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### Mikado Township Board rescinds fire chief termination

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

During two heated and emotional meetings in the same week, Mikado Township Board members fired and then rescinded the termination of its fire chief.

The request for termination began after the township board was made aware by Mikado Township Fire Chief Regina Waszkiewicz during its regular township meeting on December 12, 2022, that township Medical First Responders (MFR) would not be able to attend calls because of the lapse of licensure due to a paperwork mishap by Medical Control in Alpena.

Waszkiewicz took responsibility for not following through to make sure the license had cleared medical control and stated she was working on getting the license reinstated. At the time, she was not sure when that would happen.

Township board trustee Wayne Nedo, as well as some of the public attending the December township meeting, were outraged such an error could happen and felt the fire chief was negligent in her duties.

At the regular township board meeting on January 9, many residents crowded into the annex room of the Mikado Community Center to voice their concerns. Neither township supervisor Mike Corn, nor his wife, fire chief Waszkiewicz, were present at the meeting.

Corn, who is also the assistant fire chief, was at a fire Armstrong Road. Waszkiewicz, was away attending the emergency cesarian birth of a new granddaughter.

In Corn's absence, township clerk Leesa Sutton chaired the meeting. Also present were treasurer Ruth Travis and trustees, Carrie Mullins and Wayne Nedo.

 $During \, the \, public \, comment$ time at the beginning of the January 9 meeting, many citizens spoke with concern about not having first responders in the community.

The township board was lenient during the public comment section of the meeting by listening to each resident township showed up, only the tinued to be a firefighter with and trying to answer questions as they came up. Typically, during public comment at a governmental meeting, the public can speak, but should not expect answers to questions asked of the board.

Wilfred Weber, a senior citizen of Mikado who is on oxygen and has other health issues, asked how long it takes to get the paperwork processed to license Medical First Responders. He wondered if any first responder would be able to assist if he called 911.

Sutton explained the township has shared services and that Wayne Odell who is on the township fire department and an EMS first responder with both Mikado and Greenbush township as are Waszkiewicz and Corn and because of their shared service agreements they could attend a call if there was a need in Mikado.

Treasurer Travis spoke, choking back tears to say her daughter has Parkinson's disease and when she called for 911 service recently and no first responders from any ambulance.

Resident Janet Spunar said the township was in danger and the oversight on the paperwork was negligence.

Outraged and in tears, resident Bonnie Baker voiced she was angry and scared for her husband, a Vietnam Veteran who has 27 stints, has had triple bypass surgery and is 100 percent veteran disabled.

'If something happens there will be no one to come and help him. I counted 20 senior citizens around my block, two have multiple sclerosis. Who is responsible if something happens? If something happens to (my husband), I'm coming after you (the township). This is horrible," Baker said.

Trustee Nedo made a request to remove Waszkiewicz as fire chief and appoint Wayne Odell as interim fire chief.

Odell was the fire chief for the township for 25 years before resigning from the position in 2018 when his fulltime job in a tool shop became too demanding. He con-

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Mich. 48909.

the township and has since retired from his full-time job.

Nedo said, "In light of the information shared at the last township meeting. Regina does not have the skills necessary to run the department in a professional manner evidenced by the number of people who have left the department since she was hired as fire chief.

"The lapse of license has adversely affected citizens of Mikado Township leaving them with no first responders. As of this date, we still have no township first responders and this is unacceptable.

'As a board, we can overlook small mistakes, but the lack of diligence affects the welfare of the citizens of Mikado and must not be overlooked. Regina needs to be removed as fire chief," Nedo said.

The motion was made by trustee Mullins to remove Waszkiewicz as fire chief and seconded by Nedo. A small discussion was held when Sutton asked if Odell was present. He was not and Nedo explained he was at the fire on Armstrong Road. Nedo said he had talked to Odell and he agreed to be interim fire chief.

A vote was then held to terminate Waszkiewicz with three yeas and one nay vote, by Sutton. Motion passed. Mullins then made a motion to appoint Odell as interim fire chief which Nedo seconded. No discussion followed. The vote was taken with three yeas and one nay vote by Sutton.

The next day Sutton called a special meeting of the township board to be held Thursday, Jan. 13 because she felt the termination was not handled through proper procedures.

The meeting on January 13 was so well attended by the public it had to be moved to the community center hall.

The entire townships board was present as was the township attorney, Keith Moir and Waszkiewicz. The meeting opened and immediately, without public comment, went into closed session with Travis, Sutton, Mullins, Nedo, Moir and Waszkiewicz moving into the annex township room.

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### New 106th District state representative opens Lansing office 1485 House Office Building,

"It's an absolute privilege to serve my constituents here in Lansing," Said 106th House District Representative Cam Cavitt (R-Cheboygan), said. "Feedback from residents in our community is vital so I can best represent northernnortheast Michigan. I encourage anyone with questions, concerns or ideas to reach out to my office at any time."

In Cavitt's office, Adam Hagedorn serves as legislative director and Tanner Orban is the constituent relations director.

"Adam and Tanner bring years of legislative experience, as well as a thorough understanding of our community," Cavitt said. "Tanner was born and raised in Alpena, and Adam is a lifelong resident of northern Michigan. They both possess extensive experience in state and local politics. They will be major assets to our district, and I'm proud to say they're on my team."

The 106<sup>th</sup> House District includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle counties, and parts of Oscoda and Cheboygan coun-

Rep. Cavitt's office is located at S-1485 in the Anderson House Office Building.

He can be contacted by calling (517) 373-0833, emailing CamCavitt@house.mi.gov, or mailing correspondence to S-



Rep. Cam Cavitt, 106th House District, is sworn in by House Clerk Gary Randall in Lansing, Mich. Courtesy photo.



God Bless America





### Correspondence



(Editor's Note: This letter is being reprinted because the Review made a grammatical error during the editing process. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconve*niences it may have caused.)* 

To the Editor,

At what point are we as a community capable of saying, "enough is enough?" I have spent the past several months reading articles, seeing individual posts and hearing "the buzz" around our county vilifying upstanding citizens of Alcona. Yet, these continual barrages of questions, misinformation and character assassinations have yielded no actual proof of wrongdoing.

At what point do we pause and consider, "maybe this is just a witch hunt."

As most of us know, historically, witch hunts were provoked by overzealous religious groups who feared something, almost anything, about those deemed witches.

As we look back we see that most, if not all, killed for being a witch were, in fact, innocent of such accusations.

Looking at present day Alcona County, I am disgusted by the blatant attempts to all but physically harm individuals attempting to build, grow and enrich our community. There is a small group with proverbial torches and pitchforks coming after people's jobs, influence, money and reputations. When will we stop this madness?

If you realize you're carrying a torch or pitchfork, I encourage you to put it down for the greater good. For those of you standing by idly, I encourage you to speak up for the greater good. For those of you being chased by the mob hunting you, stand strong for the greater good.

There are better things to hunt in Alcona than "witches."

> Kyla Avery Spruce

I am writing today to add my thoughts on the importance of approving the proposed Alcona County Commission on Aging building project. The benefits for the whole county and, specifically, the senior population are clear and \$12.5 million has been offered to address the many needed services in our county.

The current facility is older than most of the residents in the county and efforts to replace it have failed for years.

The time to move forward is now.

I am a retired nurse. I was never professionally involved in the field of geriatric nursing, there wasn't even such a field when I started my career but my work in psychiatric nursing has led me to follow the research in quality of life issues and all the scientific research clearly supports the value of social connections in multigenerational settings to keep seniors physically and emotionally healthy and en-

Our elected government officials have determined that an appropriate use of tax dollars from the state General Omnibus Budget is the proposed plan for a community hub in our county. We need the facilities and opportunities the project will provide, and I believe we would be incredibly foolish to refuse to move forward with the

> Patty Thomas Harrisville

To the Editor,

Thank you for covering the \$12.5 million senior center grant controversy. Winning this grant was the result of dedicated work by ACCOA's executive director Lenny Avery and a team of top organizations.

Recently, those opposed to this grant said the receipt of state funds might jeopardize the Senior Center's 501(c)3 nonprofit status. The center won't be able to provide meals on wheels, keep its pantry open, or offer services. So, we should give the money back.

Worried about this, I checked with Joan, a grant specialist with the Michigan Nonprofit Association. Her

answer: in all the time she has been handling millions of dollars of state and federal grants, never once has a nonprofit lost its status as a char-

In fact, she laughed when I said a small group of people here don't want this state grant money. She said the State of Michigan General Omnibus Budget funds will mean huge improvements all over rural Michigan and we were lucky to get some of it. One reason is because of economic impact.

Spending \$12.5 million in this county will eventually produce additional tens of millions in construction, jobs, new businesses and services

- for the entire county. We'll see empty store fronts light up their windows again. Need and example? Look what happened in Alpena.

I know people are scared. Board members are scared. I've seen it in meeting videos. The public is scared. I'm scared. People who are opposed to the project are scared.

So, questions are appropriate, and here is at least one answer. In the end we will get what we are willing to fight for — a dying village, a crumbling county. Or a better life. Please show your support.

> Betsy Lehndorff Hubbard Lake

### Closing of Lincoln Pharmacy

Due to supply issues, new intense laws and regulations, even lower reimbursements in 2023 from insurance carriers and health issues; it has become both physically and financially impossible to operate the pharmacy.

We will be closed February 1st and will not reopen.

Over this period we will do everything possible to see your prescriptions are transferred to the pharmacy of your choice.

If after Feb. 1st there are still issues we will make types of communication possible to address issues.

This is as much of a surprise to us as to you and we want to thank all you for your loyalty and friendship over the 38

This is very sad day for us.

Dave, Deb, Lori, Koni, Jackie and Brian

To the Editor,

Some ACCOA questions: Why did the Board of Directors of the ACCOA sit on the Shaw Research Survey dated November 21, 2021, which showed there was no housing demand for the targeted demographic within the Village of Lincoln? Why did the project continue with a plan for 44 units until late summer of 2022, when the Shaw Survey specifically said 44 units won't work?

How is the ACCOA going to get the financing for the rest of the project, when they only have \$12.5 million towards the estimated total project of \$19.9 million, as per the last presentation given?

Will there be fees for the community to use the Community Center? If so, how much? What about for the seniors?

Who will be in charge of the housing portion of the Community Hub project? Will the rents be lower than the "Missing Middle" program stipulates? If not, then how do you figure that the "Missing Middle" of Alcona County can afford anywhere between \$1,065-\$1,727 a month (for a two bedroom) for these rents?

Who will be in control of the Community Hub? The ACCOA, or a third party? Because space for seniors will be "allocated" within the Community Center, who is to say

that they won't be un-allocated in the future? What guarantee do the people of Alcona County have that the seniors, but also the ACCOA offices themselves, won't be pushed out entirely?

Why weren't the seniors targeted for all surveys pertaining to this project? Why do the seniors seem to feel marginalized? Aren't you worried about your 501(c)3, or are you hoping to change the scope of the ACCOA entirely?

And finally, why didn't we try for a grant for a dedicated Senior Center like the one Traverse City received?

Jessica Dobbs Curtis Township

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### Calendar of Events



#### WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 18**

A Harrisville Depot committee meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

#### THURSDAY, **JANUARY 19**

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 info., call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

Author and shipwreck hunter, Ross Richardson, will present "Michigan Mysteries" at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Attendees will learn about aircraft missing in Michigan-including one from northeast Michigan. For more information, call (989) 724-

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

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

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

A Snowmobile Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mill Creek Café in Harrisville (next to the Mill Pond). Categories include best in show; vintage (1984 and older); modern (1985 and newer); "it ain't pretty but it's fun; and kitty kat 150s and under. Door prizes proved by local businesses and 50-50 drawings on site. Entry fee is \$5. All proceeds to benefit Harrisville fireworks and Barton City fireworks.

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

Hope Shores Alliance is sponsoring an informative seminar on bringing awareness to stalking from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Attendees will learn what stalking is and how to kado at 9:15 a.m. Weigh-in is

stop it. Registration is not required and there is no cost to attend. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

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.

#### WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 25**

Children of all ages are invited to "Homeschoolers at the Library" for a fun and educational activity at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for de-

The Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to cone 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 2 p.m. in Harrisville. The public is wel-

There will be a Popup Pantry from 2 to 6 p.m. (or until food is gone) at the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA), 207 Church Street, Lincoln. For more info., call the Food Bank of Lincoln at (989) 334-3663 or email to: pantry@alconaseniors.org.

#### THURSDAY, **JANUARY 26**

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A craft activity for youth ages nine and up will be available at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The craft is acrylic dot painting. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

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

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

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.

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### Local Potes



#### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln. Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470.

- Monday, Jan. 23: Fish, baked potato, California blend vegetables, strawberries.
  - Tuesday, Jan. 24: Gou-

lash, green beans, peaches.

• Wednesday, Jan. 25: Chicken and dumplings, Capri vegetables, flavored apple sauce.

• Thursday, Jan. 26: Salisbury steak, buttered noodles, wax beans, apricots.

All meals include milk, bread and butter according to guidelines. Menu is subject to change due to food availability.

Takeout meals can be reserved at the same number by calling no later than 10 a.m. No membership is required. A donation of \$6 for folks under 60 and \$3 for those over 60 is welcome. For home delivered meals, call by 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

#### Great Lakes, Great Films

For the first time in two years, the annual Thunder Bay International Film Festival is "an in person" event which begins on Thursday, Jan. 26 and runs through Monday, January 30. "Every year, the Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary bring the world of cinema to Alpena. For five days in January, northeast Michigan is treated to some of the most impressive ocean and Great Lakes films from around the world. Film screenings are complemented by social events, educational activities, and opportunities to meet

filmmakers," said Stephanie Gan-dulla, Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary film festival coor-

Most of the films will be shown at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, however, several are coming to Harrisville. The Thunder Bay International Film Festival kicks off on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library with the following films: Planktonium," 15 minutes; "Poisonous Ponds," 27 minutes; "The Great Storm of 1872," 13 minutes; "The Blue Forest," 35 minutes; "Stranded: A Whale Rescue Tale," 25 minutes. The cost is \$10. For more detailed information and a schedule films, www.thunderbayfriends.org.

#### **Program on Stalking**

Hope Shores Alliance (HSA) is bringing awareness to National Stalking Awareness Month by presenting a free

community learning program about stalking for community members to better believe, support and validate survivors. Stalking impacts nearly one in three women and one in six men in the United States, according to HSA. Most stalkers target people they know, and the majority of stalkers are intimate partners or acquaintan-

Stalking is defined as a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear or emotional distress. Fear is central to the definition of stalking. Common stalking behaviors include but are not limited to-repeated unwanted phone calls and messages, surveillance, showing up when not invited, spreading rumors, and making threats.

Survivors often experience traumatic stress, as well as chronic mental or physical health concerns as a result. Many lose time from work and/or relocate due to victimization.

This program will be held on following dates and locations. Event registration is not required. There is no cost to attend.

- Monday, Jan. 23: Alcona County Library-Harrisville branch from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 26: Robert Parks Library, Oscoda from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 26: Alpena Public Library, Alpena from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

### Card Making Class

A beginner's card making class will be held in Hubbard Lake on Saturday, Feb. 18 and sponsored by the Hubbard Lake Community Association. This beginner, "alloccasion" (greeting) card class is for adults 18 and older. Seating is limited to 12 spots per session. The sessions are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. Registrants must selection one session. The cost is \$35. All materials are provided to make a total of six ready to mail cards and two mini

"fun fold" projects. Participants will learn the basics of stamping and card making.

The event will be held at the Hubbard Lake Community Center, 1561 Hubert Road, Hubbard Lake. Registration (and payment) deadline is February 15. Call Lisa Brown at (248) 318-5497 or email popupstamps@gmail-.com. Payments accepted include Paypal, Venmo, or check. Sorry, no walk-ins

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- Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

### Havnes Community Church

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### **COMMUNITY OF CHRIST**

Church School 10 a.m. ~ Worship 11 a.m. 3155 E. F-30, Mikado MI • Church 736-8727 Pastor Char McGuire • 736-3486

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Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. Rev. Reeve Segrest - Pastor ~ 989-335-4282

### Shorthanded Lady Tigers struggle on offense against Lady Hurons

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team had no problem slowing down host Rogers City last Friday. The Lady Tigers, who were without several key contributors, were unable to find their own offensive touch however, and they lost the North Star League Big Dipper game with a score of 29-24.

"It was a very slow-paced game, and we were unable to be effective on offense," head coach Mark Feldhiser said of the setback. "We had three players who couldn't play due to injury, and unfortunately, we were not able to overcome that. No excuses: they beat us, and we need to get back to work."

with 14 points.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10 the Lady Tigers claimed a 38-20 win in a home non-league game over Ogemaw Heights.

"I was really proud of our team, as we played without two of our key players," Feldhiser said. "We used a six player rotation for most of the game; our girls really stepped up in this one. This was third game of a Friday, Monday, Tuesday schedule, which will really test a team.

"Once again, we played really hard and played good defense. I have been pretty impressed with how hard our team has played since the break. We also have been getting balanced scoring. now get into a tough stretch

Kelsey Hansen led the team of games, so hopefully that and had zero turnovers for carries over."

Alcona was ahead 10-5 after the first quarter and led 22-7 and 33-14 at the other quarter breaks.

Hansen led the way with 11 points. Kaylee Wambold and Sage Gauthier netted seven apiece. Sierra West, Jenna Wambold and Carmen Dellar all added four points apiece.

On Monday, Jan. 9 the Lady Tigers won a lopsided road non-league game at Tawas, 38-17.

"We got off to a bit of a slow start, but used a really strong third quarter to put it away for us," Feldhiser said. "Our offense was much more efficient in the third quarter, as we moved the ball very well

the quarter. Our girls played really tough, and our defense continues to be the strongest part of our game."

Alcona led 11-6 after the first quarter and led 17-8 at the half. Its big third quarter turned the gap into 36-17 entering the fourth.

Hansen led the team with 10 points. Dellar and Gauthier scored eight points apiece and Travis netted six.

Alcona (6-3 overall, 1-1 NSL Big Dipper) played at Oscoda on Tuesday. The Lady Tigers travel to Mio on Thursday, Jan. 19 and takes on Alpena at home on Monday, Jan. 23.

### Saturday's snowmobile show to help fund local fireworks

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Due to the drastic raise in price for fireworks, Harrisville's Mill Creek Cafe will be hosting a snowmobile show this Saturday, Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show will be held at the cafe located on the west side of US-23 north of M-72 and will include categories of Best in Show, Vintage — 1984 and older, Modern — 1985 and newer, Kitty Kat 150s and under and It Ain't Pretty But It's

Tom Slezsak from the cafe explained the event will be held rain, snow or shine and there is an entry fee of \$5 per sled brought to the show. "We will also have a 50/50 drawing and onlookers can purchase tickets to vote for their favorite sled. The café will be selling cinnamon rolls, coffee and hot cocoa and will have specials throughout the day. All proceeds will benefit both the Harrisville and Barton City fireworks show," he said.

Ticket voting packs will be available at the show for \$5 each with each pack containing one vote per category.

Maureen Sullivan spokesperson for the Harrisville Firework Fund said the anticipated cost of this year's fireworks will be \$26,000 compared to last year's price of \$22,500.

Sullivan said they have already begun fundraising and have raised \$2,000 through a New Year's Eve ball drop, charitable donations through the Country Cone in Harrisville via Amazon and private donations.

"We are a long way for sure (from our goal). In the past we only raised money through mailings I send out. The price increases this year have me thinking outside the box. There may be another fundraising event in the spring, but nothing is written in stone at this point," Sullivan said.

Donations for either the Barton City Fireworks Fund or the Harrisville Fireworks Fund can be brought to the snowmobile show on Saturday.

Check donations for the Harrisville Firework Fund may be mailed to P.O. Box 195, Harrisville, Mich., 48740.

Check donations for the Barton City Fireworks should be made payable to Barton City Improvement Association and sent to P.O. Box 191, Barton City, Mich., 48705.

### Tigers take care of Rogers City

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Tigers used a steady defensive effort and a strong second half offensive performance to earn a 50-29 victory against Rogers City in a North Star League Big Dipper home game on Thursday, Jan. 12.

"After a really slow start in the first half we were finally able to get some things going in the second half," said head coach Alex Cole. "Unfortunately, our shots weren't falling. But a big focus for us was limiting turnovers and winning the battle on the glass. We were able to do both which helped us secure the win."

In the opening quarter, DJ Howe netted four points, and Garrett Somers sent home a three. They also had a fieldgoal by Jacob Renchenski as they led 9-2 after one.

In the second quarter, David Sharboneau hit a three and had five points total, and Somers knocked down a pair of two pointers as the Tigers led 18-11 at the half.

They got going in the third quarter with two more threes by Sharboneau and Hayden Johnston hit one from deep as well, as they pulled away to lead 36-15 entering the

In the final quarter, William O'Neill hit two threepointers and Cayden Hebert sank a three as well.

Sharboneau finished with 11 points. Somers put in seven. Howe, Evan Borsvold and O'Neill had six points apiece. Johnston finished with five points. Owen Borsvold scored four. Hebert netted three and Jacob Renchenski added two points.

On Monday, Jan. 9 the Tigers lost a home non-league game to visiting Ogemaw Heights, on a score of 76-44.

The first quarter went well

for Alcona, as they had four points apiece from Renchenski and Johnston, helping them to a 12-10 lead after

In the second, Howe and Johnston had four points apiece, but that was all Alcona could get as Ogemaw pulled ahead 36-20 at the half. Howe broke free for eight points in the third quarter, but the Falcons still had control of the game entering the fourth, leading 54-36.

Johnston and Howe each finished with 12 points to lead the Tigers. E. Borsvold put in five points. Renchenski netted four. Somers scored three points. Herbert, Logan Zuch-owski, Ryken Wallenmeir and Ricky Schott all had two points apiece.

Alcona (4-4 overall, 2-0 NSL Big Dipper) hosted Oscoda on Monday; travels to Mio on Thursday and is in Fairview on January 24.

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Corn excused himself from attending the closed session because of his relationship with Waszkiewicz and position as assistant fire chief and said he would not be voting on the matter. The closed session lasted over 40 minutes while citizens and Corn waited for the board to

Upon its return, Mullins said after further consideration, information from other sources and discussion with counsel, she was making a motion to rescind the firing of Waszkiewicz and reinstate

Much of the room fell quiet at the news until someone spoke asking if the township had first responders. The answer from the board was no and there would be no public discussion at the moment.

Tempers flared and the public shouted many questions. Mullins said it was very difficult to find anyone to step up and do a job rather than just complain about it.

"This was bad for everyone all the way around. It was not done maliciously with any intent. (Waszkiewicz) filed the

someone is derelict in their duties, we either need to get help for them or get rid of them, but we don't need them to continue to be in power," Michaud said.

Valorie Etter spoke saying the special meeting was a waste of time because the original motion to terminate was based on the fact that Waszkiewicz admitted two meetings ago she dropped the ball. "We all make mistakes, but Regina, your mistake affected every single person here

"My husband is a police



Mikado Township Board (from left) treasurer Ruth Travis, clerk Leesa Sutton, supervisor Mike Corn, and trustees, Carrie Mullins and Wayne Nedo face a large turnout for a special meeting last Thursday regarding the termination of fire chief Regina Waszkiewicz (not in photo) which the board approved three days prior. *Photo by Mary Weber*.

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The board asked Moir to make a statement. He said he hesitated to make a statement because he had attorney-client privilege with the board while Waszkiewicz excused herself from the closed session but stated they heard Waszkiewicz out before asking her to leave so they could discuss it.

"We talked about everything, reconsidered and made a determination that someone who has worked (with the fire department) for 30 years and has been chief since 2018 (termination) would not be the direction they should take. So, in the best interest of everyone and the welfare of the township that was the decision they arrived at," Moir said.

paperwork back in July. It requires a signature from Medial Control in Alpena and they dropped the ball.

"Overall, I believe Regina did what she could do. If anybody would like to become a clerk, a trustee, join the planning commission or help out in any way shape or form with the volunteer fire department you are all welcome to step up. I'm excited that we have so many members of the community who are very concerned about this here," Mullins said.

Nedo said he was doing what the lawyer said but was disgusted. Sutton said she was disgusted too because the whole matter was a witch hunt and not based on facts.

Citizens in the room cried out again for public comment and were told by the board it was not the time. Sutton asked the public to become part of the solution and not spread rumors. Tempers again flared with shouting by both the public and the board until Corn stood up and yelled for order.

Public comment then opened. Tom Michaud said he didn't understand how paperwork could not be filled out correctly, taking seven months to find out someone else made a mistake and wondered how the reinstatement was justified. He asked if the public wanted to chip in some bucks and file a class action lawsuit against Mikado Township.

"It is our money. These people are representing us and I don't see any representation. This is ridiculous. If officer. If he shoots someone by mistake, is (he) going to say I'm sorry, I've lived here 30 years and not expect to have something happen? Look at all the cops that are in jail," Etter said.

Waszkiewicz said she wanted to set the record straight. "Our license did lapse and it is my fault it did that. It lapsed as of November 30 (2022). We have been just shy of six weeks with no first responders, which per the State of Michigan we are not legally required to have in the first place, but we do."

She explained she originally filed the paperwork back in July of 2022 and she found out that Medical Control had never signed off on it when the license lapsed on December 1. She filed the (new) paperwork on December 15, but it took Medical Control until December 29 to sign off on it.

Waszkiewicz said the vehicle inspection will be done on Tuesday, Jan. 17, and they should be up and running with first responders the next day.

In a tear-filled statement, Waszkiewicz said she had diligently cared for her community for 30 years and has now been disparaged in the township over misinformation and half-truths. She voiced she was human and made a mistake and there was nothing she could have done any faster to right the wrong.

Mullins explained legally there were certain things the township board did not do properly and they jumped the gun and violated the Open Meetings Act when they took



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## Fire chiefs explain paperwork and finding volunteer recruits is difficult

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Considering what transpired over the last week with the situation regarding the fire chief of Mikado Township Fire Department, two local fire chiefs understand how it is possible to have a paperwork glitch that could cause the suspension of licensure for Medical First Responders (MFR).

Although it has never happened to them, both Barton City Fire Chief Rod Cordes and Greenbush Fire Chief Steve Franks said the job of submitting paperwork for licensures, reporting fires and medical runs has gotten more difficult over the last five years, but that is not the only challenging aspect of their jobs — which is finding volunteers.

They explained annually in July, MFR fire stations, also referred to as an agency, receive an email from the State of Michigan Life Support Agency and Vehicle Licensing department.

"That paperwork must be turned in every year by September 31 and is all done online. You must show proof of insurance on your vehicles, an updated list with current MFRs and that they are all certified. I did mine on September 1 and received an email that day saying it was approved," Franks said.

Also, with the information sent to the state, the application must be signed off by Medical Control, which for this area is in Alpena. Franks said there are different ways to obtain the Medical Control signature needed and he did his by fax to include it with his online renewal.

Cordes explained when the application process for the annual license was in paper form the station filled out the application and would get it to Medical Control, they signed off on it and then the station sent it to the state. "Now (stations) fill out the application online and submit it. It then automatically somehow goes to Medical Control. Once it is submitted Med Control signs off on it.

"To my knowledge, there is no way of knowing if Medical Control has signed off on it or not. Over the years things have just become more complicated. It's all online and we are required to do a lot more, that can be a challenge because some don't have (reliable) Internet access," Cordes said.

Cordes said applying for the annual license isn't always the fire chief's duty and that responsibility could be placed on a designee. "It could be an MFR that does it or someone hired in to do the job. Each call we go out on requires paperwork. We have to submit medical calls twice now, once to the fire marshal's office and once to Medical Control. It all requires time. There is a lot to it," he said.

In addition, most fire chiefs wear many hats and designations, they are also responsible for their personal continuing education credits which vary with what designations they have, whether that is MFR, paramedic or EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) but they must practice only to the level of their agency.

"If your agency (fire department) is only licensed for MFRs, you can be a licensed paramedic, but you can't practice as a paramedic if you are representing the fire department. You can only practice to the MFR level. An MFR can't work for the ambulance service, but an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) can. The agency can (also) be licensed at different levels, but 99 percent of (fire stations) are just MFRs," Cordes said.

Both said the hardest part of their job is getting people to volunteer as firefighters or MFRs. "It is very difficult. No one wants to do it anymore. The younger generation is not interested and it has become very challenging. For fires we count on each other's mutual aid," Franks said.

He also explained that Greenbush has a contract with other townships for firefighting only, not first responding.

Cordes said no fire station has people lined up at their doors to work and that volunteerism isn't what it used to be.

Franks reiterated what Mikado Fire Chief, Regina Waszkiewicz, said during the special meeting to reinstate her as fire chief, that no township has to have first responders. "That was just something that was added in many years ago. They started an MFR program and it took off from there, but there is nothing stated we have to have that. Sure, it's a great thing to have for the community," Franks said

Waszkiewicz said in a follow-up interview with the Review that she should have followed through to make sure that Medical Control signed her application back in July of 2022, but that in years past it has always happened seamlessly. She also didn't notice their license had not come in the mail, which should have prompted her to begin making calls before November 30 when the license lapsed.

Waszkiewicz said, "I took responsibility and informed both Mikado Township and Gustin Township.

"I had to fill out all new paperwork which I submitted December 15. It then went to Medical Control who waited until the 29th to sign it. I got a call this week that the vehicle inspection will be done on Tuesday (January 17) and we should be able to have first responders back on calls shortly after that," she said.

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the vote during Monday's meeting.

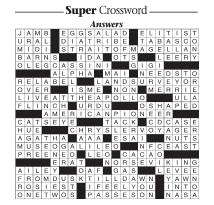
After one more discussion when resident Eric Griggs asked if Mikado Township had a fire department anymore because he heard they had all left. Corn advised him that Mikado has always had a fire department.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mikado Township meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Mikado Community Center, 2291 S. F-30. The next meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 13.

### CryptoQuip answer

When someone affirms that a certain letter is indeed not a consonant, is that a vowel avowal?



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing January 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Alcona Twp. Hall, 5576 US 23, Black River. The variance is requested by Mike Trombley, 4343 Lake Street, Spruce, MI. He is requesting two variances. A 7' side yard setback variance and a 2' between building variance. Written comments will be accepted by Alcona Township Clerk, Dawn LaLonde, 4892 LaVergne Rd., Black River, MI 48721.

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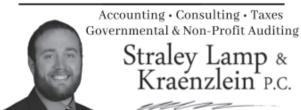
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Scholarship opportunities through CFNEM are based on a wide variety of criteria including the student's high school, year of graduation, college they plan to attend, or their planned field of study. Many scholarships are for students who have already graduated from high school, and for those planning to attend a certificate program or trade school.

To be eligible, students must complete the application by the March 1, 2023, deadline.

Most of the scholarships must be applied for directly through the Community Foundation's online platform. Students applying for awards will complete one online application and will be considered for any scholarship for which they are eligible.

The Community Foundation holds scholarships that are available for students through CFNEM's affiliate foundations: the Iosco County Community Foundation (iccf-online.org), the North Central Michigan Com-Foundation munity

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(ncmcf.org), and the Straits Area Community Foundation (sacf.net). These counties include Cheboygan, Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Iosco.

Affiliate scholarship applications are accessed through a separate online platform, available through each affiliate foundation's website.

While most of the awards are for one year of study, some of the available scholarships are multiple-year

Scholarship applicants should visit the "Scholarships" section of the Community Foundation's website at cfnem.org, as well as the affiliate websites.

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### Bailey School will see new location by this spring

January 21, 1998 ~ By **Cheryl Peterson** 

A Mikado landmark that is falling into ruin will have a new location and a face lift

The Old Bailey School, or Mikado No. 7 as some remember it, will be moved from its location on F-30, seven miles west of Mikado, to a site by Sturgeon Point Light-

Alcona Historical Society President Don Sawyer said the school has been under the care of the historical society since 1974 when Wilfred Myers, the owner of the property where the school is located, dedicated one acre of land and the school to the historical society.

There was a stipulation with the deed that says if the school is not used for historical purposes it reverts back to him or his family," Sawyer

During that time the historical society replaced the roof, put in new beams and  $rafters \, to \, help \, keep \, the \, school \,$ in good condition. Sawyer said the only thing the school has been used for each year is the historical society's annual strawberry social.

This is a way for people to see the school," Sawyer said.

The school is open and there have been women in period dress as teachers. The books, desks and all materials are there for visitors to see."

Sawyer said the school doesn't get a lot of visitors because of its location. "It's pretty remote," he said. "Our biggest concern has been van-

We haven't had any serious problems, but last winter someone threw bricks through the windows."

The historical society has had serious concern for the future of the school since 1992, Sawyer said. "It's deteriorating and it, at that time, didn't seem to have much of a future."

To give the school a future, the historical society applied for and received a grant to move the school to a location near the lighthouse on Lake

"It became clear that we were going to lose the building if we didn't do something with it," Sawyer said. 'There is dry-rot at the base, and the roof needs work. We had to decide what to do - abandon it or move it. We are going ahead simply to save it."

It will cost \$20,000 to move the school, and the process is underway. Footings have been poured, base logs have been put in and the bell tower has been moved.

Sawyer said he and the historical society are well aware that there are Mikado residents who will be up set about the school being moved. In 1996 he, and members of the historical society, attended a Mikado Township board meeting to discuss moving the school. At the time members of the board and residents talked about moving the school in to Mikado. There were a number of people in the Mikado community that wanted to keep it in Mikado because it served the Mikado community. There is a lot of connection to the community," Sawyer

The historical society asked the board to come up with a plan or proposal as to how the school would be used in regard to keeping the school a historical site. Sawyer said nothing has been submitted since that meet-

Since no plan or proposal has been discussed or submitted, the historical society has continued with its plans. 'If we don't do it," Sawyer said, "the Bailey School will be gone."

Dale Rondeau, a builder from Spruce, has been contracted to move the school and restore it to its original condition after the move.

"Not many people have moved a building like this," Sawyer said. "We hope to move it without taking it completely apart. We hope to move it in three steps - the roof, then the walls and then the floor. There are a lot of variables. We don't know how much dam age will result and if we will have a substantial amount of restoration to do afterwards. Fortunately, we've found a builder who understands historical restoration."

Sawyer said in its new location, the school will have over 30,000 visitors each year. There will be an interpretive sign by the school detailing its long history as one of the few remaining one room log schools in the state.

The school was built in 1907 and named after Herb Bailey a farmer in Mikado. It was moved to the location on F-30 in 1913 and remained an active school until 1941. The last year the school was operation it had 13 students in grades one to eight and a teacher that made \$125 a month.

## Tigers avenge season's only loss against Tawas

January 21, 1998 ~ By **Rich Mills** 

In recent years, a pretty intense rivalry has developed between Tawas and Alcona.

The tradition continues after last week's emotional battle.

The two teams fought tooth and claw for four quarters before Alcona finally prevailed, 6 8 -6 3. The win avenged Alcona's only loss. It was a big emotional victory for Coach Wayne VanDyke and his Tigers.

Senior Zack Sedgwick "was the man" in this one. He simply had his way under the basket.

Tawas knew he was going to get the ball on almost every

still could not stop him. He ended up with 29 points and 11 rebounds despite sitting out over six minutes because of foul trouble.

The game was a see-saw affair. The Braves led throughout the first quarter. They held a slim 17-13 lead after the first eight minutes. Alcona took control of the boards in the second quarter. They led by as many as 10 points before a couple of mental mistakes in the final minute of the half cut the Tiger lead to six (36-30) at the

halfway point.
The beginning of the second half was all Tawas. Sedgwick and point guard,

offensive possession, but they Dale Saranen were forced to throws by junior Sean Stewart sit down because of fouls. Alcona picked up a technical foul, and the Braves went on a 9-0 run to retake the lead,

> A big three-pointer by Andy Budreau at 4:10 of the guarter was Alcona's first points of the second half. That's when Sedgwick went to work. He quickly reeled off Alcona's next 10 points before David Zawada hit a free throw to give the Tigers a 50-46 lead entering the final quarter.

> In the fourth quarter, Sedgwick scored 11 of Alcona's final 18 points. The Braves did get within a point (64-64) on a mid-court steal, but another Sedgwick field goal and two crucial free

with 12 seconds left sealed the victory.

Stewart finished with 14 points and 15 big rebounds. He was 6 of 6 from the freethrow line. Senior Andy Budreau had 12 points as well as feeding the ball to Sedgwick throughout the game.

Alcona's bench did a nice job, particularly Lucas Tracy. Coach John Katona's Junior Varsity was not able to overcome a 21-4 first quarter defi-

They lost, 69-49. Sophomore Ryan Dellar had a 20point, 7-rebound night, Jeff Munro added 13 points and 9 rebounds, Jeremiah Pagels finished with 6 points and 9 rebounds.



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## Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the second-longest river in North America?
- **2. MOVIES:** Which 1973 movie advertised itself as a place "where nothing can possibly go wrong"?
- **3. GAMES:** Which party game claims that it can "tie you up in knots"?
- **4. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was the first to appoint an African American as a member of his Cabinet?
- **5. HISTORY:** When was the Warsaw Pact between the Soviet Union and seven Eastern Bloc countries signed?
- **6. TELEVISION:** Which TV game show often uses the phrase "Survey says ..."?
- **7. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a female peacock called?

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- 8. FOOD & DRINK: How many meals do Hobbits eat in a day, according to the movies?
- 9. ADVERTISING: Which product used a manicurist named Madge in its advertisements?
- 10. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition called septicemia?

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Answers: 1. The Mississippi.; 2. "Westworld."; 3. Twister.; 4. Lyndon Johnson.; 5. 1955.; 6. "Family Feud."; 7. A peahen.; 8. Seven.; 9. Palmolive dishwashing liquid.; 10. Blood poisoning. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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## Moments In Time By The History Channel



- On Jan. 30, 1661, Oliver Cromwell was ritually executed. That is, his corpse was. The former Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England was posthumously convicted of high treason and his remains hanged and beheaded, two years after his actual demise.
- On Feb. 4, 1789, George Washington was unanimously elected as the first president of the United States. His campaign cost nothing, as he did no public campaigning, since he didn't really want to take office. He was also the only U.S. president to be inaugurated in two cities (New York and Philadelphia).
- On Feb. 5, 1931, Maxine Dunlap became the first woman to be issued a glider pilot license. Two years earlier, her 50-second, 980-foot flight beat the previous record of 17 seconds that had been established by Amelia Earhart.
- On Feb. 2, 1937, it was reported that the White House roof was leaking, a matter of special concern since additional rain and snow was expected. The matter of repairs was complicated by the fact that Congress was still engaged in a debate over whether to spend the necessary \$400 to effect them.
- On Feb. 1, 1953, winds from some of the strongest storms on record battered the east coast of Britain from Yorkshire to Kent, resulting in up to 150 fatalities, while thousands were forced to abandon their homes due to flooding. Passengers on the Princess Victoria ferry, from Scotland to Ireland, were also forced to flee the ship in the Irish Sea due to high waves.
- On Jan. 31, 2000, family practitioner Dr. Harold Shipman, who apparently never read or didn't believe in the Hippocratic Oath, was jailed for life for murdering 15 of his patients. He was also suspected of killing more than 100 others, but did not confess to them. Shipman remains Britain's most prolific convicted serial killer.
- On Feb. 3, 2009, Harry Potter creator J.K. Rowling was made a knight of the Legion of Honour, France's highest civilian award. Rowling's great-grandfather was French, and she was given the honorary title by President Nicolas Sarkozy at a ceremony in Paris, where she apologized for giving Potter's archnemesis a French name, as well as the quality of her French accent.

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## Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- Pentheraphobia is the fear of your mother-in-law. There, folks, you now have an official name for it.
- In 2006, actor William Shatner, beloved by "Star Trek" fans as Captain James Tiberius Kirk, sold his kidney stone, complete with stent and string, to a casino for \$25,000. While Shatner retained "visitation rights," the complete proceeds were donated to Habitat for Humanity.
- Whack, zoom, out of the way! A table tennis ball can travel off the paddle at a speed of 105.6 mph.
- All of the world's pandas are technically owned by China. The country leases them to zoos in an act called panda diplomacy.
- Ever dreamed of being a swashbuckling buccaneer? Try attending MIT, where after completing courses in pistol shooting, fencing, archery and sailing, undergraduates can earn a bona fide Pirate Certificate. (Note: For entertainment purposes only!)
- On Dec. 19, 1881, Sir William Payne Gallwey, a retired conservative member of the British Parliament, died while out shooting on his estate, Thirkleby Park -- but not from a gunshot. Instead, Gallwey suffered a fall and landed on a turnip, sustaining serious internal injuries to which he succumbed a few days later.
- Bananas get their curves by turning skyward as they grow, to absorb sunlight.

Thought for the Day: "Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul." -- Samuel Ullman

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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: **M** equals **F** 

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#### **Notice of Foreclosure By Advertisement**

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m., on February 1, 2023.

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 James F. Larson and Christine Larson, husband and wife, whose address is 5510 N. Barlow Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762, as original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., being a mortgage dated April 24, 2004, and recorded on May 5, 2004 in Liber 400, page 413, Alcona County records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRezLLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated October 6, 2021 and recorded on October 6, 2021 in document number 202100003978, Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of twenty-nine thousand eight hundred fourty-three

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Now, therefore, by virtue of a power

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and 69/100 (\$29,843.69).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Alcona, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the SW corner of Section 18, T28N, R9E, Alcona Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence N 00°25'34" E along the west line of said section and the centerline of F-41 Highway, 209.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N 00°25'34" E along said west line and said centerline, 96.99 ft; thence N 89°54'40" E 100.00 ft; thence S 46°16'40" E 37.22 ft; thence S 89°18'31" E 183.60 ft; thence S 04°51'36" E 278.67 ft; thence S 89°54'40" W along the south line of said section and the centerline of Black River Road, 128.07 ft.; thence N 00°25'34" E 209.00 ft.; thence S 89°54'40," W 209.00 ft. to the point of beginning. Said parcel being a part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 18 and containing 1.14 acres of land, more or less. Being subject to the rights of the public over the westerly 100 feet and the southerly 33 feet thereof. Also being subject to easements, restrictions and zoning of record, if any. Legal from deed book 371 page 634: All the following described premises situated in the Township of Alcona, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, to-wit: The north half (N-1/2) of the following described premises: Commencing at the highway corner post, being a part of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of the southwest quarter (SW-1/4) of Section 18, T28N, R9E, thence north 209 feet along highway 171, thence east 209 feet, thence south 209 feet, thence west 209 feet to the point of beginning; Subject to any part thereof

used for roadway purpose or clear vision purpose as given in release of highway right of way recorded in Liber 55 of deeds, page 270, Alcona County Records. Street Address: 5510 N. Barlow Road, Spruce, MI

The redemption period shall be 12 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 pe-

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For more information, please contact the attorney for the party fore-

Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49009 Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 22 4727 1-4, 1-11, 1-18,1-25

public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County starting promptly at 10 a.m., on March 1, 2023.

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.

The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the City of Harrisville, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and described as follows

Parcel 1 – That part of the SW-1/4 of the NW-1/4 of Section 13, T26N, R9E described as: Commencing at the west 1/4 of said Section 13. thence S. 89°33'10"W, along the east-west line of section 7.05 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way line of Highway US-23, thence N. 26°49'10"E, along said right-of-way 323.26 feet, thence continuing N. 26°49'10"E 222.00 feet, thence N. 63°10'50"W 273.96 feet to a point on the west line of said Section 13, being the point of beginning, thence S. 0°32'25"E 70.00 feet along said west line, thence S. 63°10'50"W 150.00 feet, thence N. 0°32'25"W 70.00 feet, thence N. 63°10'50"W 150.00 feet to the point of begin-

Parcel 2 - That part of the SW-1/4 of the NW-1/4 of Section 13, T26N, R9E described as follows: Commencing at a point of the Section line common to Sections 13 and 14, 33.00 feet northerly from the 1/4 section corner on said section line, thence easterly along the north side of a county road 10.00 feet, thence northerly along the west right-ofway line on Highway US-23,511.25 feet to a point of beginning, thence westerly to section line between Sections 13 and 14, thence N. 3°30'00"E 127.05 feet, thence easterly 334.61 feet to the west right-of-way line of US-23, thence south 109.52 feet to point of beginning

Parcel 3 – That part of the SW-1/4 of the NW-1/4 of Section 13, T26N. R9E described as: Commencing at the west 1/4 corner of said Section 13, thence S. 89°33'10"W along the east-west 1/4 line of said section 7.05 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way line of Highway US-23, thence N. 26°49'10"E along said of beginning, thence continuing N. 26°49'10"E, 222.0 feet, thence N. 63°10'50"W 123.96 feet, thence S. 0°32'25"E 70.0 feet, thence N. 63°10'50"W 150.0 feet to a point on the west line of said Section 13, thence S. 0°32'25"E, along said west line, 180.0 feet, thence S. 63°10'50"E, 159.07 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 226 South Huron, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. Please be advised that 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 pe-

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale. Dated: January 3, 2023 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662). Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street, Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511 1-11, 1-18, 1-25, 2-1

State of Michigan 81st District Court of Alcona County Case No. 22-313-LT Hon. Laura A. Frawley

An action seeking termination of tenancy for a mobile homeowner regarding a lot located in the Harrisville Mobile Home Park, more specifically identified as 101 Shady Lane, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (the property), has been commenced by plaintiff Harrisville Mobile Home Park, LLC against defendants James Shamblin and any and all occupants in the 81st District Court in Alcona County for the State of Michigan, and a hearing is scheduled for February 1, 2023, at 10 a.m. at 106  $5^{th}$ Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. Defendants must appear or take other action permitted by law. If defendants do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against the defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint including, but not limited to, the potential sale of the

### CALEDONIA **TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS**

The Caledonia Township Board regular meeting held January 11. Motion passed to pay bills with changes. Motion passed to approve minutes December 14, 2022. Motion passed to approve Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal. Motion passed to hire Omega to add outdoor lighting at the hall and upstairs office. Motion passed to meet at 6 p.m. on February 8 for a budget workshop and on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. for public hearing on budget. Motion passed to send board of review and supervisor to attend annual required training. Motion passed to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Synopsis is being printed prior to board approval.

Cindy Smith Township Clerk

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Date: January 18, 2023 David H. Cook, P40560 Attorney

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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate and/or the Richard L. Miller Trust will be forever barred unless presented to James W. Heldt as successor trustee of the Richard L. Miller Trust, or to both the probate court at Attn: Probate Division, Alcona County Trial Court, County Building 106 5th Street, P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, and the trustee within four month after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 18, 2023 Robert K. Miles, P.C. Robert K. Miles, P36055 109 S. State Street Oscoda, Mich. 48750 (989) 739-2871 James W. Heldt Successor trustee 4188 Maple Road

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### A beaver's eye view of Alcona County history

### By Eric Paul Roorda

Artist & Author

Imagine if beavers were as plentiful as squirrels. They once were! Millions of beavers laced the land with miles of dams, turning every rivulet into a pond, every stream into a lake. The landscape was a water-world, the creation of the beaver hordes.

Imagine every marshy low spot as an expanse of open water. That's the way it was, then. The humans who lived among the beavers revered them as sacred creatures, and hunted them sparingly, worshipfully, for their luxuriant pelts. The people navigated around the beavers' system of streams, dams, and ponds, paddling lightweight canoes crafted from birch-bark, or dug out of cedar trunks. (The Alcona Historical Society preserves a fine example of a dugout canoe at the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse Museum.)

The beavers' empire stretched from New England to Minnesota.

Then came commodities brought from afar by white

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newcomers, miraculous objects that the native people coveted, items to transform their daily lives for the better: knives, iron pots, wool blankets, needles, thread, guns... The only way to get those goods was to give the white men the only thing they wanted in exchange: the pelts of the sacred beavers.

Then came the monetization of the beaver. Before long, they were viewed as so many gold nuggets, conveniently packaged in lodges made of sticks. Native Americans began breaching the sacred beavers'dams to harvest the furry currency, which they needed to buy European trade goods. They found that breaking one dam causes a flood that drains its pond, then the surge of water carries away the next dam, and the next. Lodges left without their moat-like ponds stranded the beavers inside, making it easy to kill huge numbers of them.

The chain-reaction of monetized beavers and drained beaver ponds swept a mindboggling tonnage of soil and silt from the interior of Massachusetts and Rhode Island into bays along the Atlantic coast, especially Narragansett Bay, in the 1600s. A study by a team of historians, archaeologists, ethnographers, and hydrologists demonstrated the phenomenon of massive, tumultuous drainage, which permanently altered the landscape. It dried up! Birchbark canoes were no longer worth much for getting around the northern woods.

Evidence of beaver world in Alcona County came to light in 1940, when Swamp Road as built to link Harrisville and Lincoln. A construction crew unearthed two ancient beaver dams, three and four feet below the surface, beneath the stumps of centuries-old white pines four feet in diameter, felled in the 1870s. R. E. Prescott reported on it then, in his Lincoln-based newspaper, the Alcona County Herald.

Image what Alcona County looked like 1,000 years ago, with dozens of beaver dams impounding the water of Mill Creek and all the tributary branches of the Pine and Black rivers. It must have been a vast chain of little lakes and ponds, each with its community of beavers.

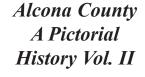
After the Fur Rush, beavers went extinct across the region that had been their water-world. They were gone from New England by the 1700s, and by the 1870s, there were none left in Alcona County. The beavers who are here now are descended from the population re-introduced in the 1920s.

They have been prevented from becoming as abundant as squirrels.

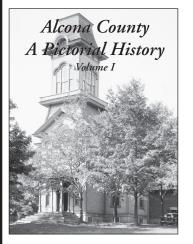
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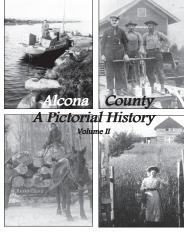
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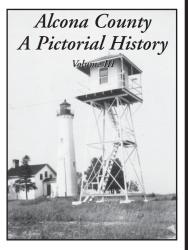
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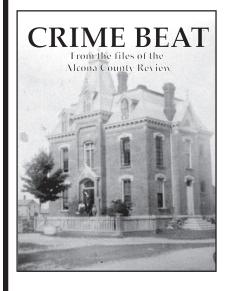






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