadgets and equipment.) Look for "The Ghost Army" documentary on PBS stations and on Netflix. It was first shown in 2013. Additionally, look for the future film that's to be directed by Ben Affleck.

At this writing, there are only nine surviving Ghost Army veterans, all of them nearly 100 years old.

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St. Patrick's Day memorabilia includes souvenir postcards like this one picturing a leprechaun. They can be found in every price range starting at 10 cents. *Photo Credit: Kovels*

that pictures or represents these things as well as the religious symbols of the day. More collectibles are being made, displayed and kept each year.

CURRENT PRICES

Postcard, St. Patrick's Day, The Top O' The Mornin' To You, leprechaun tipping his top hat, green overcoat, green-and-white-striped pants, embossed, divided back, Ellen Clapsaddle, International Art Publ. Co., printed in Germany, \$30.

Currier & Ives print, St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, holding staff and book, green ground with serpents, lithograph, hand-colored, c. 1835, 14 x 10 inches, \$170.

Decanter, Old Fitzgerald Whiskey, Sons of St. Patrick, Irish-American Signers of Declaration of Independence, bicentennial, 1776-1976, shamrock garlands, harp, eagle, ceramic, gold trim, crown finial, 4/5 qt., \$265.

Advertising sign, "Always the Right Temperature For Guinness Stout," tin over cardboard, button form, white, green border, set-in thermometer with red bezel, 1930s, 9 inches, \$330.

TIP: China can be washed in warm water with mild soap. The addition of a little ammonia to the water will add that extra sparkle.

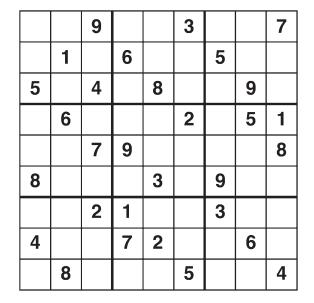
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by Linda Thistle



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Harrisville Harbor of Refuge Summer 2022 employment opportunity Position: Dockhand needed May-October approximately 32 hours per week. Compensation to be determined (based on experience). Requirements: Ability to interact with the public. Valid driver's license. Ability to work weekends and evenings. Mature and responsible personality. Responsibilities: Boat docking, facility cleaning, landscaping, vessel fueling operations, cash and credit card processing, general repairs and painting. Please submit resume to: Harrisville Harbormaster, P.O. Box 331, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 or harrisvlleharbormaster@gmail.com.

The Alcona County MSU Extension office is seeking a qualified applicant for a part-time (28 hours per week, starting rate \$15/hour) clerical position. A high school diploma is required. The position is hourly in accordance with the local bargaining unit. There is flexibility in creating a work schedule. Deadline for accepting application is April 7th at 3:00p.m. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Ian Sawyer, sawyeria@msu.edu, 989-275-7178.

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Northeast Michigan Community Health Authority (NeMCMHA) provides and manages public mental health services in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services annually requires the Community Health Board to conduct an assessment of the mental health needs of our community. As part of its ongoing planning process, the Authority will hold a Public Hearing to receive input and suggestions from the public and stake-

The hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2022 in the Board Room at NeMCMHA, 400 Johnson Street, Alpena, Michigan at 4 p.m.

In addition to public comment, written comment will be received through March 25, 2022. Please direct comments to Nena Sork, Director, NeMCmHA at 400 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49070 or e-mail comments to dhayka@nemcmh.org

MISCELLANEOUS

To all persons claiming an interest in 1990-18'6" — Starcraft-HTG1901-MPDN4307A090 Ronald Marcoux. Apply to SCDNR for title on watercraft/outboard motor. If you have any claim to the watercraft/outboard motor, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-3699. Upon thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest is made and the watercraft/outboard motor has not been reported stolen, SCDNR shall issue clear title. Case No. 20220210950093.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961. 1961 PA 236. MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m. on April 6, 2022. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this

Name of mortgagor(s): William J. Purcell. Name of mortgagee: Independent Bank. Mortgage date: August 28, 2006. Mortgage recording date: September 14, 2006. Mortgage recording information: Liber 435, Page 95-104. Amount claimed due on date of this notice: \$26.511.59. Interest rate on date of this notice: 4.75% variable The property to be sold is located in the Township of Alcona,

County of Alcona, Michigan and is described as: Commencing at the W 1/4 corner of fractional Section 21, T28N, R7E, Alcona Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence S $86^{\circ}13'14"$ E along the E and W 1/4 line of said Section, 3650.88 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 21°58'38" E 465.64 feet; thence along the S'ly line of Hardwood Point Subdivision, a plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats page 41 of Alcona County records, in the following two courses, S 51°32'35" E 671.20 feet and S 86°30'00" E 131.78 feet; thence along the W'ly right of way line of Mt. Maria Road, 64.17 feet along the arc of a curve to the right with a radius of 166.90 feet through a central angle of 22°01'51" having a chord which bears S 21°05'50" W 63.78 feet; thence N 8613'14" W along the E and W 1/4 line of said Section, 810.20 feet to the point of beginning, said parcel being a part of government Lot 3 of said fractional Section 21.

Street Address: 5133 Mt. Maria Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747. The redemption period will expire six months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this

Under MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier,

Dated: February 24, 2022 By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Independent Bank, 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box

Bay City, MI 48707 (989) 892-4574 3-2, 3-9, 3-16, 3-23

Foreclosure Notice

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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this informa-

Default has been made in the con-

ditions of a certain mortgage made by Wesley J. Stewert and Patricia C. Stewart, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, mortgagee, dated June 14, 2004, and recorded on June 23, 2004, in Liber 402, page 1,174, Alcona County Records. Said mortgage was assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC by an assignment of mortgage dated July 16, 2020 and recorded April 23, 2021 by Document Number: 202100001686, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty-six thousand eight hundred five and 81/100 (\$46,805.81) including interest at the rate of 3.50000 percent per annum.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 9 of South Harrisville Acres Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 98, Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 5425 E. Pine Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be six months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is dance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is one year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the

determined abandoned in accor-

mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the

sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: March 23, 2022 Randall S. Miller & Associates,

Attorneys for Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248)

335-9200 Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Case No. 22MI00104-1

3-23, 3-30, 4-6, 4-13

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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Mortgage: Mortgagor(s): Jamie M. Schott, single woman. Original mortgagee: Cason Home Loans. Date of mortgage: March 8, 2021. Recorded on March 11, 2021, in Document No. 202100000839. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Develophundred fifteen thousand four hundred forty-three and 04/100 dol-

Address:

lars (\$115,443.04). Mortgaged premises: Situated in Alcona County and described as: Parcel A: Part of Lots 37 and 38, Block A, Plat of Hubbard Lake Highway Sites, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 86 of Alcona County records, described as beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 37, Block A of said Hubbard Lake Highway Sites; thence along the north line of said Lot 37, south 83 degrees 30 minutes east 159.62 feet; thence south 5 degrees 37 minutes west 70.89 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the left (radius 60.00 feet, long chord bears south 31 degrees 35 minutes west 45.39 feet) a distance of 46.55 feet; thence north 80 degrees 38 minutes west 140.02 feet; thence along the west line of said Lot 37, north 5 degrees 37 minutes east 105.00 feet to the point of beginning.

And Parcel B: Part of Lots 37 and 38, Block A, plat of Hubbard Lake Highway Sites, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 86 of Alcona County records, described as beginning at a point distance aouth 5 degrees 37 minutes qest 105.00 feet from the northwest corner of Lot 37, Block ment Authority. Amount claimed A of said Hubbard Lake Highway to be due at the date hereof: One Sites; thence aouth 80 degrees 38 minutes wast 140.02 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the left 3-9, 3-16, 3-23, 3-30

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(radius 60.00 feet, long chord bears south 8 degrees 13 minutes east 36.25 feet) a distance of 36.83 feet; thence south 64 degrees 12 minutes west 173.89 feet; thence north 5 degrees 37 minutes east 135.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 119 W. Mount Maria Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority

Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr., Suite 300 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48335 (248) 539-7400 1456852

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Frank J. Vandruska and Kimberly Anne Vandruska, husband and wife. Original mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI. Foreclosing assignee (if any): Independent Bank FKA Independent Mortge Company FKA Independent Mortgage Company Central, MI. Date of mortgage: April 30, 2003. Date of mortgage recording: May 12, 2003. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$39.079.29.

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of

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Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 17 of Deerland Acres Subdivision No. 2, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2, of Plats at Page 61 of the Alcona County records. Common street address (if any): 4885 S. Healy Road, Glennie, Mich.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). 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.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: March 16, 2022

31440 Northwestern Hwy., Suite

Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334 (248) 642-2515

3-16, 3-23, 3-30, 4-6

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County **Notice to Creditors** Decedent's Estate Case No.

106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-9490 Estate of Beverly Jane Zorn, de-

Date of birth: July 24, 1934 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The dece-

ceased

dent. Beverly Jane Zorn, deceased, died August 14, 2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Douglas Zorn, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 23, 2022 Neal Nusholtz PLLC Neal Nusholtz, P30223 Attorney 2855 Coolidge Hwy., Suite 210 Troy, Mich. 48084 (248) 646-0123 Douglas Zorn Personal representative 68250 Lowe Park Road Lenox, Mich. 48050 (586) 634-3831

State of Michigan **Probate Court** Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate Case No. 22-6262-DE

106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740

(989) 724-9490 Estate of Betty Yates

Date of birth: November 13, 1922 To all creditors: Known and un-

known creditors Notice to creditors: the decedent, Betty Yates, died January 9, 2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the

estate will be forever barred unless presented to Nancy Wilson. personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 23, 2022 Jessica B. Blake, P79847 Attorney P.O. Box 7038 Huntington Woods, Mich. 48070 (313) 424-8685 Nancy Wilson Personal representative

2354 West Ave. 135th San Leandro, Calif. 94577 (510) 559-0018

Phone Number: Remit this form with payment to: Alcona County Review, P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, MI 48740