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Lake State Railway gives Harrisville depot to Alcona Historical Society

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

If one listened carefully, and old buildings could talk, they might have heard the collective cheers and a big sigh of relief last week as the Harrisville Train Depot deed was gifted from Lake State Railway Company (LSRC) to the Alcona Historical Society.

On hand for the transfer, which took place outside the depot on January 17, was LSRC Chief Executive Officer John Rickoff, LSRC Executive Vice President Mike Stickel, Alcona Historical Society President Kristin Benghauser, and Harrisville Depot Committee Co-chairperson Becky Schroeder.

In front of a few dozen residents, huddled under umbrellas and heavy coats, while a cold January rain fell, Rickoff said it was an honor to transfer the deed and knows the property will be in good hands. "The building has been here a long time and it was of no use to us. We didn't want to tear it down. It's worth preserving. We know this is a big project for you and we are proud to give you the deed. We are also donating \$2,500 to help get you started. The only thing we ask when you are visiting the depot is to please stay off the tracks," Rickoff said.

Benghauser and Schroeder had huge smiles as Rickoff handed them the large white envelope containing the deed.

As Schroeder hugged the envelope close to her chest to keep it dry, she said the rain wasn't what she was hoping for, but it just didn't matter. She was elated to receive the deed.

Acquiring the 122-year-old building had been a dream to many in the community who tried hard but could never pull it off successfully. Benghauser explained that LSRC approached the historical society about a year and a half ago and the society thought long and hard about taking on such a big project.

"We already had three museums and didn't feel like we had enough members to take it on, but we had some meetings and after almost a year Becky and Lynn (Kosto) decided to co-chair the committee. This is a huge undertaking and will not happen without community involvement, (hands-on) hard work and funding," Benghauser said.

Schroeder explained she did not accomplish the deed procurement alone and it could not have happened without a variety of local full-time and summer residents lending their talents and hard work over the past year including her co-chair and sister-in-law, Lynn Kosto, who is wintering in Florida.

Schroeder addressed the crowd and said, "Now the real work begins. Now we can fundraise."



It is official -- the Harrisville train depot is under new ownership. Lake State Railway presented the deed to the building and surrounding property to the Alcona Historical Society. (From left) Lake State Railway Company Chief Executive Officer John Rickoff, Alcona Historical Society President Kristin Benghauser and Harrisville Depot Committee Co-chairperson Becky Schroeder. Photo by Mary Weber.

The Harrisville Train Depot is a quaint building located at the end of Dock Street. It was built in 1901 with regionally sourced limestone and unique roof lines.

Acting as a sentinel, the building saw the best and worst of community happenings and events. It watched

mothers weep as their boys boarded trains to go off to fight in two world wars and saw those same emotional mothers hug their sons as they returned home.

When it was owned by the Detroit & Mackinaw (D&M) Railroad the depot was a bustle of activity as the trains

came to bring goods to the rural farming and logging community of Harrisville and Alcona County.

It was an oasis stop for businessmen and loggers, it saw young newlyweds heading off for honeymoon adventures, students seeking higher education and young adults eager to find jobs and make their way in the bigger cities of southern Michigan.

It also saw the people stop coming and going by train. Goods no longer needed to stop there and D&M closed its doors in 1951. For two-thirds of its life, it has been abandoned, shuttered, neglected and worst of all, vandalized. A previous depot preservation committee tried to keep the building maintained, but without a deed, there was a limit to what they could do.

Schroeder envisions not only getting the building back to its original elegance but also have an outdoor pavilion and/or gazebos where events could take place such as weddings or community events.

"This building has no kitchen facility and we want to keep it as original as pos-

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Mikado Township first responder service legally active again

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

After nearly seven weeks without Medical First Responder service in Mikado Township, it was restored Tuesday, January 17.

The service was halted after Mikado Fire Chief Regina Waszkiewicz failed to notice the annual state license, which allows Medical First Responders to serve the community, had not arrived in a typical manner.

The service was stopped on December 1, 2022, which prompted an outcry by concerned and fearful citizens at the Mikado Township Board meeting and where a motion was made by a trustee to fire Waszkiewicz.

Waszkiewicz explained at

the special township meeting that she filed the correct papers online well before its due date in July. Once that is done, a copy of the email is sent to Medical Control for a signature and the state mails the license to the fire chief. "Unfortunately, Medical Control never signed off on it and I didn't notice the license never came. I have no idea why it wasn't signed and would have no way of knowing when they do that except the license is typically sent afterward," Waszkiewicz said.

New paperwork had to be filed and again signed by Medical Control which took the last seven weeks to accomplish.

Mikado Township Supervisor Mike Corn said he was

very happy the service, which townships do not have to have, was restored and hopes all the rumors and misconceptions about the incident are resolved.

"I'd like to dispel some of the rumors people spoke of at the last few meetings. The township was without this service for six weeks, not six months. There were no penalties we had to pay to receive the license, the only thing we paid extra was for legal counsel when the township did not follow the Open Meetings Act and terminated Regina," Corn said.

The termination was rescinded at a special township meeting on January 13.

Corn was amazed at how many residents came to the

special meeting, which had to be moved from the township meeting room to the community center to accommodate everyone.

"I'd like to see more people show up to meetings and raise their hands to volunteer," Corn said. "Everyone likes to complain, they all love juicy gossip, but when the work needs to be done, only the same handful of people show up. We need volunteers to help and need to work together."

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 February 13.



God Bless America



Obituaries

Jacquie H. Sabbe

Jacquie Henry Sabbe, 67, of Barton City, died on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, at home.

H was born January 8, 1956, to Henry and Emmy (Kiss) Sabbe in Grosse Pointe, Mich. He was raised in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Sabbe retired as warehouse supervisor and had been a resident of Barton City for the past three years.

On September 16, 2022, he married Beverly Hawes. He enjoyed spending time with his family.

Mr. Sabbe is survived by his wife, Beverly; two stepchildren, Brian (Melissa) Eritano and Christopher (Jenn) Eritano; three grandchildren, Dominic Eritano, Emilie Eritano and Max Eritano; one brother, Fred (Yaz) Sabbe; one sister, Maggie (Roland) Deprez; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles (Laura) Hawes, Elaine Block, Edwin Hawes, Roy (Renee) Hawes, and Christine (Bruce) Vernham; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Larry T. Whitford

Larry Todd Whitford, 55, of Glennie, died on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at home.

He was born December 10, 1967, to Larry Gene and Dewella "Jean" (Frayer) Whitford in Tawas City. He was raised in Glennie.

Mr. Whitford worked as a heavy equipment operator; with his own business and working at various companies.

On August 14, 2021, he married Melanie Kyes in Glennie.

He was a skilled mechanic who enjoyed carpentry and building things. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

Mr. Whitford is survived by his wife, Melanie; one sister, Cindy Whitford; one brother, Phil (Trudy) Whitford; one sister-in-law, Lisa Whitford; one stepdaughter, Nicole Davis; and two step grandchildren, Brooke Church and Travis Lee.



He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Evan Whitford; and one stepson.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at 1 p.m. at the Glennie Tavern.

Patricia E. Somers, 81, of Lincoln, died on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, at home.

She was born April 21, 1941, to Edward and Leona (Bagnall) Jackson in Detroit, Mich., where she was raised.

On January 4, 1964, she married Wayne Somers. They were residents of Livonia, Mich. before moving to Lincoln in 1976.

Mrs. Somers was an impeccable dresser. She was a city girl who never stopped looking sharp after moving to the country.

She worked at the Alcona County Equalization until 1994 and worked at Alcona County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) until she retired in 2020.

Patricia E. Somers

Her hobbies included sewing, crafting, baking, and reading. She enjoyed planning her reading lists and her sewing projects.

She loved watching sports, especially her nine grandchildren, and loved spending time with her family.

Mrs. Somers is survived by three daughters, Susanne Somers, Sandra (Tom) Kralik and Jacqueline (Frank) DeRose; one son, Russell Somers; nine grandchildren; and one brother, Richard Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne, on August 4, 2011; one daughter, Lisa Fick, on June 16, 2016; and one brother, Herb Jackson.



Her body is being donated to the Human Anatomy Program at Michigan State University. An end of life celebration will be held in July.

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Correspondence



To the Editor,
Even though I'm a crippled old fool, I still enjoy Terry Roorda's humor and wit.

As Gorman Heavy Hand he weaves a fine tale, but, Eric

Paul Roorda, the historian, delves in "makhashabah," an intricate weaving (of a fabric, usually).

Unfortunately, recently he had George Jack being born

in 1850 and dying in 1831. Maybe I'm just on a witch hunt and Kayla Avery is on to something.

Mike Doran
Hubbard Lake

To the Editor,
I've been chewing on these words for a week now and decided that it was time to make my thoughts known.

Let me first say that I am profoundly saddened by my release from MSU Extension (Alcona 4-H) where I have made a career doing work I truly loved. I will miss so many things about this work, but mostly the relationships that I have formed with youth, adults and the larger community through the years.

Without going into detail, the discipline from my employer was based on the fact that I did not strictly follow the process for screening volunteers—which was true. One example was using the past practice of allowing volunteers flexibility to serve while they had not completed their training modules. Though these modules are valuable because they are used to enhance the volunteer's education, I didn't feel they impacted youth safety.

I want to be clear that background checks (3) were always completed and results discussed with campus administration, prior to any volunteer working with youth. I also want to make it clear that there was not an accident or incident that triggered this—nobody was hurt, either emotionally, physically, or otherwise. But I really should have known that in a post-Nassar MSU, the safety of youth is such a priority that the act of altering this process could have led to termination.

23 years without a hint of discipline in my file, but the administration felt that this

action was insubordinate and not-excusable. I have to live with that and try to learn from it. That's all I can do at this point—move forward.

It has been a real pleasure to get to know you all as volunteers, 4-H members, and families. Though many of you have expressed your appreciation for what I have given this program, it has given me far more. In my youth, whether I was learning about cooking, golf, or art, this program not only taught those skills, but it empowered me to be confident and outgoing. It helped me communicate with peers and adults. It helped me become a leader. It also showed me the impact of giving back to the community. In my many years as a staff person, I have grown as an employee, as a parent, and as an individual. I have gained a lifetime of memories and a community of support, not to mention, lifelong friends.

That's why if I had one wish for the outcome of this, it's that the community continues to support this 4-H program (as they always have) moving forward with or without me. Please continue to volunteer—you don't always realize the impact that has on a child and on the larger community. For the members, this experience is far more than learning how to show a hog, or ride a horse—it's about creating a space where youth can grow and learn about themselves, experience the value of service, and try on the mantle of leadership. Today's youth are growing up in an electronic age that can be anonymous, cold, and de-

rise; the presence of an additional positive adult role model in a child's life can make an amazing impact. That's why 4-H is so important.

Moving forward, I fully intend to apply to volunteer with 4-H (and a few other places), and, if they'll have me, I'll continue to work To Make the Best Better.

Lastly, I would like to address the outpouring of support from the community. I am overwhelmed by your kindness. Even days later, reading the messages moves me to tears. Whether you're a friend, an alumni, a colleague, a volunteer, a community member, or all of the above, your words, notes, letters and encouragement came to me at a time when I needed it the most. I can't thank you enough, and I will continue to serve the Alcona community in every way that I can.

Les Thomas
Lincoln

(Editor's Note: An exception to the 300 word limit was made for Mr. Thomas. This is an isolated decision that is appropriate for the situation. Because this is an employer-employee situation, the Review cannot publish a story. So, at Mr. Thomas' suggestion, we have left it to him. Additionally, the Review will miss working with Mr. Thomas as one of his longtime community contacts. His dedication, support and advocacy for the youth of this community is appreciated, inspiring and a blessing. We look forward to working with him in the future as he is a benefit to any business and/or organization.)

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Obituaries

Patricia E. Fureigh, 77, of Oscoda, died on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at home.

She was born December 2, 1945, to William and Marjorie (Murray) Smith in Los Angeles, Calif. She was raised throughout the country as a part of a U.S. Air Force family.

On March 7, 1964, she married Paul Hart in Mikado. They moved to Mikado in 1995. He preceded her in death on February 16, 2007.

She was a devoted caregiver who enjoyed a career in nursing. She loved family gatherings and entertaining her friends.

In August 2014, she married Joseph Fureigh in Mikado. They were residents of Oscoda. He preceded her in

Patricia E. Fureigh

death in February 2022.

Mrs. Fureigh was a member of the Community of Christ Church in Mikado.

She was a member of the Mikado and Oscoda American Legions and the Oscoda VFW.

Mrs. Fureigh is survived by two children, Sue (Jeff) Quin and Paul II (Christina) Hart; two foster children, David Raiger and Judi Yacobelli; five grandchildren, Michael Birrell, Catie Birrell, Dylan (Jill) Hart, Leah Hart, and Jerri-Lynn Quin; one great-grandson, Wesley Hart; two sisters, Jaquiline Boss and Laurel (Ed) Musgrove; and two brothers, Steven (Debra) Lackie and Martin Lackie.

In addition to her hus-

Deborah J. Keyser

Deborah J. Keyser, 70, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at home.

She was born November 14, 1952, to Eugene and Mary (Steinacke) Charlick in Highland, Mich., where she was raised.

She was a long-time resident of Bay City, Mich. and worked for many years as a bartender at Bay Lanes. She moved to Harrisville in 1986 and worked at the Captain's Corner.

On October 17, 1987, she married David Keyser in Harrisville. They lived in Harrisville, and Mrs. Keyser enjoyed working on the family farm. She loved animals, especially her horses.

She was a longtime member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and treasured the friendships she made at her Friday and Saturday night meetings.

Mrs. Keyser is survived by her husband, Dave; one daughter, Jamie Zielinski; two stepdaughters, Kari McCulloch and Kristen (Daniel) Biskupski, both of Bay City, Mich.; six grandchildren, Gage Zielinski,

Madison (Tyler Davis) Zielinski, Joey Schimpf, Logan McCulloch, Payten (John) Laverty III, and Paige (Kevin) Lobodzinski; five great-grandchildren, Saylor Laverty, Charleigh Lobodzinski, Evan Lobodzinski, Cora Lobodzinski, and Tucker Lobodzinski; two brothers, Brian (Barbara) Charlick, and Jim Rowe; six sisters, Terrie Rudolph, Nancy Rowe, Ellen Craft, Lori (Eric) Clifton, Lana (Larry) Mitchell, and Bethany Rowe; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Mary and Harold Rowe; her father and stepmother, Eugene and Geraldine Charlick; one brother, Glenn Charlick; and one sister-in-law, Ann Rowe.

A celebration of life event will be held Saturday, Feb. 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at the American Legion, 2205 Alger Street, Mikado.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to Friends Together, 105



bands, she was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Lackie.

The funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 21 at Community of Christ Church in Mikado. The Rev. Char McGuire officiated. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home.



Prentiss Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

Guy J. Rabey

Guy Joseph Rabey, 63, of Tawas City, former resident of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023.

He was born on October 17, 1959, the son of Lawrence and Dolores (Lemieux) Rabey in Farmington Hills, Mich.

He graduated from Alcona High School in 1977. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force and worked as a medical technician for six years.

Upon his return home, he continued his education at Michigan Technological University and received a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1984. In 1993 he received a bachelor's degree as a medical technologist.

Mr. Rabey began working for Tawas St. Joseph Hospital as a medical technologist in 1993 and continued his career at the hospital until his passing.

He married Elaine Crosskey on October 26, 1996, at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville.

Mr. Rabey was a devout

Catholic and an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was very proud of his community and enjoyed helping at local community events. He was willing to help anyone in need. He enjoyed his work helping patients.

Mr. Rabey is survived by his aunt, Suzanne (Lemieux) Aeck; three uncles, Ronald Lemieux, Louis Lemieux and

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Calendar of Events

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.

Rabey obituary

Continued from page 3
 Paul Lemieux; one sister-in-law, Diane (Theodore) Sekeley; one brother-in-law, Michael (Katherine) Cros-key; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.
 He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.
 The funeral was held Friday, Jan. 27 at Holy Family Catholic Church. Burial will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Tawas City.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the Tawas Area Honor Guard or the Knights of Columbus. Arrangements were handled by Buresh Funeral Homes.

Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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 2 p.m. in Harrisville. The public is welcome.

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@alcona-seniors.org.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
 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.

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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
 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.

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.

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top ten
 Most-Searched People in the World: 2022

1. Johnny Depp
2. Will Smith
3. Amber Heard
4. Vladimir Putin
5. Chris Rock
6. Novak Djokovic
7. Anna Sorokin (Delvey)
8. Andrew Tate
9. Rishi Sunak
10. Simon Leviev

Source: Google

Deputy receives award for meritorious service

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Quick thinking and actions of a local law enforcement officer were recognized with the presentation of an award last month.

On December 21, 2022, Alcona County Sheriff Deputy Joshua Geiersbach was presented with a meritorious service award from Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson at the Alcona County Board of Commissioners meeting.

According to Stephenson, Geiersbach's actions during an active shooter incident on November 8, 2022, earned this award.

The incident began at approximately 3:30 p.m. when Alcona deputies were sent to a residence on Roe Road, west of F-41 in Caledonia Township. They were responding to a 911 call where a resident was being shot at by his neighbor while he was inside his home. While on the call, the caller found a safe place in his home and stayed on the line with Alcona Central Dispatch. He was eventually removed to a safe location.

Geiersbach was the first deputy to arrive at the location. "Through his actions he was able to develop vital information that assisted in getting the caller to safety, securing the scene and providing information that as-



Alcona County Sheriff Deputy Josh Geiersbach (middle) with his award following the presentation with Sgt. Nathanael Leeseberg (left) and sheriff Scott Stephenson. *Courtesy photo.*

sisted the additional responding units (more than 40 law enforcement officers responded to the incident), including the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Response Team," Stephenson said. "Through his actions, deputy Geiersbach displayed the professionalism and dedication that is required of all the members of the Alcona County Sheriff's Office," he said.

In a follow up interview, Stephenson told the Review that an active shooter situa-

tion is very volatile and Geiersbach was the first to arrive and the last to leave at the end of the night. While other Alcona law enforcement officers each had responsibilities, the first on the scene typically gathers information to share with responding officers.

"He provided information on the suspect with photos of the interior of his house, arial photos and other information vital to all responding agencies. He was right there with me while prepping the emergency response team before they do what they do," Stephenson said.

"The information that he gathered made it a lot safer for everyone. Josh was there from start to finish. Not only was it a long day, but there was a lot of work involved in what he did. Everyone from the sheriff's office did a great job that day, but they had more of a singular role. Josh's role was much more complex."

Geiersbach joined the sheriff's office in July of 2014.

CEDAR LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cedar Lake Improvement Board (the "Board") will hold a public hearing to consider the Board's proposed 2023 budget. The public hearing will be held at the Alcona County Building, 106 5th St, Harrisville, MI 48740, in the Commissioner's Room, located in the north end of the lower level on Friday, February 3rd, at 10 AM EST.

The Board may not adopt the proposed budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Oscoda Township Clerk's Office, 110 State St. Oscoda MI 48750, and during normal business hours at the Alcona County Clerk's Office, 106 5th St, Harrisville, MI 48740. The budget will also be available for download online on the Oscoda Township web site: <https://www.oscodatownshipmi.gov>

The budget will be found in "Government Departments", select the "Cedar Lake Improvement Board" section, then select "Agendas & Minutes".

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to be heard in person at the public hearing regarding the proposed budget. Members of the public will also be given the opportunity to be heard remotely via Zoom, see below for access information.

The Board will provide reasonable accommodation to persons with disabilities at the public hearing following five (5) days advance notice. Persons with disabilities requiring such accommodations should contact Rex Vaughn, Board Chairman, at 810-516-6686 during normal business hours.

This Notice of Public Hearing is given by:

Rex Vaughn, Chairman
Cedar Lake Improvement Board

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Police Report



Neither the pickup truck nor the stone water fountain located on the corner of Lake and Main streets in Harrisville survived the wintery property damage accident on January 13. Raymond Lee Gert, 17, of Barton City was not injured when the pickup he was driving east on Main Street "lost control and collided with the large water fountain causing disabling damage to his vehicle," according to the Alcona County Sheriff's Office report. The driver was alone and was not injured in the incident. He was cited. *Review photo.*

NOTICE

There will be a Public Closeout Hearing of the CBDG Grant as required on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 1:45 p.m. in the Alcona County Board of Commissioners meeting room located on the lower level of the County Building.
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Tigers get home win over Oscoda

By Ben Murphy
 Sports Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team lagged behind visiting Oscoda during the first two quarters on January 16. The Tigers rallied to put up a good second half however, eventually pulling off a hard-earned North Star League Big Dipper contest victory, 65-50.

“This was the definition of a great team win,” head coach Alex Cole said. “We were led by a very balanced scoring attack from Garrett Somers, DJ Howe, David Sharboneau and Hayden Johnston. Ricky Schott really stepped up on the defensive end leading our push in the second half. I give

kudos to (Oscoda head coach) Mike Poland. Oscoda has been the team to beat in the league and our area for several years in a row, which makes it nice to get the win.”

The opening quarter saw Somers hit a three and net five points total. Johnston added four points, though Oscoda led 20-11 after one.

Johnston and Somers had five points each in the second and Somers drilled another try, but the Owls clung to a slim 31-29 lead at the half.

The Tigers poured in 20 points in the third quarter, highlighted by a rare four-point play by Howe; who had eight points total in the frame.

Somers put in six points in the quarter as Alcona surged to a 49-44 lead entering the fourth.

Alcona held Oscoda to just six points in the fourth quarter and they had the victory.

Somers led the Tigers with 16 points. Howe and Sharboneau put in 15 points apiece. Johnston finished with nine points. Schott netted seven. Jacob Renchen-ski had two and Ryken Wallenmeir added one.

Alcona (5-4 overall, 3-0 NSL Big Dipper) heads to the Charlton Heston Academy on Friday, January 27 and travels to Whittemore-Prescott on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Despite score, Lady Tigers play well against Oscoda

By Ben Murphy
 Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team traveled to Oscoda for a key North Star League Big Dipper game on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The Lady Tigers gave the Lady Owls, who have won the league four straight times and are favorites to do so again this year, a major battle. Despite leading for much of the first half, Alcona couldn't keep it going in the final two frames, they fell 48-37.

“Overall, I don't think we can be terribly disappointed,” head coach Mark Feldhiser said. “We are never happy about losing, but we stayed in the game with a tough Oscoda team. They are a very solid team, and they just out played us in the fourth quarter. This was a good game; one of those that is fun to be a part of. It was good high school basketball game between rivals.”

Alcona got off to a great start, getting five points in

the last two baskets of the half to 20-18 at the break.

“It was very nice to get a bit of a lead early, because that builds confidence,” Feldhiser said. “That said, we had the lead even though some easy shots didn't go in. If we had converted on a few of those close to the basket shots, we likely would have had a larger lead. Every team is going to miss a couple of those, but we missed a few too many in this game.”

Oscoda tied the game at 20-apiece early in the third. Alcona took what would be its last lead of the game at 21-20 on a Carmen Dellar free throw.

An and-one play by Hansen left Alcona down just one at 25-24, but the Lady Owls held a 29-26 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Oscoda opened the final frame on an 8-1 run to take a double digit lead at 37-27, and though a mid-range jumper by Hansen trimmed that to 37-29, Oscoda continued to control things in the final minutes.

“We got a little stagnate and complacent on offense, which led to poor shot selection at times,” Feldhiser said of the second half. “Also, we allowed them to shoot some uncontested threes. Oscoda will normally shoot very well from beyond the arc if you give them that kind of room.”

The Lady Tigers were led by Hansen with 14 points. K. Wambold had nine points, Gauthier and Dellar added six points each, and Jena Wambold put in two points.

“I thought for three quarters, we played well enough to win,” Feldhiser said. “Our defense, for the most part, was really good. I think our rebounding was a positive, and we also took pretty good care of the basketball.”

Alcona (6-4 overall, 1-2 NSL Big Dipper) hosts the Charlton Heston Academy Thursday and will travel to Whittemore-Prescott on Tuesday, Jan. 31.




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Alcona's Carmen Dellar brings the ball down the court moments after grabbing a defensive rebound during last week's loss at Oscoda. Photo by Ben Murphy.

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the first quarter from Kaylee Wambold. Kelsey Hansen scored four points, as the Lady Tigers took a 14-10 lead after one.

The Lady Owls knotted the game at 14-11 early in the second quarter, but threes by Hansen and Sage Gauthier put Alcona back ahead at 20-14.

The Lady Owls managed

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Local artists gift veterans with special canes for over a decade

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Giving back to veterans is in the heart and soul of an Alcona County octogenarian couple who has gifted hand-made eagle-head canes to veterans for over a decade.

Since 2011 Bill and Isa Hastings, a young 87 and 80, respectively, have had an artistic hand in providing 344 veterans who have served in combat with decorative personalized canes, many of which they made themselves or instructed others to make.

It all began when Bill heard about a wood carving club making eagle head canes for veterans in California during a Michigan Woodcarvers Association meeting. "I thought it was a good idea and approached the Sunrise Woodcarvers Club, which I was a member of, to make them as well. That was a while ago, we had a talented carver who assisted and did a good job, but he is gone now. Now it's just us, Isa and I for, the last few years making canes," Bill said.

Not only do they hand carve the eagle head/handle of the cane from kiln-dried lumber they cut from their property, they also decorate the shaft of the cane with as much information about the veteran's service to his/her country. They often make a special trip to present the cane to the veteran or ship the cane out using their own personal funds, which they do willingly and gratefully.

Isa explained each cane costs around \$50 and takes up to a month to create. "Once in a blue moon we get a donation to help with the cost, but not much. We keep track of all the donations. Making these canes is what Bill likes to do. He's a veteran too and wanted to make sure veterans who need a cane receive it," she said.

Bill said the canes are sturdy and meant to be used, "They are intended to assist our wounded military, so they must be sturdy. Each cane comes with a certificate that says 'You can stand proud among all other veterans who have answered their nation's call, and for that, we are deeply appreciative. When things tend to have a little wobble, use your cane to lean on.'"

"I get a lot of veterans tell me they don't need a cane, but I tell them maybe they don't need it now, but someday they might," Bill said.

Isa sends out the applications, receives them and studies the veteran's DD-214 form to make sure they have all the correct information for the veteran including their enlistment and discharge date, rank, division, squadron, regiment, company, fleet, air wing, ship(s) awards, medals, and citations are all carefully noted and documented for personalizing the cane.

Isa modestly said that Bill does the hard part — carving the eagle head. Both are equally talented artists and sell their works at the Dragonfly Gallery and other local



Isa and Bill Hastings have been making personalized eagle head canes for veterans for over a decade and welcome veterans meeting the criteria to apply for a cane. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

art galleries.

She mostly focuses her effort on the veteran's information and attaching it decoratively to the shaft of the cane. "Sometimes the information just covers a small amount on the front of the cane, other times we have so much information it runs nearly to the bottom of the cane and then carries over down the back," Bill said.

Isa explained if she can find a replica picture of the plane they flew or the ship they commanded she tries to add that to the cane as well.

Not all applicants receive a cane and Isa explained there is a "boots on the ground during conflict" criteria. Cane recipients include any World War II veteran, no matter where he/she served and must be eligible for the World War II Victory Medal; any Korean War veteran who served in Korea or adjacent waters during the conflict from 1950 to 1953; any Vietnam War Veteran who served in Vietnam or adjacent waters during the conflict 1965 to 1973 and must be eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal; and any wounded veteran of the war on terrorism from November 9, 2001, to present.

With large weathered hands Bill grasped a block of course timber a little larger than two bricks square and explained how it would become an eagle head, first by sawing a basic shape of an eagle head on one side and a handle on the other. Then the artistry comes in by chipping away pieces of wood until it resembles a full eagle head.

Each bald eagle head/handle is then painted and coated. The dolls for the cane shafts are pre-turned and purchased in 12-foot lengths. Bill cuts the dolls down to get four shafts out of each doll then sands and shapes them to just the right taper before the printed information, medal and ribbon replicas, or whatever other replicas can be glued in place.

Each one is a work of art and appreciated not only by

the veterans but by their families as well.

Les Thomas said his dad, Leslie, received a cane about 10 years ago and has always felt that it was a beautiful gesture. "You see these canes in the community and it helps you see the person using it in a new light of gratitude. My dad still uses his cane today — it is way nicer than any store-bought cane," Thomas said.

Bill said the canes have gotten noticed in the community and stand out, drawing interest from others who visit from across the country, "We've sent canes to New Mexico, Florida and all over. They've gone to ship commanders and major generals. The canes have become an interesting phenomenon. I guess that, along with helping veterans who deserve the cane, is why we keep making them."

The Hastings said donations are always appreciated to help offset the cost and they are always on the lookout for skilled woodcarvers. "I'm a pain when it comes to detail and if you think I'm bad, she's worse. It's either one or two things, it's either done right or it's wrong," Bill said.

Any veteran meeting the criteria that would like a cane can call either (989) 724-7222 or (989) 464-7872 to have an application mailed to them. To donate make the check payable to Bill or Isa Hastings with notation for veteran cane donations and mail it to the Hastings at 3775 N. US-23, Black River, Mich. 48721.

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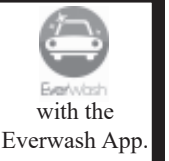
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sible, so I'd like to possibly get a box car and convert it into a chuckwagon and maybe some railcars for storage of tables and chairs, etc. The possibilities are endless. It's very exciting," Schroeder said.

While she doesn't know the exact cost to bring the building back or to accomplish the park-like landscape she envisions, she estimates it to be about \$500,000 to \$750,000. "Numbers that great keep me up at night, but if I can get 5,000 people to donate \$100 we're good. I can't do that by myself though and will need the community to help reach out and share our excitement. If we do that we can get there," Schroeder said.

First on Schroeder's agenda is to install security cameras and new lock fixtures. She has also begun looking into achieving one of the requirements of the deed; to install fencing along the property line and the tracks so people stay off the tracks.

Cleaning the stone where vandals spray painted graffiti is also a priority and according to Schroeder will cost thousands and thousands of dollars because of the softness of the stone.

"We've already started cleaning the inside. We had to remove several jars of pickles that were way past their expiration date," Schroeder said. She knew the pickles were a nod to a gifted writer from Harrisville that passed away years ago. Kay "Puttin

on the Fritz" Kneip who wrote a children's books about the depot and a dragon who lived in the depot and loved pickles.

Schroeder was tickled when she learned the deed transfer would have a \$1.00 value and while cleaning the depot happened upon an old donation bin that had \$1.24 in change in it. "We are going to somehow display those quarters," she said.

Since she became involved in the committee, people have come forward to tell her stories of long ago when the building was bursting with activity. One gentleman told her the train would bring new John Deere tractors and drop them off on the depot property. "He was one of the lucky boys who got to drive one of the new tractors from the depot to Lincoln to be sold. I can only imagine how exciting that must have been for him," Schroeder said. She hopes more people come forth with stories and plans on documenting each one to be kept at the depot.

Benghauser and Schroeder are also asking the public if anyone knows where some of the original equipment, fix-

tures and a ticket booth may have gone and if anyone has any depot items, the committee would like to have them back.

Schroeder heard a man who camped at the Harrisville State Park every summer 30 or 40 years ago took the ticket booth because the depot was being vandalized and he wanted to protect it. All the historical society knows is that he may have lived in the Flint area and worked at a market.

"Whatever we can find is great, but the biggest job for all of us right now is to fundraise. Without community support, we won't be able to ask larger corporations for grants and donations. We must demonstrate the community is behind this project and eager to see it through," Schroeder said.

Donations can be made payable to the Harrisville Depot and mailed to P.O. Box 313, Harrisville, Mich., 48740. A Go-fund-me link is available to make online payments. Check the Harrisville Train Depot Facebook page or its website at www.Harrisvilledepot.com for further information.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

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Gustin Township Zoning Ordinance Notice of Adoption

The Gustin Township Board of Trustees has adopted Ordinance No. 2023-01, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance, on 1-16-23. The amending ordinance shall take effect on the 8th day after this publication. The full text of the amending ordinance is available at 113 Second St. Lincoln, MI 48742 and at gustintwp.com or by calling Renee LaVergne at 989-335-0635. The zoning amendment is summarized as follows: Amend Section 2.1 to add definitions related to solar energy. Amend Section 4.0 to add private solar energy systems as a permitted use in all districts and to add commercial solar energy systems as a special use in the Agricultural-Residential District and Industrial District. Add Section 7.31 to add regulations pertaining to private and commercial solar energy systems. Amend Section 7.31 C. 3. The Commercial Solar Energy System shall be set back 200 feet from all property lines of non-participating lots. Setbacks should be measured when the panel is at minimum tilt. Amend Section 7.31 C. 6. The sound pressure level of a solar energy facility and all ancillary solar equipment shall not exceed forty five (45) dBA (Leq (1 hour)) at the property line of an adjacent non-participating lot. The site plan shall include modeled sound isolines extending from the sound source to the property lines to demonstrate compliance with this standard.



Buggy Rides



Tigers fall at Whittemore

January 28, 1998 ~ By Rich Mills

Alcona's eight-game winning streak came to an abrupt halt at Whittemore-Prescott last week.

The Cardinals jumped to an early lead then poured it on in the second half to cruise to a 67-39 victory. The loss dropped Alcona's season record to 8-2.

It was just one of those nights for the Tigers. Everything they touched seemed to blow up in their face while the Cardinals had the Midas touch.

It happens. They just have to put that one behind them. It will not get any easier this week when Mio comes to visit.

The Thunderbolts are rated number one in the state (Class D). Led by all-stater, Greg Sidebottom and a strong supporting cast, they can be explosive.

Alcona will have to play their best game of the year just to stay close.

The Tigers only stayed close to Whittemore for the first couple of minutes of the game.

Two jumpers by Dale Saranen tied the score at 4-4. The Cardinals then went on a 13-5 run to lead, 17-9 after one quarter.

The Cardinals controlled the boards throughout the evening

while Alcona was never able to figure out Whittemore's zone trap press. The Tigers did manage to get within four points (24-20) on an Aaron Healy field goal, but that was as close as they would ever get.

Whittemore led, 29-22 at the half. It was 44-29 after three quarters. Coach Wayne VanDyke emptied his bench halfway through the final quarter.

Senior Zack Sedgwick led Alcona's scorers with 16 points.

Junior Sean Stewart did play some good defense in the first half, but that was about it for Tiger highlights.

The two teams split their regular season games. In all likelihood, they will face each other in district tournament action in March.

Alcona's Junior Varsity played much better but still lost, 67-66.

Ryan Dellar led the JVs with an 18 point, 12 rebound night.

Jeff Munro chipped in with 16 points. Jeremiah Pagels added 10 points and 5 rebounds.

Coach John Katona was also pleased with the "nice floor game" of Yance MacNeill. He had 11 points and 5 assists.

Fire destroys barn on Pinder farm

A fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the barn on the Cecil Pinder farm, on Trask Lake Road, in Haynes Township last Thursday night at approximately 11:00 p.m.

The Pinder family, sleeping at the time, was awakened by a passing motorist and then notified the Harrisville Volunteer Firemen. By this time, the barn was almost gone.

According to the owner, 11 head of cattle, approximately 4,000 bales of hay and miscellaneous small tools were lost in the fire.

Rodney Burn, new caretaker at state park

January 22, 1948 ~ Mr. Rodney Burn of Bay City has been appointed by the State Conservation Dept. to be in charge of the Harrisville State Park.

Mr. Burn succeeds W. Cunningham, who with his family leave Thursday for Ortonville, Michigan, where he will be in charge of the State Park in that community.

Harrisville business changes hands

January 25, 1973 ~ Mr. Leo Fraser, a retired Lt. Colonel, became owner and operator of the M & M Bar in Harrisville on December 21, 1972.

Mr. Fraser purchased the business from Mrs. Milton Friedrichs who, with her late husband, had operated it since August 6, 1962. Mr. and Mrs. Friedrichs came here from Mt. Clemens after they obtained the Driftwood Bar, as it was then known, from James and Marie Erikson, and Mr. Friedrichs died February 4, 1972.

Mrs. Friedrichs reported that one stipulation of the sale was that the "Friday Night Fete" during Harmony Weekend would be continued.

Mrs. Friedrichs and her son Matthew are residing in their home about two miles north of Harrisville.

Publicize an Upcoming Event in the Review & Online

The Review's Calendar of Events is a *free service* and is published in chronological order as space allows. This forum is for events and programs open to the general public.

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council scheduled for January 9 at the city office was cancelled because of lack of a quorum. The meeting is rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. The rescheduled meeting of city council for January 16 was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Gehring. "The Pledge of Allegiance" was said.

Present: Mayor Gehring; treasurer Luenberger; clerk Pierce; council members, Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, and Vanderheuel; and guests. Absent: Bean.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Kaiser, support by Mason, to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,420.02. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to un-table a motion from December 12, 2022, concerning funding for the Summer Concert series. Motion carried: 5-0. Discussion.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to increase the Summer Concert budget up to \$3,500 for the 2023 season with a review of the series budget at the October 9, 2023, city council meeting for discussion of funding for the concert series in 2024. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring shared a letter of interest from Mary Peterson to fill a vacancy on the Tax Board of Review. Discussion. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to appoint Mary Peterson to fill the vacancy on the Tax Board of Review. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring recommended the law firm of White and Wojda to be retained as attorneys representing the City of Harrisville. Discussion. Motion by Kaiser, support by Vanderheuel, for mayor to negotiate a per hourly rate, and means of being present via Zoom, phone calls, etc. for council meetings with the law firm of White and Wojda for retention as city attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to set city council meeting times, at city hall, as the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Kaiser, to appoint Jacquelyn Schwanz as mayor pro tem. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister, to appoint Marjory French as deputy clerk for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser, to appoint Thomas Keerl as deputy treasurer for the City of Harrisville. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to appoint Jim Kaiser as street and sidewalk administrator for 2023. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz, to reconfirm clerk as city Census administrator for 2023. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel, to confirm Jim Kaiser as FEMA representative for 2023. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason, to appoint Thomas Keerl as city web site coordinator for 2023. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz, to appoint David Bauermeister as ex-officio to the harborcommission. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister, to approve Tom Keerl, DPW Director, to sign the MDOT Transportation Economic Development Fund, Category B – project program application. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring updated council as to the status of the Recreation Passport Project Agreement for the playground at the harbor. The city project coordinators, OHM Engineering, has not completed and submitted outstanding paperwork for the state. This is leaving the city a deficit of \$128,000 which the state grant will reimburse to the city upon submittal of the finalized forms.

Mayor Gehring also updated council as to the status of the lagoon project, headed by OHM Engineering. OHM has not responded with any timely information as to their progress in securing grant possibilities for the city. Alderman Bauermeister suggested summary letters be sent to OHM indicating the timeline of inactivity and monies already spent for each project.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel, to appoint J. Schwanz and T. Mason to the finance committee for term ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried: 5-0.

Moratorium review on number of marijuana facilities in the city was discussed. Decision was made on November 9, 2020, at the city council meeting to hold the number of facilities to three. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Kaiser, to continue the moratorium and review it on a yearly basis. Next review set for January 8, 2024. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason, to confirm appointment of Richard Dunn, Mary Peterson, and Paul Althoff to the Tax Board of Review for the term ending December 31,

2023. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Bauermeister, to confirm appointment of L. Schwanz, A. Kay as zoning board of appeal members, (three-year terms to end December 31, 2025) with a floor nomination of Warner Vanderheuel to fill a vacancy on the board. Vanderheuel nomination accepted and confirmed. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason to confirm appointments of Becky Bean, Dave Reigle, Tom Keerl as tree board members. Motion carried: 5-0.

Treasurer Luenberger addressed the investment policy of the city. Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser, to reconfirm and accept the investment policy as presented by the treasurer for 2023 using the following banks: Huron Community Bank, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, Nicolet, PNC and to do business with said institutions. Motion carried: 5-0. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0. A finance meeting will be held on February 16 at noon. Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason, to approve clerk to submit MDOT Application for use of M-72 and US-23 for annual activities and repairs use permit.

Request from Kathy Asheton for use of Main Street and Lake Street and the Harbor Pavilion for the Fourth of July Kid's Parade on Saturday, July 1 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to approve K. Asheton's request to use city properties for the Fourth of July Kid's Parade on Saturday, July 1. Motion carried: 5-0.

The Harrisville Harbor Commission recommended Tom Keerl, term ending December 31, 2023; Steve Arens, term ending December 31, 2024; Tim Claseman, term ending December 31, 2024, to serve as members of the harbor commission. Motion by Kaiser, support by Mason, to approve appointment of Tom Keerl, Steve Arens, Tim Claseman as members of the harbor commission. Motion carried: 5-0.

Bill Thompson, Recycle Alcona, requested a "payment for services" from the city for the Alcona County, County Wide Clean-Up on May 20, 2023. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to pay \$750 for services to Recycle Alcona for the county wide clean-up on May 20.

Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz, to adopt City of Harrisville Poverty Exemption Policy-2023. Motion carried: 5-0.

No. 2023-01: Resolution for Poverty Exemption. Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved that the mayor/assessor and board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to adopt Resolution No. 2023-01. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Vanderheuel. Nay: Mason. Motion carried: 4-0.

No. 2023-02: Authorization to allow local residents to protest in writing to board of review. Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved by the City of Harrisville of Alcona County that all resident taxpayers, or their agents, are authorized to protest to the board of review by letter. Said letters must be delivered to the physical or electronic address provided in the public notice or publication. For the March meeting of the board of review, letters must be received prior to the deadline on the publication. For the July and December meetings of the board of review, letters must be received by 5 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting stated on the public notice; and

Be it further resolved, that the City of Harrisville shall include a statement notifying taxpayers of this option in each assessment notice under section 24c and on each notice or publication of the meeting of the board of review.

Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-02. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0. Abstain: 0. Motioned Carried: 5-0.

No. 2023-03: Asset level test to be used by the board of review. Therefore, be it hereby resolved that liquid assets of no more than \$5000.0 and no other tangible assets with the exception of one automobile and one primary residence, subject to being adjusted or amended by the board of review or any other additional pertinent information on a case-by- case basis. Income producing assets shall be treated at the discretion of the board of review.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-03. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser,

Vanderheuel. Nays: Mason. Motion carried: 4-0.

Maureen Sullivan, representing the Harrisville Fireworks Fund, requested approval of Resolution No. 2023-04 for a charitable gaming license. Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel, to approve gaming license for the Harrisville Fireworks Fund for fundraising. Ayes: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Vanderheuel. Nays: 0. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor Gehring addressed the fire department grant which is providing county-wide funds to fire departments for purchase of pagers and radios in the amount of \$4,999. Mayor Gehring is also gathering information as to the blight management grant awarded to the county. There was a traffic accident at the intersection of Main Street and Lake Street and the driver of a vehicle slid into the water fountain on the corner and destroyed the stone structure surrounding the fountain.

Clerk Pierce: Summer Concert dates will be Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26 and August 2. All dates have been booked. Treasurer Luenberger presented the adjustments to the 2023 water/sewer and general fund budgets. Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister, to approve the adjustments to the 2023 water/sewer budget. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel, to approve the adjustments to the general fund

budget for 2023. Motion carried: 5-0.

Harbormaster Alexander addressed the updates and unexpected expenses incurred by the harbor this past season for major repairs to the harbor building infrastructure and the bubblers at the docks. He addressed grants being sought for repairs to the stairway at the lower parking lot and a rain garden being planned in conjunction with the elementary school and MSU Extension. The harbor Facebook page has been updated and he addressed the advantage of food trucks being available during concerts at the harbor. Planning commission ex-officio J. Schwanz recommended Mike Stone, Ed Chrumka and Todd Zellmann to fill vacancies on the planning commission. Motion by Mason, support by Kaiser, to approve appointment of Mike Stone, Ed Chrumka and Todd Zellmann to the planning commission.

Fire department assistant chief Keerl discussed the grant received from the MDNR/ Forest Resources Division for a county wide grant for pagers and radios and the state mandated 12 hours of training, yearly, for fire fighters. If continuing education is not maintained, the state will rescind an individual's certification.

Comment cards: Guest Patty Thomas urges the community to support the \$12.5 million state grant for the community housing project proposed by the Senior Center of Lincoln.

Information available on the ACCOA website. Warner Vanderheuel addressed his information gathered from the state concerning the traffic speed limits on US-23, north and south. Alderman Schwanz has been in contact with NEMCOG for information concerning grant potential for the proposed art/mural project for the city. Mason congratulated harbormaster on the excellent camera system installed at the harbor.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel for meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Next city council meeting February 13 at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "Just a moment!"</p> <p>7 Crusade</p> <p>14 Changes gears</p> <p>20 Debonair</p> <p>21 Spiritedly, in music</p> <p>22 Bull battler</p> <p>23 Clinton drains material away by percolation?</p> <p>25 Celebrity chef Lagasse</p> <p>26 Deborah of "Separate Tables"</p> <p>27 Coach Parseghian</p> <p>28 Competent</p> <p>30 "Red Book" chairman</p> <p>31 Presley wears a disguise?</p> <p>35 Rathbone jumps ship?</p> <p>38 RSVP encl.</p> <p>39 Ideologies</p> <p>40 Kyo — (Darth Vader's grandson)</p> <p>41 British peer</p> <p>42 Prefix with angle</p> <p>43 Liquidy lump</p> <p>44 Keaton argues back in a debate?</p> | <p>49 Longhorn's gridiron rival</p> <p>51 Anticipated</p> <p>53 Downy quilt</p> <p>54 Locke adds decorations?</p> <p>57 Carders' demands</p> <p>60 Nothing more than</p> <p>61 Work for</p> <p>62 "ER" roles</p> <p>63 Up — (cornered)</p> <p>65 Cobra variety</p> <p>66 Romero competes in a relay?</p> <p>70 Ford marks a word for omission?</p> <p>72 "7 Faces of Dr. —" (Tony Randall film)</p> <p>73 Matt of "Good Will Hunting"</p> <p>74 Links org.</p> <p>75 FBI guy, e.g.</p> <p>76 Words clarifying a spelling</p> <p>78 Osaka money</p> <p>79 Heaney makes people smile?</p> <p>84 Fiber for hose</p> <p>86 Kept safe</p> <p>88 Submit taxes paperlessly</p> | <p>89 Leroux does a ballroom dance?</p> <p>92 Santa — (desert winds)</p> <p>95 Zero</p> <p>96 Engrave</p> <p>97 Singer Janis Felipe or</p> <p>98 Baseball's Moises</p> <p>99 Scottish Celt</p> <p>100 Thompson works as an usher?</p> <p>104 Deane goes on a cruise?</p> <p>106 Bush press secretary Fleischer</p> <p>107 Old British gun</p> <p>108 Alternative to Yahoo</p> <p>109 Russia's — -Tass</p> <p>110 One of Janet Jackson's sisters</p> <p>112 Wiig mends a sweater?</p> <p>119 Precursor to web forums</p> <p>120 Tartish brew</p> <p>121 Peanut butter cup brand</p> <p>122 Composed</p> <p>123 Transition zone between plant communities</p> | <p>124 Will subject</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Ogre of myth</p> <p>2 "Uh-uh"</p> <p>3 Scratch (out)</p> <p>4 Chicken with long, soft plumage</p> <p>5 Curvy letters</p> <p>6 Herb of the parsley family</p> <p>7 Actor Linden</p> <p>8 Ryan and Tatum of film</p> <p>9 Fib tellers</p> <p>10 Family rec facility</p> <p>11 Infant cry</p> <p>12 Lunched, e.g.</p> <p>13 Lovers' flowers, in Spain</p> <p>14 Superb</p> <p>15 Native</p> <p>16 Wrath</p> <p>17 Physicist Enrico</p> <p>18 Case hearing</p> <p>19 Goes it alone</p> <p>24 "Am not!" comeback</p> <p>29 Funeral stand</p> <p>31 These, in Mexico</p> <p>32 Slowly, musically</p> <p>33 Winner's hand gesture</p> | <p>34 Tough dude's self-assertion peak</p> <p>35 Surpasses</p> <p>36 Cost of cards</p> <p>37 Picture book</p> <p>40 Devastates</p> <p>43 Actor Depardieu</p> <p>44 Poet-singers</p> <p>45 Tweaks text</p> <p>46 Of the middle eye layer</p> <p>47 Concise</p> <p>48 Footfalls</p> <p>50 Mental flash</p> <p>52 Part of NOW</p> <p>55 Matrix</p> <p>56 Jim Croce's "I Got —"</p> <p>58 Wine barrel residue</p> <p>59 Actress Blair</p> <p>63 "There Is Nothin' Like —"</p> <p>64 "Daniel Boone" actor</p> <p>66 Trolley sound</p> <p>67 Cushy course</p> <p>68 Stains</p> <p>69 Winding-line dance</p> <p>70 "Yipes!"</p> <p>71 Adequate, to L'il Abner</p> <p>74 Argentina's Juan or Eva</p> <p>77 Lecture jottings</p> <p>79 Long stories</p> | <p>80 Politico Mo peak</p> <p>81 Exodus</p> <p>82 Architect Saarinen</p> <p>83 Peddles</p> <p>85 "So far, no"</p> <p>87 Army group</p> <p>90 Univ. in Raleigh</p> <p>91 Fare-well link</p> <p>93 Condition in outer space</p> <p>94 Morally strict</p> <p>98 Actress Quinn</p> <p>99 Precious red stone</p> <p>100 Bone of the 103-Down</p> <p>101 Scratch out</p> <p>102 Located</p> <p>103 Foot-leg joint</p> <p>104 — voce (softly)</p> <p>105 "— alive!"</p> <p>108 At — time (prearranged)</p> <p>111 Words before dare or diet</p> <p>113 Rocker Ocasek</p> <p>114 "I believe," to a texter</p> <p>115 Scot's denial</p> <p>116 "There — god!"</p> <p>117 New Year in Vietnam</p> <p>118 MI-to-SC dir.</p> |
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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 NewRez LLC 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 forty-three

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 48762.

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 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: January 4, 2023

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

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

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Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by 3F'S Entertainment, Inc. and Frank O. Belloli and Judy Belloli Revocable Living Trust as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated September 10, 2008, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on September 12, 2008, in Liber 455 at pages 782-788, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$62,982.24, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of foreclosure sale by advertisement contained in said mortgage, notice is hereby 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 sale of the mortgage 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 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 beginning.

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-of-way 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 right-of-way 323.26 feet to the point 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 period.

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

ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's January board meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. Present: LaLonde, MacNeill, Gauthier, and Bolanowski. Excused: Bouchard. Motions to approve minutes from December meeting; accept treasurer report; to pay bills as presented; and to approve matching grant expenditure of the fire dept. All motions passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Dawn LaLonde Clerk

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Jamieson Nursing Home
Now Hiring
R.N., LP.N., CNA
and a cook.
Call 989-724-6889

PUBLIC HEARING

A special meeting of the Alcona Township Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 N. U.S. 23, Black River, Michigan 48721. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a closed session regarding current litigation and consider any other items that may come before the Board at that time.

Alcona Humane Society is hiring a part time animal caregiver/cleaner!

Please stop by to fill out an application!
Tues, Fri, Sat
11-3
989-736-7387



- 24 hours per week @ \$11/hr
 - Must be 18 years old and have a valid driver's license and insured vehicle
 - Must be dependable, willing to work holidays and weekends, and trustworthy
- Duties include but are not limited to:**
- stray and surrendered small to large dog, and cat, handling
 - getting on the floor to clean cat cages (bending)
 - scrubbing dog kennels
 - Dishes, scrub litter pans, laundry, sweeping
 - poop scooping, snow shoveling
 - animal health checks, vaccinations, medicine administration
 - Customer service skills on the phone and in person

BUYING TIMBER

Buying standing timber, minimum five acres. Cole Forest Products (989) 736-8928.

BINGO

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner-takes-all game and hotbalQI. All proceeds to charity.

BIDS WANTED

Accepting bids for Mikado Township Hall cleaning as needed Please call (989) 736-7721

HELP WANTED

Alcona Community Schools is seeking a full-time paraprofessional and a separate receptionist/paraprofessional for two weeks. Resumes can be directed to boys@alconaschools.net.

FOR SALE

Central Boiler Certified Classic Edge outdoor furnaces. Exceptional performance and value. Call today! Gauthier Heating & Cooling (989) 471-2478.

Dry oak firewood \$70 a cord delivered; \$60 you pick up 989-736-1054.

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

- MUSIC:** Which band sang the theme song to TV's "Friends"?
- ANATOMY:** What is the only bone in the human body that isn't attached to another bone nearby?
- LITERATURE:** What is the setting for the "Anne of Green Gables" novel series?
- TELEVISION:** Who plays the lead role in the sitcom "Mr. Mayor"?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Spanish Steps located?
- HISTORY:** How long did the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin, orbit the planet?
- AD SLOGANS:** Which restaurant chain advises customers to "eat fresh"?
- SCIENCE:** What is the only form of energy that can be seen with the human eye?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** With which animal do humans share 98.8% of their DNA?
- MOVIES:** Which movie features the famous line, "I see dead people"?

Answers: 1. The Rembrandts ("I'll Be There for You"); 2. The hyoid bone.; 3. Prince Edward Island.; 4. Ted Danson.; 5. Rome, Italy.; 6. 108 minutes.; 7. Subway Restaurants.; 8. Light.; 9. Chimpanzee.; 10. "The Sixth Sense" (1999). (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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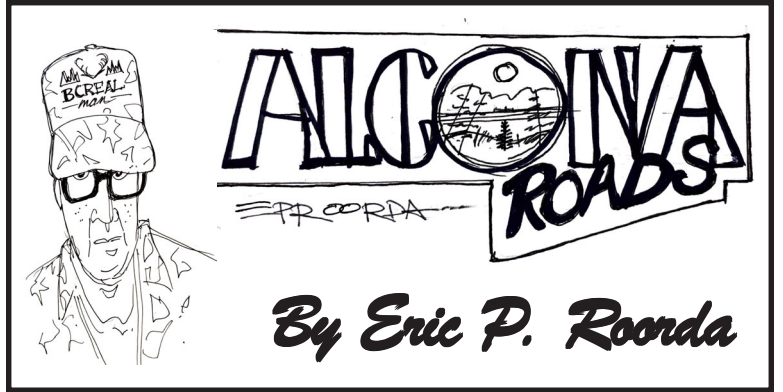
Hubbard Lake's river rats and wanigans

By Paul Eric Roorda
Author & Artist

The lumber industry in northeast Michigan radiated from Alpena, because it was by far the best port in the region, sheltered by Thunder Bay, with a harbor at the mouth of the Thunder Bay River. The heavily wooded environs of the bay were the easiest pickings for the earliest lumbermen, who sent the timber out of Alpena. As a result, the population of Alpena County rose 850 percent in the 1860s, from 290 to 2,756.

The lumber Lorax then chopped and sawed its way up the Thunder Bay River to the source of its lower branch, Hubbard Lake, which covers almost 14 square miles, its shores touching Hawes, Caledonia and Alcona townships. The dense evergreen forest surrounding Hubbard Lake became the second front in the war against the woods in Alcona County.

The first front in that war had opened along the Lake Huron shoreline south of Thunder Bay, with the boomtowns of Black River, Alcona and Harrisville springing up at the places where it was possible to load lumber schooners. The major players in Alcona County lumbering, especially the Black River based timber baron, future U.S. Senator Alger Smith, bought up the acreage surrounding Hubbard Lake, and got to work clearing it in the 1870s.



For the next two decades, lumbermen hauled millions of board-feet of lumber, representing untold thousands of virgin white pine and eastern hemlock trees, to the shores of Hubbard Lake, and set them afloat. The workers went at it all winter, gathering enormous logs into vast rafts on the lake, waiting for the spring thaw. When temperatures rose, and the snow melted, the Thunder Bay River rose, allowing the annual river runs to begin.

The scale of the harvest increased dramatically in 1881, when the first steamboat on Lake Hubbard began operating, hauling rafts of logs to the mouth of the river. That year alone, some seven million board-feet of lumber, in seven separate runs, descended the river from Hubbard Lake to Alpena! The mission of denuding the area of old-growth trees was accomplished by 1890.

Photos of Lumber Era "river runs" of rafts of logs on brim-full rivers are hard to comprehend. The massive concentrations of tree trunks blanket the surface—the water can't be seen in some of the images. In all of them, there are men holding poles, standing on the logs, as if they were on solid land, not balancing

on a surging mass of timber floating down a rushing river. They were "River Rats," doing the most dangerous job of a deadly industry, preventing logjams by untangling trunks using special hooks on long, heavy poles.

"Wanigans" were the key to every "river run." Sometimes called "shantyboats," they were small barges fitted with tents. Wanigans—the term derives from a Native American word that means "foodbox"—provided mobile accommodations for the River Rats. They followed along behind every log raft, all the way to Alpena. Wanigans were disassembled easily, and transported by a team of horses overland back to Hubbard Lake, where they were put back together for another wild river run, feeding and sheltering a crew of rowdy "River Rats."

(Eric lives in Springport, where his parents put down roots 50 years ago. He was a college history professor for three decades. His books include, "The Ocean Reader" (Duke, 2020), "Twain At Sea" (Chicago, 2018), and "The White Tail Family: A Coloring Book" (R/DC Press, 2021), which is available for \$10 at eproorda@gmail.com.)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake St., P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, MI 48742, until 4:00 p.m. local time, Monday, February 20, 2023. Accepted bids will be tabulated and publicly read during the Road Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, for furnishing the following:

1 or more New 3/4 ton, 4x4, Four Door, Crew Cab, Pickup, 6' Box, (Payload 2,700 lbs, min.)

AND

1 or more New 1/2 ton, 4x4, Four Door, Crew Cab, Pickup, 6' Box, (Payload 1,600 lbs, min.)

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

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

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALCONA

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1. CORRUGATED METAL CULVERTS
2. CRUSHED & WASHED LIMESTONE – STOCKPILED
3. CRUSHED & WASHED LIMESTONE – PICKUP
4. EMULSION
5. BITUMINOUS PATCHING MATERIAL (CP-6 & CP-7)
6. AGGREGATE: TAILGATE-SPREAD
7. AGGREGATE – STOCKPILE
8. AGGREGATE – PICKUP
9. CHLORIDE (applied for dust control & bulk for pre-wetting winter salt)
10. PAVEMENT MARKING SERVICES

Bid price for the above materials shall include cost of delivery to designated points in Alcona County and cost of pickup if noted.

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Whittens celebrate 50th anniversary

Pastor Wayne and Anna Whitten of Harrisville will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends on Saturday, January 28. They were married on December 29, 1972, in Rochester Hills, Mich. Twelve years ago they retired and moved to Alcona County. Before retiring, Anna Whitten was the food service supervisor at Rochester Hills Christian School for 16 years. Wayne Whitten worked for Chrysler Motors for approximately 10 years and has been a pastor for 50 years or more. Over the years he has pastored in Colorado Springs, Colo., Rochester, Mich. and, in Alcona County. In addition to working with the court systems in Alcona, Oscoda and Alpena to help individuals with addiction problems turn their lives around, he is the pastor of newly formed Haven of Hope Baptist Church in Lincoln. His wife is also very involved in the church. They have four children and 10 grandchildren. They recently started raising chickens and are enjoying retirement.



Anna and Wayne Whitten