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Mikado Township Board terminates fire chief, again

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

It was a feeling of deja vous last week as once again Mikado Township Board terminated its fire chief.

The same chief that was terminated last month, but rescinded the termination because the township attorney advised the board it went about the process incorrectly.

The only difference at the February 13 township board meeting was that members of the board felt they had substantial reasons, along with a few letters from the public requesting Regina Waszkiewicz to resign.

Waszkiewicz refused to resign. After a closed session to discuss the matter, a motion was made to remove Waszkiewicz from her position as fire chief and reinstate Wayne Odell, who held the position of fire chief before Waszkiewicz was named chief in 2019.

The motion carried with an unusual two-to-one vote, as supervisor Mike Corn, who is married to Waszkiewicz, was recused from the closed session and the vote; and trustee Carrie Mullins requested to tender her resignation rather than vote. This left trustee Wayne Nedo and treasurer Ruth Travis voting yes and township clerk Leisa Sutton voting no.

During the meeting, before the termination, township attorney Keith Moir addressed the board reiterating his stance on keeping Waszkiewicz in her position.

Murmurs could be heard among the public who were attending the meeting, which filled the board room to capacity and beyond, that Moir sounded more like he was acting as Waszkiewicz's attorney and not the townships. Moir felt keeping Waszkiewicz in the position was a done deal and no more needed to be done or said about it.

As Moir seemingly went off script and began equating the actions of Waszkiewicz to a Monday morning quarterback saying they should have done better and equating the board as referees with a playbook they needed to follow, the public grew weary and began to complain loudly that they didn't agree with him.

Under new business, speaking as a citizen of Mi-

kado and not as a trustee, Mullins read the letters. One of the letters was signed by about 65 community members of both Mikado and Gustin townships, which Mikado contracts firefighting with.

The other letter was from a former Medical First Responder of Mikado Township who was unable to attend the meeting because he had to work.

The letter from the community sighted no confidence in Waszkiewicz and stated three detailed reasons for their request to have her resign. First, first, she did not follow through with the important task of receiving a department license for medical first responders causing the township to go without that service for nearly seven weeks.

Citizens felt there was a breach of contract with Gustin Township while Mikado was without medical first responder service, due to Waszkiewicz not following up with the state license. The error brought Mikado's Medical First Responder service to a stop for nearly seven weeks.

"It is understood that townships are not required to provide first responder services, however, Mikado Township voted on and agreed to provide these services and that is what the community expected and why they voted through a fire millage," Mullins said.

She sighted dates explaining once the state suspended the license on December 1, 2022, it took Waszkiewicz 15 days to submit the new paperwork, then another two weeks for medical control to sign off and the state to send out a vehicle inspector. Medical first responder service for the township was approved by the state on January 17 and reinstated that day.

"As the fire chief, Waskiewicz was responsible for the renewal of the license for the first responders and while we appreciate that she allegedly submitted paperwork on her end in July of 2022, it was admitted (by Waszkiewicz) that she did not follow up," Mullins read.

The second reason stated when Waszkiewicz took the



During the Mikado Township Board meeting held February 13 three members decide, in a two to one vote, to terminate its fire chief. (From left) Treasurer Ruth Travis, clerk Leisa Sutton, supervisor Mike Corn, trustee Carrie Mullins and trustee Wayne Nedo. Photo by Mary Weber.

Former ACCOA director will continue helping the region grow

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The former executive director of the Alcona County Commission on Aging who was instrumental in bringing numerous grants to the ACCOA has a new job working for Target Alpena.

"Lenny Avery has accepted the position of economic development coordinator and will begin working for Target Alpena, which is under the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce umbrella," said Adam Poll, president and chief executive officer of the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce.

As the executive director of the ACCOA, Avery obtained numerous grants including a \$12.5 million state grant geared for building a senior center/community hub, housing and amenities project.

Many in the community, including four members of what was a nine-member ACCOA board, found it shocking that with no evaluation of his work or merit, Avery was suspended by five board members last month. The four members resigned during the January board meeting citing the stress of a board in constant discord since last October was affecting their health, welfare and family life. The current ACCOA board that suspended Avery recently sent him a termination letter.

Poll explained he knew



Lenny Avery of Hubbard Lake has been hired by Target Alpena as its economic development coordinator. Courtesy photo.

Avery long before the ACCOA board drama and felt he was a great asset to northeast Michigan. "Avery has a lot of talent and we see him fitting in well with our future plans. He has the skill set we were looking for to expand our economic development services. A large portion of that involves grant writing. He has a proven track record to obtain grants. There are going to be lots of exciting things happening now that we have Lenny on board," Poll said.

Poll described Target Alpena as being the Alpena Chamber of Commerce's economic development arm with its specific job being the economic development of northeastern Michigan. "We get support from municipalities of the government as well as our (chamber) membership.

We are looking to bring in new businesses and help existing businesses to do well," he said.

Poll explained Avery's position is something Target Alpena identified a while ago which could use more resources than it had.

Poll felt its economic development director, Mike Mahler, was doing a great job, but he was stretched thin by how much he had to undertake. He said adding Avery's skills and forward-moving attitude would magnify the work effort already being done while bringing in new concepts, ideas and projects.

In a recent press release by Target Alpena announcing the hiring, Mahler explained Avery's role with Target Alpena will be critical in the future growth of northeast

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Obituaries

Guy T. Brockwell

Guy Thomas Brockwell, 63, of Black River passed away on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, at McClaren Hospital in Flint, Mich. He was born February 8, 1960, in Detroit, Mich. to Darrell and Luella (Forbing) Brockwell.

He loved cooking, grilling, baking, the Allman Brothers, hunting, fishing, and watching western movies. His all-time loves were Chevelles and his favorite pup, Junior.

Mr. Brockwell is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mary; three daughters, Liz (Mike) Glembocki, Lindsey (James) Brockwell and Frances Brockwell; four sons, Guy Tawas, James (Kayla) Brockwell, Earnest Brockwell, and Caleb Brockwell; his mother, Luella Brockwell; three sisters, Karen (Jim) Meadows, Julie (Tony) Pantazides and Denise (Randy) Talbot; two brothers, Darrell (Lois) Brockwell, and Anthony (Sue) Denise (Randy) Talbot; five grandchildren, Charlotte Glembocki, Lillian Glembocki, James Brockwell, Maxwell Glembocki, and Benjamin Brockwell; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Darrell Brockwell. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Children's Leukemia Foundation in Mr. Brockwell's name.

Services are to be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette Street, South Lyon, Mich. 48178.

Jess A. Walker

Jess A. Walker, 66, of Harrisville, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly February 8, 2023, at his home.

Born October 31, 1956, to Fred and Doris (London) Walker in Harrisville. He has been a lifelong resident of the area.

On April 19, 1975, he married Jeanette Mendyka.

Jess is survived by his wife, Jeanette; two sons, Matthew Walker and Michael (Stephanie) Walker; six grandchildren, Devon

Seymour, Amiyah Walker, Caden Walker, Brady Walker, Travis Walker, and Camille Walker; one brother, Dexter Walker; his mother-in-law, Martha Jean Mendyka; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and five siblings, Jeffery, Shelia, Mark, Tanya, and Lucille.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Per Jess' wishes, no services are planned.

Paid Obituary



Lowell T. Somers

Lowell Thomas Somers, 74, of Batesville, Ind., died on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at Margaret Mary Hospital.

He was born May 20, 1948, in Lincoln to Eugene and Lois (Doughty) Somers.

He served his country in the United States Marine Corps and fought in Vietnam.

Mr. Somers was heavily involved in the Ripley County 4-H. He was initially involved as a parent and, eventually, served on the board.

He enjoyed gardening as well.

Mr. Somers is survived by his wife, Nancy (Stokes) Somers; four sons, Brian (Kelly) Somers, Chris Somers, Jason (Rachel) Somers and Benjamin Somers; two daughters, Tami (Ralph) Magee and Rochelle (Joel) Eppley; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three siblings, Leo (Sharon) Somers, Mary (Mike) Caverly, and Kay (Glen) Lovelace.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Marjorie Wheeler and Carole Sheedlo; and two brothers-in-law, James Wheeler and Barry Sheedlo.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Twin Lakes Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be given to Ripley County 4-H by mailing to Meyers Funeral Home, P.O. Box 202, Batesville, Ind. 47006.

Michael D. Phinney

Michael David Phinney, 48, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023.

He was born March 19, 1974, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was raised in Alcona County.

On May 29, 2001, he married Heather Dunn in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mr. Phinney was a member of the Operating Engineers, Local 324.

He enjoyed race cars, hunting, and fishing. He loved off roading, riding motorcycles, and doing anything to make his girls happy. He was a member of the Lincoln Lions and Ossineke Eagles Club.

Mr. Phinney is survived by his wife, Heather Dunn Phinney; one daughter, Miranda "Sissy" Phinney; his parents, David and Ruth Phinney; one sister, Jodi (Nathen) Wier; one brother, Ryan Phinney; his father and mother-in-law, Harry and Nancy Dunn; one sister-in-law, Marnie (Kevin) Bradley; one niece, Peyton Wier; and two nephews, Lucas Wier and Clark Wier.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Howard and Marjorie Phinney; his aunt, Bonnie Phinney; and his niece, Mikayla Dunn Mahalak.



The funeral was held on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to a fund established for Mr. Phinney's daughter, Miranda.

Carol A. Franklin

Carol A. Franklin, 75, of Lincoln, died on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Midland, Mich.

She was born November 19, 1947, to Flossie (Ross) Kingsland in Bad Axe, Mich., where she was raised.

She graduated from Alcona High School, and attended Alpena Community College where she earned an associate of arts degree.

Mrs. Franklin was a devoted caregiver. She worked for Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health from 1986 until 2013.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Lincoln.

She enjoyed reading, knitting, and volunteering with the food bank. She loved watching her grandchildren play sports.

Mrs. Franklin is survived by three sons, Jeff Franklin of Oscoda, Brad Franklin of Lincoln and Kirk (Laura) Franklin of Oscoda; one

daughter, Vicki (Chris) Kersten of Bellevue, Mich.; four grandchildren, Nolan Kersten of West Point, N.Y., Owen Franklin of Midland, Mich., Alexandra Kersten of San Francisco, Calif., and Evan Franklin of Oscoda; four sisters, Mary Gedro of Caro, Mich., Julie Matuzak of Clinton Township, Mich., Bonnie (Larry) Gildea of Gobles, Mich., and Mendy Romero of Traverse City, Mich.; one brother, David (Carol) Kingsland of Greenbush; and nieces and nephews, Lydia (Andrew) Marvel, Iain Gildea, Brianna (Anthony) Menzel, Devon (Amy) Gildea, Allie Matuzak, Cole (Rose) Romero, Sam Romero, Wyatt Romero, and Frank (Nikki) Root.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Flossie; her dad, Bud (Edward) Matuzak; and three brothers, Frederick Kingsland III, Robert Kingsland and David Gedro.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 18 at the First Baptist Church in



Lincoln. The Rev. Arie Van Brenk officiated. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in Lincoln, or to the Alcona County Library, Lincoln branch.

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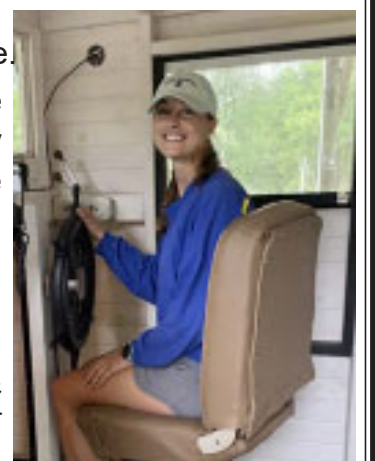
Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m.

Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road, Glennie. Cassandra Sadler, maritime archaeologist, will share the latest scientific discoveries from Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and discuss some of the shipwrecks along the Alcona County shoreline.

Light refreshments will be served.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free program.

This event is sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society, Alcona County Library and supported by the Michigan Arts & Culture Council, administered by Northeast Michigan Center for Fine Arts Inc. For more information, call 989-724-6796.



Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Children of all ages are invited to "Homeschoolers at the Library" for an educational activity at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 1 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for info.

The Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. 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 pickup and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3443 for more information.

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

There will be free classes for family searching from 1-3 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 411 Long Rapids Plaza, Alpena. Classes will be held for six weeks. This class is helpful for family historians, genealogists and beginners in family history. For more information, contact Sharon Young at (989) 657-3571 or Ella Purkiss at (989) 785-2785.

The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet at 6 p.m. at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena. The meeting agenda includes information about the proposed Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary and updates on the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary's education programs and general sanctuary updates. There will be public comment time at 7:45 p.m. For more information, contact jean.prevo@noaa.gov.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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 information.

TOPS 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado at 9:15 a.m. Weigh-in is at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For mor information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

Free accessible yoga classes provide gentle movement for joint freeing, muscle strengthening and stress reduction. Classes are at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center in Lincoln. For more information, call Liz at (989) 335-1777 or the Senior Center at (989) 736-8879.

Youth 13 and up are welcome to attend a "Movie &

Munchies" event at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. A movie with popcorn will be provided starting at 5 p.m.

Learn about the continuing archaeological research on the Alpena-Amberly Ridge under Lake Huron at the presentation by Dr. John O'Shea, curator of the Great Lakes archaeology at the University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology. His presentation will be held at 7 p.m. at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena. He will talk about how this discovery and continuing research has broadened the understanding of early hunters and the environment in which they lived.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

There is story-time and a craft activity for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

An all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner will be served from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 N. Second Street, Harrisville. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, drink and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children under age five. For more information, contact (989) 724-6734.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Teenagers and adults are invited to "Craftomania" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The project is Visible (boro style) mending. Participants are to bring one or two pieces of clothing that need repair (jeans are perfect). There is a \$3 charge for supplies. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

Maritime archaeologist Cassandra Sadler will share the latest scientific discoveries from Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary and discuss some of the shipwrecks along the Alcona County shoreline at the Curtis Township Library in Glennie at 1 p.m. This is the second in a series of "Cabin Fever" events sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society. Call (989) 735-2601 or (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income-based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used

clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Veterans are invited to join follow comrades for coffee and fellowship between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For more info., call (989) 724-9581.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Competitors and spectators are invited to Winter Havoc on Ice – a bump-n-run starting at 1 p.m. at the ARA Site (below the Alcona County Fairgrounds), in Lincoln. This is action-packed racing on the ice. Gate fee is \$10 and children 12 and under are free. For advanced track side parking, contact Ritchie Repair in Harrisville at (989) 724-3250. Other parking options available. For race details contact Bari at (989) 657-4600 or Kevin at (989) 335-0307.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

All veterans and spouses are welcome to attend a coffee get-together at Alcona High School auditorium lobby from 2 to 4 p.m. The Alcona National Honor Society will provide coffee, tea, sweets and games.



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Underwater Discoveries

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Michigan Birding 101

Michigan Sea Grant is offering four virtual classes for beginning birders. There is no cost, and it is open to

anyone interested in exploring this hobby. The classes will be held from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays starting March 7 with the last class on March 28. Registration is encouraged. Register at: bit.ly/MIBIRDS23 (type this into the browser and the website will guide participants through registration). For information, contact Elliot Nelson at elliotne@msu.edu or (906) 322-0353.

Professional Recognition

The Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA) has selected Timothy Lee, principal of Alcona Elementary School as Administrator of the Year.

The winning administrator, elementary school, middle school, high school, and college science teachers of the year were selected based on their modeling of best practices, inspiring their students, demonstrating innovative teaching strategies, being excellent role models for stu-



Tim Lee

dents and other teachers, demonstrating leadership, and exhibiting a passion for science and for teaching.

MSTA applauds the innovation and commitment Lee has shown to his students and to the teaching profession. The Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA) is the foremost leadership and advocacy group for science education in Michigan. MSTA partners with policymakers in business, industry, government, and the education community to provide Michigan teachers, students, and



Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) was awarded for its commitment to employee health and wellness by MyMichigan Health Foundation. (From left) Nancy Montie, chairman of MyMichigan Health Foundation Business Relations Committee; Ann Diamond, director of MyMichigan Health Foundation; Britnee Dault, HR specialist at AAACU, and Don Mills, CEO and president of AAACU. *Courtesy photo.*

parents with resources to promote thinking and reasoning skills in science. For more information, visit mstmich.org.

Health Leadership Award

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) was recently recognized for its commitment to employee health and wellness. Each year at the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, an area business or organization is recognized by MyMichigan Health Foundation's Business Relations Committee for its leadership in promoting positive lifestyle choices and offering innovative health programs to their employees.

"AAACU excelled in offering staff a wide variety of programming and incentives that are win-wins for both individual and personal health, and team productivity. This approach to health in the workplace is certainly supported by the Medical Center, and we are proud to recognize them with our annual Health Leadership Award," said Ann Diamond, development director, MyMichigan Health Foundation.

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union offers employees many of the basic health programs including flu shots, first aid and CPR training, and weight loss programs. Additionally, it provides other initiatives including an employee assistance program for their employees and family members, longevity incentives, fitness and weight management programs, emotional support services, and they promote a positive workplace environment with growth opportunities and a good work-life balance.

"AAACU is a well-deserved recipient of the 2023 Health Leadership Award. They offer relevant programs and initiatives to their staff, are an excellent community member and partner, and the exhibit a true example of community leadership. Their support of northeast Michigan not only includes financial support but their staff is actively involved in activities throughout their service area. We congratulate AAACU on the receipt of this award," Diamond said.

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 • Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
 • Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.



Tigers fall to Braves, ready for more action

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Tigers played well through the first quarter against the heavily favored Tawas Braves on February 14, but ultimately struggled as the night went on, falling 70-37.

In the first quarter of the away game, Alcona got three treys from Garrett Somers. Hayden Johnston knocked one down from deep as well and had five points in the frame, as Tawas led just 20-

19 after one.

Alcona struggled in the second quarter, and got just one field-goal by Somers. They also had three free throws, which allowed Tawas to pull ahead 38-24 at the half.

The third quarter saw DJ Howe hit for four points and Jacob Renschenski also had a field-goal, though Tawas still had control of things entering the fourth quarter with a 55-30 advantage.

Somers finish with 11

points. Howe put in nine points. Logan Zuchowski had four points. Ryken Wallenmaier added three. Jacob Renschenski, Evan Borsvold and Hayden Johnston had two apiece and Sam Johnston added one.

Alcona (8-8 overall, 5-2 NSL Big Dipper) heads to the Charlton Heston Academy on Thursday, Feb. 23; hosts Fairview on Friday, Feb. 24 and hosts the Charlton Heston Academy on Monday, Feb. 27.

Alcona girls come up short in NSL crossover game at Hillman

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team kept things close with host Hillman on Monday, Feb. 13. They weren't able to get the upper hand in the North Star League crossover game, however, and lost the contest 47-39.

"This was a tough loss for us," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "We did not play as well as we have been. Hillman is very good team and we didn't adjust well to their quickness. We kind of got away from what we are built on; we didn't rebound well and gave them too many possessions.

"To our credit, we came back a couple of times and stayed in the game but they got the best of us in the fourth. We will learn what we can from this and move on," he said.

Hillman held small leads after each quarter break, 11-9 after one; 22-20 at the half; and 30-27 entering the fourth.

Carmen Dellar led the way with 10 points. Kelsey Hansen, Jena Wambold and Emma Travis scored eight points apiece.

Alcona (12-6 overall, 6-2 NSL Big Dipper) heads to Grayling Thursday, Feb. 23 to wrap up the regular season.

Alcona also opens Division 3 district action in Oscoda on Wednesday, Feb. 22 playing in a semifinal game against Tawas. Oscoda, Charlton Heston and Roscommon are also taking part in the district competition.

With wins over the Charlton Heston Academy and Mio the Lady Tigers will win a share of the NSL Big Dipper with Oscoda and Rogers City.

Sheldon's season ends at regionals

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona wrestling team sent Jesse Sheldon to a Division 4 individual regional meet at Charlevoix on Saturday, Feb. 18. Sheldon battled hard, but lost both matches.

Sheldon, competing in the 190 weight class opened with a match against Connor Dalton of Gwinn. He lost that match on a pin late in the first period.

In his next bout, he went against Paul Frayer of Pine River. He lost this match as well, in a late first period pin. Sheldon finishes the season with 21 wins.

Bowling scores

Last weekend the Alcona varsity bowling team finished its season with conference matches.

Rylee Manning placed second in the Team All Conference (based on average.)



Rylee Manning

In the girls singles (four-game series): high game (total pin count) Morgan Munsey, 170 (549); Rylee Manning, 153 (516); Danica Manning, 152 (515); Jerzey Brown, 134 (485); Makayla Prince, 120 (443).

In the boys singles (four-game series): high game (total pin count) Jacob June, 202 (681); Logan Bates, 152 (552); Daniel June, 150 (535); Vincent Nardi, 150 (523); Robert Napier, 105 (391).

Regional competition will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR MIKADO TOWNSHIP

Mikado Civic Center
2291 S. F-41 Mikado, MI 48745

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, to examine the Assessment Roll.

No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

Public protest will be heard at the Mikado Civic Center Tuesday, March 14 1:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15 1:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Protest may be filed in writing and must be received at the physical or electronic address by March 14th
2836 E. McNeil Rd., Lincoln, MI 48742
mikadotwpassessor@gmail.com

Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department

	RATIO	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	42.78	1.16877
COMMERCIAL	48.68	1.02711
INDUSTRIAL	N/A	N/A
RESIDENTIAL	41.42	1.20714
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7 days notice. Contact Mike Corn at 989-335-8569
Nancy Schwickert
Mikado Township Assessor

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Michigan. Avery will provide grant research and support, focus on helping existing companies through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation retention program and work to facilitate and organize the newly formed Alpena housing task force."

Additionally, Mahler said Avery was familiar with the housing challenges the regional area faces and that he had the tools available to assist in addressing those challenges. "Lenny brings a comprehensive skillset and relevant experience to the role enabling him to add value rapidly," Mahler said.

Avery, a resident of Hubbard Lake, said he was excited to work with people that were excited to work with him.

He maintained he did nothing wrong to merit the suspension and subsequent termination by the ACCOA. "I worked very hard for ACCOA. I will work for the betterment of this region, even for Alcona County, if the county chooses to work with Target Alpena as it looks to grow. I will be a man of integrity and not hold anything against them. I will continue to work hard for the community.

"Before I came to ACCOA there was fraud. It was barely making ends meet. I brought it financial stability and growth with innovative ways to help the community and earn income through its non-emergency medical transpor-

tation program and other programs which helped the seniors and the community. I will continue helping northeast Michigan with positive moves forward.

"I do not agree with my termination nor the reasoning behind it. I did my job and the county is blessed by my efforts. There would not be \$12.5 million to debate over if it had not been for my hard work... With the election of the new board, the county's trajectory changed. Only time will tell if they made a good decision," Avery said.

Avery said that although the state grant came with restrictions such as including a multigenerational atmosphere, housing and amenities, it would still be utilized mostly by and for the seniors who make up the largest population in the county.

Target Alpena Development Corporation is a corporation located in Alpena whose mission is to promote the social and general welfare of Alpena and Presque Isle counties. It had continued to manage and support a revolving loan fund and a micro-revolving loan fund providing low-interest loans for small businesses. It also developed an industrial park and supported community projects in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce Downtown Development.

PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP HALL 5037 Campbell Rd., Greenbush, MI 48738

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, to examine the Assessment Roll.

No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

Public protest will be heard at the Mikado Civic Center Monday, March 13 1:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 16 1:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Protest may be filed in writing and must be received at the physical or electronic address by March 13th
2836 E. McNeil Rd., Lincoln, MI 48742
greenbushtwpassessor@gmail.com

Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department

	RATIO	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	44.14	1.13275
COMMERCIAL	43.96	1.13739
INDUSTRIAL	42.13	1.18680
RESIDENTIAL	41.24	1.21241
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

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Lee Major
Greenbush Township Supervisor

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BUDGET HEARING

The Caledonia Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2023 to 2024 at the Caledonia Township Hall located at 6461 Gillard Rd in Spruce, Mi on March 8, 2023 at 6:30pm. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at www.caledoniatwp.net or at the Caledonia Township Hall for viewing by contacting the supervisor at 989 335 3018. The Township's regular monthly hearing will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Request for Sealed Bids Cedar Lake Improvement Board

The Cedar Lake Improvement Board (CLIB) is requesting separate, sealed, & qualified bids for the following services at Cedar Lake in Alcona & Iosco Counties in northeast Michigan:

1. AQUATIC PLANT HERBICIDE TREATMENTS ON CEDAR LAKE
2. PROFESSIONAL LIMNOLOGISTS TO PROVIDE LAKE & AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON CEDAR LAKE
3. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES ON CEDAR LAKE

Proposal instructions, bidder qualifications, scope of work, specifications, and bid submittal forms available only by email. Use email address rvaughn@tir.com to request the bid documents, Subject Line: CLIB Request for Bids. Clearly state what bid package is requested (1, 2, or 3).

Bids to be received by US Mail only no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, March 17, 2023. Separate mailing addresses noted in each bid package. Bid opening date March 20, 2023 at CLIB Public Meeting at the Alcona County Building.

Please submit all technical and scope of work questions by email to the CLIB at the email address noted above, or by phone at 810-516-6686.

CLIB reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities in bids, and to accept bid believed to be the most advantageous to the CLIB and the public.

Public Hearing Notice Public Hearing Notice Curtis Township Zoning Amendments

The Curtis Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm to recommend adoption of Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 and 2 of 2023, ordinances to amend the Zoning Ordinance, and Ordinance 3 of 2023 - blight ordinance, to the Township Board. The public hearing will be held at the Glennie Methodist Church at 3170 M-65, Glennie, Michigan. The full text of the amending ordinance is available at <https://curtistownship.com/> or by calling Kevin Perry at (586) 201-0757. Written comments may be sent to Kevin Perry 3407 Algonquin Trail Glennie, MI 48737 prior to the meeting. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel.

The ordinances are summarized as follows:

Ordinance 1 of 2023 – Amend Section 2.01 to add definitions related to solar energy. Amend Section 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, 5.04, 5.06, 5.07, and 5.08 to add Solar Energy Panels (Accessory) as a permitted use to each district. Amend Section 5.04, 5.05 and 5.08 to add Principal Use (Large) Solar Energy Systems and Principal Use (Small) Solar Energy Systems as a special use to the Industrial, Agricultural, and Forest Recreation Districts. Amend Article 8.3 to add standards for solar energy.

Ordinance 2 of 2023 – Amend Section 2.01 to add a definition for... Amend Section 5.01 to add Short Term... permitted use in the Single-Family... Amend Article 8.3 to add standard... Property.

Ordinance 3 of 2023 – Ordinance to regulate the storage of junk... within Curtis Township and to p... except under certain conditions and... for violation. Ordinance include... definitions, and regulations pertain...

Multiple resignations occur after termination of Mikado fire chief

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

During a special meeting held Friday, Feb. 17, the Mikado Township supervisor and clerk resigned from office as well as five members of the Mikado fire department.

Supervisor Mike Corn and clerk Leisa Sutton felt the treatment to terminate fire chief Regina Waszkiewicz at the February 13 meeting was unjust and officially submitted their resignations during the special meeting.

Both resignations were accepted by the remaining board members.

Additionally, even though township trustee Carrie Mullins decided to tender her resignation at the February 13 meeting, she had a change of heart and decided to continue as trustee. Since her resignation was never formally submitted or accepted, she remains on the Mikado Township Board.

It was during the February 13 meeting that Sutton was

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position of fire chief in 2019 the fire department had 19 fire/Medical First Responders working for Mikado and under her management, that number had dwindled to six, not counting Waszkiewicz, her husband, Mike Corn, her two sons, Kyle and Ethan Good and her father, Stanley Waszkiewicz.

In regard to the letter sighting an issue with the resignation of multiple firefighters/first responders, Mullins explained that the board had spoken with several who had resigned and all of them pointed to Waszkiewicz's lack of managerial skills as the reason they left Mikado Township fire department.

The third reason was they felt Waszkiewicz had too much on her plate. "Not only does she wear the hat of fire chief, but she is also the zoning administrator, ordinance officer and she runs her own lawncare business and holds the contract for mowing, plowing and maintaining the various Mikado Township properties. She is also a first responder with Mikado and other townships. While we appreciate her dedication, that is a lot," Mullins read.

Additionally, Mullins said Waszkiewicz was a valued member of the community who was born, raised, attended school and stayed in the county. "You cannot deny her love for this community and we want her to stay on in other capacities, but no one person can do it all," Mullins said.

Once the vote was taken a brief discussion was held by the board about how to go about moving township meetings from the first Monday to the first Tuesday of the month to avoid the conflict with Monday night bingo held at the hall.

Before adjourning the meeting, Sutton and Corn said they would be resigning,

the only no-vote out of three voting members not to terminate Waszkiewicz. Sutton voiced then that the removal of Waszkiewicz as the fire chief was "disgraceful and disgusting" and that she could not work with a board that runs on rumors. "This is my name and my reputation and I will not have that," Sutton said.

Kathy Steiner resigned from her role as deputy clerk which is something automatically done in townships when the clerk resigns.

Corn, who is married to Waszkiewicz, said near the end of the February 13 meeting that Waszkiewicz's reputation was being hurt. "I do believe there will be a court case brought against the township," Corn said.

During the special meeting, Corn also resigned from the Mikado fire department as a medical first responder/firefighter. Waszkiewicz made it clear that she did not resign as Mikado fire chief and that she was terminated from that role, but she was resigning from the Mikado fire department as a first responder/firefighter.

Corn read that Waszkiewicz's, two sons, Kyle and Ethan Good and Waszkiewicz's father, Stanley, were also resigning from the Mikado fire department.

In addition, Waszkiewicz resigned as Mikado Township zoning administrator, ordi-

nance enforcement officer and gave her 14-day notice to the township that her lawn maintenance company would no longer be doing the snow plowing or grass cutting for the township properties.

All resignations and the 14-day notice were accepted by the board.

After the meeting, trustee Wayne Nedo said another special meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. to install new officers. He said that Mary Harmon will be sworn in as supervisor, Deb Odell will be sworn in as clerk and Wayne Odell will be sworn in as the new township fire chief. Nedo and Mullins will remain as trustees and Ruth Travis will remain as township treasurer.

"The special meeting for the 20th has been posted on the door and is on the Mikado Township Facebook page. We want complete transparency," Nedo said. Nedo explained that a second special meeting may need to take place, probably on Wednesday, Feb. 22 and that will be posted on the door and Facebook page as soon as it has been decided on.

A budget meeting, which was planned before the resignations, will still take place on February 25, at 9 a.m.

All Mikado Township Board meetings take place at the Mikado Civic Center at 2291 S. F-41 in Mikado. Public is welcome to attend.

Heiligs celebrate 67th anniversary

James and Phyllis (Whitman) Heilig are celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary. They were married at The Church of God in Flint, Mich. on February 11, 1956. They lived in Flint, Mich. for a while and then moved to Curtisville where several members of James' family lives.

They moved to Florida for a short time and traveled the states on motorcycles with their friends from the Glennie area. They moved back to Curtisville to be close to relatives until 2019 when they moved to Nevada to retire.

They have one daughter, Marie Hagan; four sons, Jeffrey Heilig, Jerry Heilig, Gary Heilig and James F. Heilig, who passed away in September 2020; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren



Phyllis and James Heilig

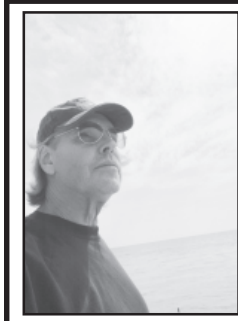
I forgot my password

By Terry Roorda

In 1967 I forgot the combination to the padlock on my high school gym locker. I spaced it out completely and stood at my locker sweaty and bewildered and just trying out number combinations that seemed familiar, all to no avail.

That incident is now widely regarded as the most extreme example of early-onset Senioritis ever observed. It was the first time I ever forgot a passcode of any kind, but it sure as hell wouldn't be the last and the predicament was remedied in short order by a surly school janitor with a pair of bolt cutters. Those were simpler times.

Flash forward to the dawn of personal computers and the Internet and the explosive proliferation of alphanumeric passwords it brought with it, such that it was recently determined that the average Internet user has over 100 personal passwords, and most everyone is now in a state of what has been termed "password chaos." It's also referred to variously as "password fatigue," "password burnout," "password paralysis," and "password clinical depression," which is the one I have, and people wonder why I drink heavily.



A VIEW FROM LAKE STREET

By Terry Roorda

alphabetized list on my computer and printed it out, erased the file on my computer since you're not supposed to keep them there where they can be hacked, and then put it in a secret hiding place away from prying eyes and dog bowls.

It was so secret I forgot where it was, and laboriously reconstructed and printed out another copy. This copy I put in my small personal lead-lined fireproof lockbox, which I put in a new secret hiding place, and you can see where this is going.

When the lockbox turned up at last, I took the precaution of purchasing a cheap burner cell phone and placing it therein so that in the event of future misplacement I could just ring it up, and that system worked really good at least until I tried to use it and discovered that the burner phone got no bars

would just create one universal password for all my sites, and settled on "Password@123" only to be informed that my new password was "weak." (These people don't even know me, but they feel comfortable with insulting my password.)

And then on top of all that you're often required to provide answers to some secret questions like "What was the name of your first pet?" or "What was your mother's maiden name?" or "How many wives have you buried?" or "How many of them were dead?" (I always get that one wrong).

The last step in the process is stupidly confirming that "I'm not a robot" which should be self-evident since were I a robot I would have hacked my way through this mess a long time ago. I swallowed my pride and confirmed the obvious. And, hallelujah, I had a spanking new universal password.

But I wasn't happy. That crack about my password being weak was starting to gnaw at me, and I grumbled and undertook the whole process again with a really powerful universal password this time, and it's this: I4gotmy&#%@ingpassword! Sound it out. And hand me the &#%@ing bolt cutters...



I am not an animal either; I am a man...

That 100 figure strikes me as low; I have personally forgotten or lost more than that, not that I didn't diligently scribble every username and password that came along on a sheet of yellow legal pad paper that I kept securely stored under a magnetic Hello Kitty on the door of the fridge. It was a bulletproof system until, at least, I brushed up against the door and knocked the yellow sheet into the dog's water.

I realized then that I needed a more respectable system, so after laboriously reconstructing my list by various means, I typed up a neat

in the lead-lined fireproof lockbox, duh.

In order to even start the process of reconstructing your password list you're required to first ignominiously confess that "I lost my password," and then to follow a procedure that involves text messages to your cell phone to prove you're you, and then to create a new password according to the website's own protocol that usually calls for using a combination of upper and lowercase letters, some numbers, and often a "special character" like %, &, \$, @, or #, so in the interest of simplifying my life I figured I



"The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get."
— Tim Russert

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NOTICE

The Alcona Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 22-23 at the Alcona Township Hall at 5576 US-23 on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 during the regular monthly meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. **The proposed tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection on-line at alconatownship.com or you can contact Clerk LaLonde at 471-2948 for a copy.

Millen Township Budget Hearing Notice

Millen Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 fiscal year budget on March 6 at 6:45 p.m. at the Millen Township Hall, located at 671 Sanborn Rd., Barton City. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** Comments may include those submitted by email to clerk@millentownship.com. A copy of the proposed budget will be available after February 28 for public inspection at the Township Hall by appointment with the Millen Twp. Clerk.

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New sea lamprey trap on East Branch AuGres River protects Huron fishery

A \$1.67 million permanent sea lamprey trap on the East Branch AuGres River in Iosco County has been completed, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District and Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC).

The completion of this project represents a long-standing partnership between Army Corps and GLFC to control invasive sea lampreys and protect the \$7 billion Great Lakes fishery.

Sea lampreys, parasitic fish that suck blood from other fish (e.g., lake trout and Pacific salmon), invaded the Great Lakes through shipping canals and devastated Great Lakes fisheries in the mid-1900s. Each sea lamprey can kill up to 40 pounds of fish per year, according to Steve Check, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District project manager.

lampreys are most vulnerable to capture as they move from lakes into tributaries to spawn, the control program relies on physical barriers to block their upstream migration during the spring, thereby reducing the population. Specially designed traps are built into or placed immediately downstream of sea lamprey barriers to remove the spawning sea lampreys from the system and support assessment efforts of the control program.

"Historically, portable assessment traps were operated in the East Branch AuGres River, however the capture rate was quite low," Check said. "The new permanent trap was purposefully constructed to create higher water flows at the entrance to attract sea lampreys, which we expect to result in much higher catch rates."

tion Program, which is carried out by the Army Corps in partnership with the GLFC. Through the program, state, federal, and tribal representatives solicit, develop, and prioritize projects for construction by Army Corps.

Projects eligible under the GLFER authority include those that involve aquatic and terrestrial habitat restoration that promote the natural reproduction and stability of fish communities, as well as those that aid in the control of the introduction or spread of invasive species in the Great Lakes.

The contractor, Great Lakes Dock and Material, LLC., based in Muskegon, Mich., began construction on the project in November 2022. The Army Corps approved the completion of the project on January 24, 2023, with plans to have the contractor return

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This permanent \$1.67 million sea lamprey trap was completed on January 24. The project represents a long-standing partnership between U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District and Great Lakes Fishery Commission to control invasive sea lampreys and protect the \$7 billion Great Lakes fishery from the parasitic fish species. *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Photo by Adam Virga.*

An estimated 4,500 sea lampreys enter Lake Huron from the East Branch AuGres River each year. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission coordinates the sea lamprey control program that has reduced populations in the Great Lakes by about 90 percent since they first invaded, saving nearly 100 million pounds of fish each year.

Check explained, since sea

"We use every tool we can do keep the population of sea lampreys in check," said GLFC Chair Jim McKane. "Traps not only remove sea lampreys from the system before they can spawn, but also provide a critical way to assess the adult population and gauge the success of the sea lamprey control program."

"The East Branch AuGres River is one of nearly 60 tributaries trapped as part of the control program's network and we look forward to seeing this new trap in operation this spring. We appreciate the support from Congressman Jack Bergman and Michigan Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters for their work to protect and improve the Great Lakes."

"The new East Branch AuGres trap will ultimately serve as a model for similar trap construction projects in the future. It is a low-cost, versatile design that will only require minor adjustments to work in other systems and the maintenance requirements are relatively minor," Check said.

The project was funded under the Great Lakes Fishery and Ecosystem Restora-

tion Program, which is carried out by the Army Corps in partnership with the GLFC.

Additional federal funding for the project was made possible by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources provided the property for the trap, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will oversee maintenance of the structure.

The Detroit District provides vital public engineering services in peace and war to secure the United States, protect the environment, energize the economy, and reduce risks from natural disasters. The GLFER Program is the Army Corps' primary program for Great Lakes aquatic ecosystem restoration.

Visit <https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Home/Great-Lakes-Fishery-Ecosystem-Restoration-Program/> for more information.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is an international organization that has the responsibility to support fisheries research, control the invasive sea lamprey, and facilitate cross-border management. Visit glfc.org to learn more.

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Educators struggle with affordable housing

By Morgan Womack
Capital News Service

Amber Groenke holds three jobs. While she's an education assistant at West Ottawa High School, she also works at an Ulta Beauty store and as a DoorDash driver.

Last summer, she was homeless.

Housing prices in Holland, Mich. were too high compared to her \$15.50-an-hour pay as an education assistant. While searching for housing, she commuted back and forth to work from her parents' house — an hour and a half drive from the high school.

"I definitely do not get paid what I'm worth," Groenke said.

She tried resources like Michigan 211, The Salvation Army and more. However, she said housing waitlists ranged from one to two years long.

Groenke has since settled into a place in Holland with roommates, but said she struggles to fit in with the community.

She isn't the only educator who's wrestled with the challenges of affording housing in the area.

It's such a problem that the Holland Educational Foundation created an initiative to assist struggling public school teachers in the Holland Public School District.

Called Teachers Live Here, the program will give \$25,000 to 10 teachers annually, with the money earmarked for their down payment on housing. This is the first year of

the program.

Holland Public Schools Superintendent Nick Cassidy said an anonymous donor is funding the initiative for a minimum of seven years. He said he hopes assistance from other donors will keep the program alive.

Lillian Snoeyink, who teaches first grade at Holland Language Academy, was the first to win a grant. Cassidy said since Snoeyink received the award, she found a house in Holland and is working through the process to close on the deal.

"Any public school who's struggling with retaining teachers and teachers struggling to afford houses in their district would benefit from something like this for sure," Cassidy said. "Anything we can do to recruit the best and retain good teachers is going to help a community."

Paula Herbart, the president of the Michigan Education Association, said incentives like Holland's help alleviate the high cost of living in some Michigan communities.

She said it's crucial for students in areas like Holland to have connections with their teachers who live in the same community as them.

The West Ottawa district where Groenke works doesn't have a similar initiative. While Groenke said she likes the idea of Teachers Live Here, she doesn't trust the long-term feasibility of the program because the money comes from a private donor.

"I come from a background

of poverty, where I didn't have a good start to life financially," Groenke said. "It's hard relying on others to have that backing."

To feel stable in her community, Groenke said teaching as a career has to change statewide so teachers are paid and valued more. "Unfortunately, there's not a lot I can do about it except advocate for it," Groenke said.

"On the flip side of that, I'm thankful for my job and my insurance and my co-workers. It makes it a great place to work. There just needs to be some sort of change and more value in it," she said.

West Ottawa High School biology teacher Samantha DeBoer commutes from Rockford, Mich. every day, a drive she said can take up to two hours each way. She stays after school to coach lacrosse and doesn't get home until after 6 p.m.

DeBoer lives with her parents while she saves for a house. As a first-year teacher, she makes \$41,000. She said if West Ottawa were to have a program like the one for Holland teachers, she would "hands-down move to Holland."

"If I were able to move closer, it would take that strain off," DeBoer said. "I could put more time into my own mental health or making lesson plans for my students or going the extra mile (for teaching) where I'm not spending that time driving."

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Haynes Township will hold its annual budget meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at the Haynes Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Road. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.** Regular meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

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Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	8	Traffic/Traffic Stop	29
Prop. Damage Accident	6	Warrant Arrest	2
Animal/Dog/Dog Bite	6	Miscellaneous	3
Patrol Check	2	Well Being Check	3
Suspicious Event	2	Malicious Destr. of Prop.	2
Drive While Lic. Suspend	2	Drunk and Disorderly	1
Juvenile	1	Threats/Harassment	3
Child Abuse	1	Trespass	3
Vehicle ID Inspection	1	Suicidal Subject	1
Domestic	2	Alarm	3
Suicide	1	Civil	3

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Alcona	4	Caledonia	6	Curtis	6
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Hawes	5	Haynes	6	Mikado	4
Millen	5	Mitchell	4		
Harrisville City	10	Village of Lincoln	12		

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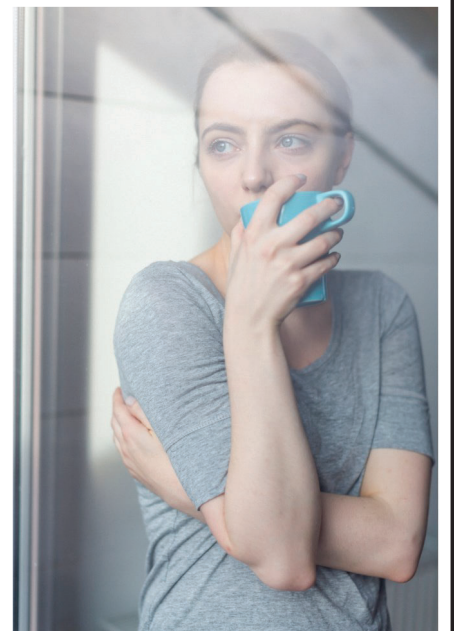
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HAYNES TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR BIDS

Haynes Township is requesting bids for spring clean-up and lawn mowing at Mt. Joy Cemetery. Bids are due by April 1, 2023 and are to be mailed to: Cemetery Sexton, 3271 N. US 23, Harrisville, MI 48740. Bids will be opened and read publicly at the April 5, 2023 Township Board Meeting.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Harrisville Planning Commission is holding a Public Hearing to adopt their proposed Master Plan on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the city offices: 200 N. Fifth Street, Harrisville, MI 48740. The Master Plan can be accessed at: <https://harrisvillemi.org/planning/> or can be viewed at the Harrisville City Offices. For more information call: 989-724-6666.

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Income guidelines for filing taxes, working while receiving Social Security

Dear Savvy Senior,
What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for retirees this tax season? My income dropped way down when I retired in 2022, so I'm wondering if I need to even file a tax return this year.
Recently Retired



Savvy Senior

Dear Recently,
Whether or not you are required to file a federal income tax return this year will depend on how much you earned last year, as well as the source of the income, your age and 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 2022 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 over, you will.

- Single: \$12,950 (\$14,700 if you're 65 or older by January 2022).
- Married filing jointly: \$25,900 (\$27,300 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$28,700 if you're both over 65).
- Married filing separately: \$5 at any age.
- Head of household: \$19,400 (\$21,150 if 65 or older).
- Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child: \$25,900 (\$27,300 if 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 "1040 and 1040-SR Instructions for Tax Year 2022," or you can see it online at

[IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1040gi.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1040gi.pdf).

Check Here Too

Be aware that there are other financial situations that can require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirements. For example, if you earned more than \$400 from self-employment in 2022, 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 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 tax-exempt interest exceeds \$25,000, or \$32,000 if you're married and filing jointly.

To figure all this out, the IRS offers an online tax tool 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 [IRS.gov/Help/ITA](https://www.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.

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](https://www.taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies).

Tax Preparation Help

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can free file through the IRS at [IRS.gov/FreeFile](https://www.irs.gov/FreeFile) if your 2022 adjusted gross income was below \$73,000.

Or, if you need some help, contact the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TCE provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call (800) 906-9887 or visit [IRS.treasury.gov/freetaxprep](https://www.irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep) to locate services near you.

You can also get tax preparation assistance through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide service. Call (888) 227-7669 or visit [AARP.org/findtaxhelp](https://www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp) for more information. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.

Dear Savvy Senior,
I started drawing my Social Security retirement benefits back in 2021 when I was forced to retire early, but I'm

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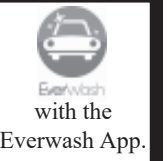
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now interested going back to work part-time. Will this affect my benefits, and if so, how much?

Back to Work

Dear Back,

You can collect Social Security retirement benefits and work at the same time but depending on how old you are and how much you earn, some or all of your benefits could be temporarily withheld. Here's how it works.

SSA Earning Rules

Social Security says that if you're under your full retirement age and are collecting

benefits, then you can earn up to \$21,240 in 2023 without jeopardizing any of your Social Security if you don't reach your full retirement age this year. But if you earn more than the \$21,240 limit, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over that amount.

Full retirement age is 66 for those born between 1943 and 1954, but it rises in two-month increments every birth year to age 67 for those born in 1960 and later. You can find your full retirement age at [SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/ageincrease.html](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/ageincrease.html).

In the year you reach your

full retirement age, a less stringent rule applies. If that happens in 2023, you can earn up to \$56,520 from January to the month of your birthday with no penalty. But if you earn more than \$56,520 during that time, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$3 over that limit. And once your birthday passes, you can earn any amount by working without your benefits being reduced at all.

Wages, bonuses, commissions, and vacation pay all count toward the income limits, but pensions, annuities, investment earnings, interest, capital gains and govern-

ment or military retirement benefits do not. To figure out how much your specific earnings will affect your benefits, see the Social Security Retirement Earnings Test Calculator at [SSA.gov/OACT/COLA/REffect.html](https://www.ssa.gov/OACT/COLA/REffect.html).

It's also important to know that if you do lose some or all of your Social Security benefits because of the earning limits, they aren't lost forever. When you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be recalculated to a higher amount to make up for what was withheld.

For more information on how working can affect your

Social Security benefits see [SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/whileworking.html](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/whileworking.html).

Be Mindful of Taxes Too

In addition to the Social Security rules, you need to factor in Uncle Sam too. Because working increases your income, it might make your Social Security benefits taxable.

Here's how it works. If the sum of your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest, and half of your Social Security benefits is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for individuals (\$32,000 and \$44,000 for couples), you have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. Above \$34,000 (\$44,000 for couples), you could pay on up to 85 percent, which is the highest portion of Social Security that is taxable. About a third of all people who get Social Security have to pay income taxes on their benefits.

For information, call the IRS at (800) 829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits," or you can see it online at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf).

In addition to the federal government, 12 states—Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia—tax Social Security benefits to some extent too. If you live in one of these states, you'll need to check with your state tax agency for details.

(Send your senior questions to: *Savvy Senior*, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](https://www.SavvySenior.org).)

Buggy Rides

Harrisville attorney is ABWA Woman of the Year

February 25, 1998 ~ Harrisville lawyer Laura Frawley has been named as the Northeast Sunrise Chapter American Business Woman's Association Woman of the Year.

The Northeast Sunrise Chapter of ABWA gives the award each year and Frawley was presented with a plaque on Feb. 10 at the Tawas City Holiday Inn.

"I was pleasantly surprised" Frawley said. "I really didn't expect it. It's nice to have your efforts recognized," Frawley has been a member of ABWA since January 1997 and is the program chairperson. She moved to Harrisville in December 1992 from Livingston County where she

was the senior trial attorney for the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office and taught at Cooley Law School, Frawley worked at the Office of Public Advocacy in Harrisville until 1995 and opened her private law firm in November 1995. Her office is located in downtown Harrisville.

In 1996 Frawley ran for 86th District Judge. She is active in the Harvest Christian Fellowship Church as the music director and youth group leader. She is the vice president and secretary of the Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce and was the program director during the planning phase of Strong Family Safe Children.

Fire engine attracts many at Detroit show

February 26, 1948 ~ Harrisville's Little Red Fire Engine is home again.

Back in its familiar spot at the intersection of US-23 and M-72, it has been to Detroit and back and made a host of new friends for Alcona County as its official representative at the Mid-West Sports and Boat Show which closed Sunday.

Sponsored by the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce, "Booth 87" received its fair share of the 102,597 paid patrons who visited the show, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Chamberlin, Chamber secretary who had charge of the booth.

Every item of literature depicting Alcona's tourist lures which went to the show was distributed and by the closing day, booth personnel was reduced to oral "sales talks" supplemented by the large five-by-six-foot county map which provided background for the exhibit.

The fire engine drew widespread attention, according to volunteers who assisted Mrs. Chamberlin through the week.

Included were Mrs. Margaret Slater, Mrs. Howard Kiehn and various members of the board of directors who contributed a day or two of their time to the show.

Transportation of the fire engine was arranged by Jensen and Healy, Sunoco dealers in Harrisville.

62 snowmobile entries in Lincoln Lions Rally

February 22, 1973 ~ The Lincoln Lions Club 5th. Annual Snowmobile Rally was a complete success last Sunday.

Approximately 700 fans' were present and a total of 62 machines were entered in the

races as compared to 34 last year. This year the races were held on Lincoln Lake.

The following is a list of winners and the make of machines they drove:

Junior Boys & Girls— "A" - Dick Karsen Jr., Polaris; Chuck Waltor, Polaris; Tom Somers, Polaris. "B" - Dick Karsen Jr., Polaris; Kim Scully, Arctic Cat; Joe Mahalak, Rupp.

Stock— "B" - R B. Clark, Polaris; Al Scully, Arctic Cat; Jack Goodwin, Arctic Cat. "C"

- Leroy Somers, Arctic Cat; Randy Scully, Arctic Cat; Joe Higgison, Arctic Cat. "D" - Leroy Somers, Rupp; Frank Ravitz, Massey Ferguson; Daniel Daoust, Arctic Cat.

Junk Class— Dave James, Ski Doo; Glenn MacNeill, Ski Doo; George Loyer, Rupp; Fred Darling, Polaris; Felix Mendyka, Ski Doo; Gary Gansen.

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Mod— "BB" - Bob Aube, Ski Doo; Randy Scully, Arctic Cat.

CC - Leroy Travis, Ski Doo; Bucky Knight, Arctic Cat; Robert Lee, Ski Doo. "DD" - Randy Scully, Arctic Cat; Dave Aube, Skiroule; Phil Potter, Moto Ski.

His & Hers— "C" - Dorothy Robere and Leroy LaLonde. Columbia; Ted and Jane Ranger, Arctic Cat.

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Answers

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** Which cable TV series features a character named Don Draper?
2. **MOVIES:** What subject does Professor Minerva McGonagall teach at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
3. **HISTORY:** Where was civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated?
4. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president had a sign on his desk that read, "The Buck Stops Here"?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the world's largest desert?
6. **LITERATURE:** What is the real name of the author Lemony Snicket?
7. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is the fruit that gives the liqueur creme de cassis its flavor?
8. **MUSIC:** What inspired the Beatles' song "Blackbird"?
9. **CELEBRITIES:** What is singer/actress Judy Garland's birth name?
10. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What are squirrels' nests called?

Answers: 1. "Mad Men."; 2. Transfiguration.; 3. Memphis, Tennessee.; 4. Harry Truman.; 5. Antarctica.; 6. Daniel Handler.; 7. Black currants.; 8. Civil rights unrest in Little Rock, Arkansas, according to Paul McCartney.; 9. Frances Ethel Gumm.; 10. Dreys © 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On March 7, 161 A.D., Marcus Aurelius became emperor of Rome at the age of 39, after the death of his predecessor, Antoninus Pius, and after patiently waiting more than 20 years to assume that role. He was extremely popular, and his reign would later be recalled as a "golden age."
 - On March 9, 1562, kissing in public was banned in Naples, Italy, and actually punishable by death, but not for reasons of morality. Rather, it was part of an effort to halt the spread of a plague throughout Europe. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the legislation failed to achieve its goal.
 - On March 8, 1941, Hugh Mulcahy, a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, gained national attention when he became the first major league baseball player to be drafted into the Army. He continued to pitch during his service, which lasted for four years, before he returned to his old team.
 - On March 6, 1986, American painter Georgia O'Keeffe, whose work included large-format paintings of natural forms, especially flowers and bones, died at age 98. She had continued painting, with the help of assistants, into her last years, even though nearly blind from macular degeneration.
 - On March 10, 1988, Prince Charles narrowly escaped death from an avalanche while skiing at a Swiss resort. Sadly, though he managed to help dig out the body of his friend Major Hugh Lindsay, a former aid to the Queen, Lindsay was declared dead on arrival at a local hospital. Diana, Princess of Wales, and Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, had accompanied Prince Charles on the trip but were not skiing when the avalanche occurred.
 - On March 10, 2015, a copyright infringement suit filed against Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke led to a record payout of \$7.3 million to the family of Marvin Gaye. Williams and Thicke had copied from Gaye's 1977 hit "Got to Give It Up."
 - On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak was a pandemic, citing more than 118,000 cases of the coronavirus illness in over 110 countries and territories around the world.
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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Four-string guitar</p> <p>5 Bits of land in el agua</p> <p>10 Luca Brasi in "The Godfather," e.g.</p> <p>16 Soft infant food</p> <p>19 Life — know it</p> <p>20 New Mexico or Colorado county</p> <p>21 Useless</p> <p>22 Division of history</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>26 Mantra syllables</p> <p>27 Old-time cleaning cake</p> <p>28 Tennis' Safin</p> <p>29 Not skilled in at all</p> <p>31 Heavy weight</p> <p>32 All — sudden</p> <p>35 Spoken</p> <p>37 French movie theater</p> <p>38 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>44 President Biden</p> <p>45 Speaks</p> <p>46 Singer Turner</p> <p>47 Tell el — (Nile excavation site)</p> | <p>50 It fills la mer</p> <p>51 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>57 Becomes familiar with anew</p> <p>59 Per-unit price</p> <p>60 Mortise insertion</p> <p>61 Ambulance VIPs</p> <p>62 Decorative dashboard finish</p> <p>66 Chain in biology</p> <p>67 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>73 China's Chou En- —</p> <p>74 Like many soda bottles, volume-wise</p> <p>75 Purposely ignore</p> <p>76 Book of charts</p> <p>79 IRS form IDs</p> <p>80 "— is a virtue"</p> <p>84 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>87 In honor of</p> <p>89 Small river</p> <p>90 — -mutuel betting</p> <p>91 Oxygen-requiring bacterium</p> <p>93 Start for center or Pen</p> <p>94 End of the riddle</p> | <p>102 Square yardage, e.g.</p> <p>103 Instant replay option</p> <p>104 Expressive rock genre</p> <p>105 — Leppard (rock band)</p> <p>106 Mythical man-goats</p> <p>109 "In the red," e.g.</p> <p>111 Division of history</p> <p>115 Concorde, e.g., in brief</p> <p>116 Riddle's answer</p> <p>120 Grassland</p> <p>121 Henner of "Taxi"</p> <p>122 — Island (Providence's state)</p> <p>123 Old TV's — May Clampett</p> <p>124 Work unit</p> <p>125 Workout wear</p> <p>126 Planted</p> <p>127 Some deli loaves</p> | <p>6 Leave for a short time</p> <p>7 Spy novelist Deighton</p> <p>8 Exhibit works</p> <p>9 "... or — told"</p> <p>10 Drag racer</p> <p>11 New York home of Cornell</p> <p>12 Relative of a stickpin</p> <p>13 Raging crowd</p> <p>14 PDQ's cousin</p> <p>15 Emperor after Claudius I</p> <p>16 City on the Illinois River</p> <p>17 Ralph Lauren competitor</p> <p>18 Pale hue</p> <p>24 Actress Skye</p> <p>25 Main parts of churches</p> <p>30 Fuel rating</p> <p>33 Galas</p> <p>34 On the Red, e.g.</p> <p>36 Former senator Trent</p> <p>38 Open slightly</p> <p>39 City in Alaska</p> <p>40 Four-piece band</p> <p>41 Writer Capote, to pals</p> <p>42 Org. in many spy novels</p> <p>43 Make a ski mask, maybe</p> | <p>48 Lagoon surrounder</p> <p>49 Christen</p> <p>51 Core group</p> <p>52 Frisky swimmer</p> <p>53 Uncool sort</p> <p>54 About</p> <p>55 Lower-class, to Brits</p> <p>56 Growl threateningly</p> <p>58 Warning initials above</p> <p>59 Emperor after link</p> <p>59 Hair bases</p> <p>62 Actress Kate of "Grey's Anatomy"</p> <p>63 Of sheep</p> <p>64 "Casablanca" woman</p> <p>65 Prized buy for a coin collector</p> <p>67 Nail on a paw</p> <p>68 Pledge</p> <p>69 Brand of sneakers</p> <p>70 Didn't win</p> <p>71 Hang it up</p> <p>72 App that asks "Where to?"</p> <p>77 Frolicking</p> <p>78 Move back and forth</p> <p>80 Open tourney, often</p> | <p>81 Necessarily</p> <p>82 Sleeveless cloak</p> <p>83 Arabian chief</p> <p>85 Pooch noise</p> <p>86 Misters</p> <p>87 Agent's cut</p> <p>88 "... there — square"</p> <p>91 Something hilarious</p> <p>92 Fabric with raised designs</p> <p>94 Grapple with, slangily</p> <p>95 Slate clearer</p> <p>96 Attachment to a dog or cat collar</p> <p>97 "House" actress Wilde</p> <p>98 Old-time Ford</p> <p>99 NASA countdown term</p> <p>100 Ferber of fiction</p> <p>101 — regions (Hades)</p> <p>107 Crater edges</p> <p>108 Novelist Irwin</p> <p>110 Corp. VIPs</p> <p>112 Squeezed (out)</p> <p>113 Be in power</p> <p>114 Jubilant cries</p> <p>117 Exist</p> <p>118 "So that's your trick!"</p> <p>119 Wrecker's job</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- In 2015, a study found that having more than 10 trees on their block made folks feel as healthy as if they were seven years younger or made an additional \$10,000 a year.
 - The medical term for ice cream headache is sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia. Now you know why we call it an ice cream headache or brain freeze.
 - In the NHL, if both the goalie and backup goalie are unable to play, the team can substitute any available goalie who isn't bound by a professional contract with another team. To date, such replacements have included an accountant, a facilities manager and an equipment manager.
 - A course called The Science of Batman was offered at the University of Victoria in Canada in 2016, with the design of examining "how the human body can be adapted and improved based on the metaphor of the caped crusader himself."
 - The ant-eating assassin bug piles its victims onto its body to scare predators.
 - In 1829, some Victorians were gripped with pteridomania, or "fern fever," and began eagerly collecting the plants after botanist George Loddiges spread the (quite unsubstantiated) claim that they could not only improve mood, but increase both intelligence and virility.
 - Ever heard that old claim that watching scary movies will help you burn calories because they get your heart racing? Sorry, but the "study" that produced this finding was meant more for publicity than to be taken seriously. You're more likely to burn the same amount just by lounging on your sofa ... and watching something like, say, "Bambi."
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Thought for the Day: "Action speaks louder than words but not nearly as often." -- Mark Twain
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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: **R** equals **W**

RVFZ YVHFIA REGDN YHEYAHDX
 NAIUHKJA JEZV NES CEEN FWN
 ZVA UEIZ EC F JGI HKNA?
 SHAXVEGWN CFHA.

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BOARD OF REVIEW

Caledonia Township, Alcona County
 2023 March Board of Review Times and Dates
Place: Caledonia Township Hall,
 6461 Gillard Rd Spruce, MI 48762
Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 11:30 am
Appeals Meeting: Monday, March 13th, 2023 at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Appeals Meeting: Thursday, March 16th, 2023 at 9 am. to 3 p.m.
Supervisor – Cyndy Aspey
 Non-Residents are able to protest by letter, provided the letter is received prior to March 7, 2023 Petitions by phone, fax of electronic device will not be heard. Mail Letters to:
 Caledonia Township Assessor
 P.O. Box 517
 Hillman, MI 49746
 In compliance with Sec. 211.34A of the general property tax law of the State of Michigan the following are the tentative ratio and tentative multipliers to be applied to the assessed values of each class of property in Caledonia Township, Alcona County, to achieve equalized values for 2023

Caledonia Township 2023	RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	43.94	1.13792
Commercial	48.07	1.04015
Industrial	46.37	1.07828
Residential	41.84	1.19503
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Developmental	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Cyndy Aspey (989) 335-3018 8/15 thru 3/1

2023 Board of Review Notice
Millen Township
 Barton City FOE 4141, 671 N Sanborn Road
 Barton City, MI 48705
 The Millen Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the Barton City FOE, 671 N Sanborn Road on the following dates:
 March 14, 2023 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 March 18, 2023 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
 Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2023
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	49.93	1.00000
Residential	49.97	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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Curtis Township
Board of Review Notice
 The Curtis Township March Board of Review will meet on Monday, March 13, 2023 from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. & Friday, March 17, 2023 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for the purpose of hearing protests of assessments, taxable value, property classification, or qualified agricultural exemptions. The organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 2 p.m. No protests are allowed at the organizational meeting.
 The appeal meetings for: Curtis Township will be held at: Curtis Twp Fire Hall at 5019 Bamfield Rd, Glennie, MI. Written appeals must be received by March 9, 2023. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. Please call 989-734-3555 to schedule an appointment.
 The tentative equalization ratios and multiplier for Curtis Township are as follows:
 Agricultural Real Ratio 0.4417 ; Agricultural Real Multiplier: 1.13199;
 Commercial Real Ratio: 0.4592 ; Commercial Real Multiplier: 1.08885;
 Industrial Real Ratio: 0.3944 ; Industrial Real Multiplier: 1.26775;
 Residential Real Ratio: 0.4018 ; Residential Real Multiplier: 1.24440 ;
 Timber Cut Over Real Ratio: NA ; Timber Cut Over Real Multiplier: NA ;
 Developmental Real Ratio/Multiplier: NA ; Personal Property Ratio: 0.5000 ; Personal Property Multiplier: 1.00000
 2/22 thru 3/8

2023 Board of Review Notice
Alcona Township
5576 N. US-23 Black River, Mich. 48721
 The Alcona Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River, on the following dates: Monday March 13, 2023– 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; Tuesday March 14, 2023 – 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 3 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents can protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2023
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:
 Agriculture 47.64 1.04954
 Commercial 44.93 1.11284
 Industrial 39.02 1.28139
 Residential 44.11 1.13353
 Personal Property 50.00 1.00000
Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice The township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days' notice.
 Contact Sarah Gohl, Assessor (989) 464-5557 or alconatownshipassessor@yahoo.com

2023 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE
Harrisville Township
114 S. Poor Farm Road
Harrisville, MI 48740
 The Harrisville Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Road on the following dates:
 March 14, 2023 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 March 16, 2023 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2023.
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

Commercial	49.94	1.00000
Industrial	49.92	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Carla Brimm at 989-848-2401. 2/15 thru 3/1

2023 Board of Review Notice
City of Harrisville
City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street
Harrisville, MI 48740
 The City of Harrisville Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street on the following dates:
 March 14, 2023 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 March 16, 2023 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2023.
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

Commercial	49.98	1.00000
Industrial	49.89	1.00000
Residential	49.98	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Barbara Pierce at City Clerk's Office, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mon - Friday at 989-724-6666. 2/15 thru 3/1

PUBLIC NOTICE
2023 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW
HAYNES TOWNSHIP
3930 E McNeil Road, Lincoln, MI 48742
 An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7th at 1:pm to allow the Board of Review members to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be heard at this time.
 Public Protests will be heard at the Haynes Township Hall
 Monday, March 13th from 9:am to 5:pm
 And Tuesday, March 14th from 5:pm to 9:pm
 Protests may be filed in writing by letter or electronic address. They must be received by March 13th, 2023, Protests must include a signed Form #618 L-4035 Petition to the Board of Review. Forms can be requested or downloaded from Michigan.gov
 Mail to: 4478 M 32 W Alpena MI 49707
 Email to: haynes.twp.assessor@gmail.com
 Appearing below are the recommended Tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Agricultural	42.68	1.17151
Commercial	47.76	1.04690
Industrial	N/A	N/A
Residential	39.88	1.25376
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Developmental	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The Township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7 day notice.
 Contact the assessor at (989)464-5557 Sarah Gohl Haynes Township Assessor
 2/20 thru 3/6

2023 Board of Review Notice
Hawes Township
VFW Post 8135, 2120 Trask Lake Road
Barton City, MI 48705
 The Hawes Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the VFW Post, 2120 Trask Lake Road on the following dates:
 March 13, 2023 3 - 9 p.m.
 March 17, 2023 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2023.
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

Agricultural	49.73	1.00000
Commercial	49.91	1.00000
Industrial	49.82	1.00000
Residential	49.59	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Rodney Cordes at 989-736-8460. 2/15 thru 3/1

2023 Board of Review Notice
Mitchell Township
6849 W Tower Road, Curran, MI 48728
 The Mitchell Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 Tower Road on the following dates:
 March 13, 2023 9 - 12:00 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.
 March 15, 2023 2. - 5 p.m. & 6 - 9 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2023.
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	49.94	1.00000
Industrial	49.92	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
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MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR GUSTIN TOWNSHIP
GUSTIN TOWNSHIP HALL
113 S. SECOND ST. LINCOLN MI 48742
 Monday, March 13, at 1:30-7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday March 14, at 1:30-7:00 p.m.
 Written Protests should be mailed to P.O. Box 25, Lincoln MI 48742. no later than March 8, 2023.
 An organizational meeting will be held on March 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the township hall to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios as provided by the Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Agricultural	44.76	1.11707
Commercial	45.61	1.09625
Industrial	43.79	1.14181
Residential	41.97	1.19133
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

If Covid is a problem please consult our website for more information
Americans with Disabilities (ADA) notice
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Veteran's Post

By Freddy Graves

A 48-year theft

Forty-eight years is a long time to pull off a scam, but one woman managed to keep it going for that long. The crime: forging her mother's signature on the back of checks for widows' benefits ... for 48 years.

During all those years she continued to send in fraudulent paperwork while impersonating her mother -- who died in 1973 -- and continued to collect the money. Her excuse, when finally caught, was that her abusive husband told her to keep cashing the checks. She divorced him and was then out from under his control, yet she continued to cash the checks.

Yes, when her mother died she had to take in and raise her younger siblings, so it's possibly understandable that she assumed she could take the money that had been meant for her mother. But eventually those children grew up and were no longer minors living at home.

In the middle of the decades-long theft, she filed for bankruptcy and claimed she had no income, even though she was receiving the Department of Veterans Affairs benefits checks all along.

She'll need to repay the \$416,000 that she stole (not likely to happen), but there's no jail sentence, only a year of home confinement, because the perp in this case is now 76 years old.

Why, inquiring minds want to know, does the VA not demand proof of life or some type of verification about where the money is going when benefits are paid year after year, decade after decade?

Surely someone could have done the math. If the mother was X years old when she started collecting the widow benefits, what were the odds she was still living 20 years, 30 years or 40 years later? Couldn't someone have asked for verification? Or gone to the door? Just receiving handwritten forms over the years doesn't seem like much of an effort to safeguard the funds that are sent out.

That \$416,000 (that they'll likely never see again) is a lot of money.

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Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Lucite

It's essential for designers to stay on the cutting edge of fashion, which often means finding innovative uses for new materials. Lucite, a clear acrylic resin made by DuPont, was available for commercial use by 1937. By the 1960s, it was used in furniture. Designers often added accents made of smooth, reflective materials like chrome or brass or upholstered their pieces with bright, colorful fabric.

Another way to decorate Lucite pieces involved enclosing decorations, such as flowers, in the resin. The clear, shiny material made designs -- and the rooms they furnished -- look lighter. Some Lucite pieces were made in unusual shapes and styles. Others were more conventional, like this mid-century steamer trunk, which sold at New Orleans Auction Galleries for \$531. This may have an advantage over typical wooden or leather trunks: The clear material means you don't have to open it to see what's inside!

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Q: What is the difference between cut glass and pressed glass? Which is more valuable?

A: Cut glass is an ancient technique that was revived in Europe in the 1500s. Cut and engraved designs added luster to the glass and helped hide flaws like bubbles. Mold-blown glass used easier and cheaper techniques to imitate cut glass. The mechanical glass press was invented in the 1820s, making production even simpler and less expensive. To tell the difference between cut glass and pressed glass, remember the three Ls: look, lift and listen. Cut glass designs have sharp edges, so they sparkle more than pressed glass, which has rounded edges. When you pick up a cut glass item, it will feel heavier than a similar piece of pressed glass. Tap your finger against a piece of cut glass and it will ring with more clarity than pressed glass. Cut glass is usually more expensive than pressed glass, but current prices vary from under \$20 to thousands of dollars. Cut glass with a signature or famous manufacturer like Baccarat or Waterford tends to sell for higher prices. Embellishments such as silver mounts or colored glass can further increase the price.

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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 information: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary A. Wood and Elizabeth S. Wood, husband and wife, whose address is 5352 Anderson Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762, as original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., being a mortgage dated November 17, 2003, and recorded on January 22, 2004, in Liber 396 page 212, Alcona County records, State of Michigan. Said mortgage is now held through mesne assignments by Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-F, mortgage-backed securities, series 2021-F, by U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated July 12, 2022, and recorded on August 2, 2022, in Liber Page, Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of

seventy-one thousand four hundred one and 30/100 dollars (\$71,401.30).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Alcona, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and are described as: The southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 20, Town 28 North, Range 8 East. Street address: 5352 Anderson Road, Spruce, Michigan 48762. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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 and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

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.

Dated: February 22, 2023

For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing:

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ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's February 13 board budget workshop meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. Present: LaLonde, MacNeill, Gauthier, Bolanowski, and Bouchard.

Motions to approve February 6 special meeting and closed session minutes; to pay bills as presented; to approve fire department proposed budget; to increase mileage rate to .62; to approve final draft of budget. All motions passed.

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Michigan experiences spike in calls to mental health hotline

By Jaden Beard
Capital News Service

The state is experiencing a surge in calls to 988, its mental crisis hotline, a trend that's been occurring since it launched in July, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Marianne Huff, president and CEO of the Mental Health Association in Michigan, said the growing number of calls for help are an ongoing result of the pandemic – particularly affecting adolescents and young adults.

The association conducted a series of screenings from 2019-21 to identify potential mental health conditions. Huff said the young people and children who were screened scored at higher, more severe levels than other age groups who underwent screening.

According to the association, 30 percent of the participants screening 2022 were experiencing symptoms of depression, 19.4 percent were experiencing symptoms of bipolar disorder and 18.28 percent were experiencing symptoms of anxiety.

“COVID was traumatic because of the fact that we didn't know anything about this virus. We kept getting all kinds of information,” Huff said. “We didn't understand the mechanics of this virus superwell. There was no vaccine. So, everybody was in a state of fear. And then you add the fact that people lost their jobs,” she said. “There was social isolation.”

“I remember hearing a lot of people talking about having elderly family members in the hospital dying. They couldn't even see their loved

one who was dying.”

Huff said the pandemic exposed problems with access to mental health services. “We've always had issues with the ability of individuals to access mental health services across the country,” she said. “But the pandemic underscored the shortage of mental health care professions in Michigan and other states.”

The association is working to make mental health services more accessible, as well as providing education and training on related topics.

Associate psychology professor Tiffany Abrego of Wayne State University said that another possible reason for the spike in hotline calls is that people are becoming more comfortable reaching out for help.

“There is still a lot of stigma around seeking mental health

services, but I think it's getting a little bit better in terms of people asking for help more frequently,” she said.

When people ask for more help, more people are needed to provide services, Abrego said. “However, there are fewer people available to provide services in Michigan, she said, as a lot of mental health providers have been leaving their practices “because of the influx and the severity of mental health issues.”

Huff said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer wants to ensure the state has enough social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists and psychologists.

“That's one of the big problems too, that we have a shortage of mental health professionals” she said.

Whitmer's office announced in January that Michigan plans on expanding access to mental health services throughout the state.

Poetry Corner

A Michigan Native

By Carrie Filipiak

The great lakes run through my veins, it gives me life. We were conceived and born floating. The most natural feeling.

We are cradled in the greats.

The foghorns song whispers to my inner child you're safe and home.

The weather cools. The horizon is a blaze of orange, red and yellow. The leaves fall and giveaway for, the winter, to come every year to wash the land of burdens and sin.

Things, slow for reflection, to let go of the old, and start fresh for spring.

The birds return, creating a hum across the land and lakes. Spring is here, and a Michigan summer is coming.

Winter Wonderful

By Judy Sutherland

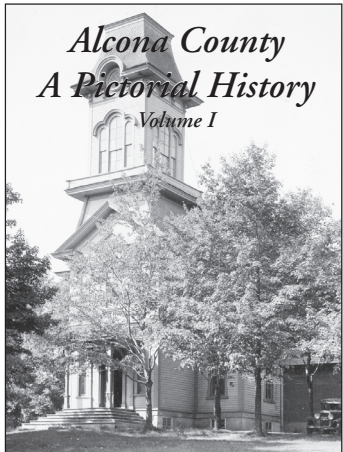
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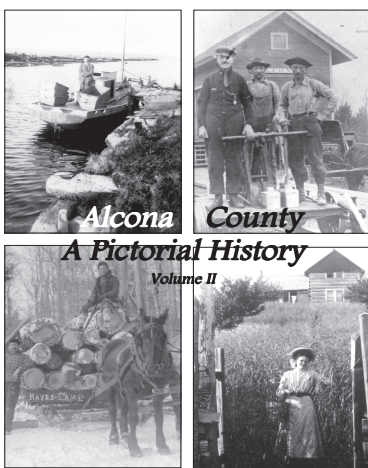
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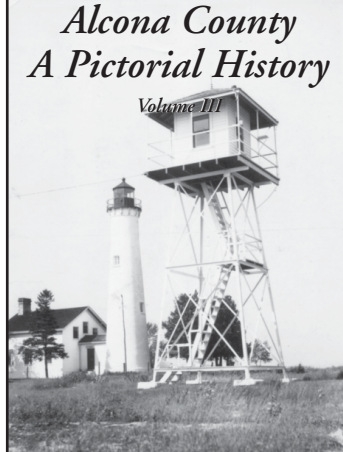
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