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Seniors Kaitlin Nardi and DJ Howe will reign as queen and king for the winter 2023 homecoming at Alcona High School. For court photos, see page 9. *Courtesy photo.*

New supervisor, clerk bring experience to Mikado board

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

With an eye towards better things to come a new Mikado Township supervisor and clerk were sworn in last week.

Mary Harmon accepted the role of supervisor, taking the seat of Mike Corn, while Deb Odell accepted the seat of clerk.

Both former township clerk, Leisa Sutton and Corn resigned suddenly after Corn's wife, Regina Waszkiewicz was ousted as township fire chief. Wayne Odell has accepted the fire chief's duties.

All three, Harmon, Deb and Wayne Odell, have held the titles before, albeit for Harmon and Deb, it's been many years since they tackled township business. Wayne was the fire chief before Waszkiewicz was hired after he announced his retirement in 2019.

Harmon felt the township needed her assistance and she couldn't refuse. It was very similar to when she helped 20 years ago amidst controversy within the township board.

"This is the town I love. This town is at the center of



A Mikado Township special meeting was held last week to name Deb Odell (left) its new township clerk and Mary Harmon the new township supervisor following resignations of Mike Corn and Leisa Sutton the week before. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

the hearts of everyone who lives here. We have more chickens than we do people, but we like that close-knit small-town feeling. It hurts when you see the town at odds with each other. We all want things to run smoothly," she said.

Harmon felt some shame because she hadn't attended a township board meeting for quite a while until things began progressing. "I was like a lot of people in townships where they don't go to meetings until something upsets them. I knew better. I knew how important it is for public participation. How does the board know what the public feels if the public doesn't (tell them)?"

"I should have been going, but it is so easy to fall in love with that chair and watch TV. I kept getting calls from people in the township and when I finally went to a meeting a few months ago, I recognized some issues needed to be addressed," Harmon said.

Both Harmon and Deb Odell will be serving the remainder of the term for Corn and Sutton, which will end with the November 2024 election.

Deb explained she was the township clerk 25 years ago and was a township trustee for about eight years before that. When asked what a township clerk does, Deb said, "Just about everything. A clerk does about 80 percent

of the work on the township board, writes checks, takes minutes, whatever needs to be done except for what the treasurer does.

"I sat on the board as a trustee for eight years and didn't understand what the township clerk does. Until you are a clerk you don't realize how much they do. It's a time-consuming role, but if it is done correctly, it's not a bad job. It's worth the time and effort for this township," she said.

According to Deb, this time she jumped into the position with both feet running as the new budget for the year had to be accomplished and the board had to meet regarding it before the end of February.

"Rita Sands (the new township deputy clerk) and I got sworn in last Tuesday and immediately dug in and went to work. Thankfully, Rita used to be the township clerk not that long ago and still knew how to get the job done. A lot has changed, but we are up for it," Deb said.

Both the supervisor and clerk said they would like to see things change for the better as they assume their roles over the next 21 months.

"Besides just surviving it," Deb said, "I'd like to see things put into order. I'd like the old files digitalized and adaptable to future technology -- a lot of that stuff is just taking up space. I'm not a 'techy' but we have people in the com-



The Alcona girls varsity basketball team poses with a banner helping them celebrate their second straight North Star League Big Dipper Championship. (Front row, from left) Lilly Pappas, Rillee Tracy, Sierra West, Addison Beatty, (back row) Coach Mark Feldhiser, Kaylee Wambold, Sage Gauthier, Emma Travis, Carmen Dellar, Kelsey Hansen, Jena Wambold, Liberty Kimball, Graycn Tracy, and Assistant Coach Tim Somers. Not Pictured: Emily Lobaugh and Angelina Howe. *Courtesy photo.*

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BUDGET HEARING

The City of Harrisville will hold the General Fund Budget and Truth and Taxation meeting for the fiscal year 2023-2024 on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:05 PM at the City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St., Harrisville, MI 48740. Any questions, please call the city office at 989-724-6666.

Thank you to the Mikado First Responders and the Alcona County Ambulance for their excellent care in my time of need.
Ted French

BUDGET HEARING 2023

The Lincoln Village Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2023-2024 at 6:45 p.m. on Monday March 6th, 2023. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** Copies of the proposed budget will be available for viewing during the meeting. Any questions may be directed to Sheila Phillips Village President at 989-335-0012.
Sheila Phillips
Village President



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Correspondence

To the Editor,
Good to know Target Alpena recognizes the skills and talents of Lenny Avery. Significant loss for Alcona economic development.
Nancy Mellott
Harrisville

To the Editor,
My name is Tovi. Until recently I was an eight-year-old healthy, happy and, if I say so myself, wonderful golden retriever.

About three weeks ago during the night, my stomach twisted taking my spleen and causing bloat. My people knew something was very wrong with me. I was retching and miserable.

They frantically called every veterinary clinic in Tawas, Oscoda, Lincoln and Alpena. Not one clinic was available to help. They ended up taking me to Traverse City in the middle of the night. I was in pain, and it was a horrible trip for me and them. The veterinarians there tried everything they could to save my life, but it was too late by then.

The really sad part is I probably didn't have to die. I don't understand how people who care enough about animals to become veterinarians cannot find a way to offer emergency services to us in our most dire need.

I'm in Heaven now, but I know my people really miss me. I was their best friend, companion, exercise buddy and therapist. I will be really hard to replace.

I hope something can be done so other best friends don't have to suffer as I did. I know we have amazing veterinary doctors in northeast Michigan. Could they consider combining their efforts to have someone on call during off hours?

My BFF Jan Klein of Harrisville wrote this for me.
Jan Klein
Harrisville

Obituaries

Sandra D. Williams

Sandra D. Williams, 74, of Spruce, died on Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, at home.

She was born April 16, 1948, to Halley and Evelyn (Larson) Tacia in Alpena; she was raised in Spruce.

On November 19, 1966, she married William "Nick" Williams in Harrisville. They were residents of Flint, Mich. and Bay City, Mich.

Mrs. Williams was a registered nurse and worked at Flint Osteopathic and Bay Medical Center before retiring to Spruce in 2008. She was a member of the Alcona Historical Society.

She loved gardening and canning and tending to her flowers. She enjoyed propagating her perennial plants and selling them at the Alcona Historical Society plant sale.

Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband, Nick; one daughter, Amy (Jim) Harmer; one son, Brian (Christina) Williams; four grandchildren, Katie (Cole DeKett) Harmer, Derik Harmer, Kylie Williams, and Bret Williams; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, David Williams on November 12, 1970; one sister, Eleanor Mosley; and two brothers, Donald Tacia and David Tacia.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations are suggested to the Friends of the Lincoln Depot, in care of the Alcona Historical Society, P.O. Box 174, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

Kim I. Monnier

Kim Ira Monnier, 68, of Mikado, died on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023.

He was born November 12, 1954, in Algonac, Mich. to Keith B. and Marion E. (Johnson) Monnier.

He spent his childhood and most of his adult life in Harrisville.

Mr. Monnier worked for Alcona Community Schools for 31 years and six years at McDonalds in Oscoda before retiring.

He enjoyed sculpting with wood and metal, camping, canoeing, and quiet walks in the woods with Judy and Peanut.

Mr. Monnier is survived by his partner, Judy Fall; three sons, Jason Monnier, Steven (Dawn) Fall Jr. and Tim (Miranda) Fall; four granddaughters, Autumn Schwarz, Sarah Fall, Natalie Fall, and Delilah Fall; one grandson, Trenton (Alex) Schnabel; three



sisters, Cherie Ash, Nikki (Rod) Smith and Lori Tartaglia; many nieces and nephews; and the joy of his life, his puppy, Peanut,

He was preceded in death by his father, Keith B. Monnier; his mother, Marion E. (Johnson) Monnier Tartaglia; and his stepfather, Nick Tartaglia.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Let us know what is happening

Story ideas can be mailed to: P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; dropped at the Review office ~ 111 N. Lake Street, Harrisville; or e-mailed to: editor@alconareview.com.

Please, include a contact name & telephone number in case there are follow up questions.

Publishing Obituaries

The Alcona County Review continues to maintain the policy of not charging for obituaries as long as the obituary includes the vital information of the decedent and follows the established format. (Vital information is on the death certificate, which becomes public information once it is filed.) A good quality photograph can also be included at no charge. An obituary that the family wants published exactly as submitted, or includes memorial type sentiment, can be published as a paid obituary. Please include within the obituary the deceased's connection to the area.

The Review tries to publish as much information about the person's life as possible - marriage, career, military service, interests, survivors (first and last names), etc. - to share what their life entailed. An obituary reflects the person's life - as presented in a newspaper. The Review makes this effort because, while the death of the person is considered news at the time of their passing, a full obituary with vital information also serves as a connection to the future as many people use obituaries to research family history - which is a very popular pursuit these days.

Obituaries must be submitted directly by a close family member or a funeral home. We do not republish obituaries from other newspapers or electronic formats. The editor reserves the right to edit for length, clarity and style. Obituaries may be submitted by email to: editor@alconareview.com.



Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

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

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

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.

The Golden Grocery Giveaway, formerly known as Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), for income eligible seniors aged 60 plus will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center, 205 Church Street, Lincoln.

The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to

3:15 p.m. All levels are welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

The Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library is celebrating International Women's Day by giving a plant to women who stop into the library. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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

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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

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.

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The public is encouraged to learn how to be an everyday advocate by bringing attention to teenage dating violence from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Registration is not required to attend this free event. Some educational content related to dating violence may be triggering or upsetting to some attendees. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

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.

A craft activity making collages for ninth through

twelfth grade will be held in the cafeteria of the Alcona High School from 3 to 5 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

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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Storyteller and theater artist Cassandra Sadler will present her one-woman show, "Women of the Watch: Keepers of the Light," at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312, W. M-72. Everyone is welcome to this free program sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society. For more Information, call (989) 724-6796.

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Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	7	Traffic/Traffic Stop	16
Prop. Damage Accident	3	PBT/Drug Testing	24
Alarm	2	Miscellaneous	1
Assist	5	Well Being Check	3
Animal/Dog	2	Suspicious Event	3
Trespass	1	Unwanted Subject	1
CPL/Employ. Fingerprint	2	Personal Injury Accident	1
Domestic	1	Assault	1
Alarm	3	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Civil	1	Threats	1
Larceny	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	3	Caledonia	3	Curtis	3
Greenbush	11	Gustin	4	Harrisville	6
Hawes	5	Haynes0	Mikado	9	
Millen	5	Mitchell	4		
Harrisville City	29	Village of Lincoln	2		



Local Notes



Plants for Women

The Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library is putting the "her" in herbivore by celebrating International Women's Day with the fifth annual Plants for Women's Day. Ladies can channel their inner botanist as the library will be handing out potted houseplants to all the fabulous women out there on Wednesday, March 8. Plants will be available in the community room through the back entrance of the library from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (or until supplies last).

Bowling for Shelter Pets

There will be a fundraising event, the annual Bowl -a-Thon for the Alcona Humane Society on Sunday, March 26 at the Village Lanes bowling alley in Harrisville. Cost is \$20 for advanced purchase and \$25 at the door. Bowlers can choose from two shifts 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. as available (Maximum of 40 bowlers per shift.) To sign up, call (989) 724-3036, or at Precious Paws

Resale shop in Harrisville to reserve a place.

Improving Balance

The Matter of Balance workshop is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity level of older adults who have this concern. The eight-week workshop meets weekly, and instructors cover how to set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, and how to increase strength and balance, all with a larger goal of viewing falls as controllable. Each class meets for two hours.

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls workshop will take place Mondays and Wednesdays starting, May 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Alcona County Library in Harrisville, 312 West Main Street, until May 24. A workbook is provided, and donations are appreciated but not required.

Contact Brooke at (989) 358-4616 or mainvilleb@nemcsa.org to register. Spots are limited, so register early. Region 9 Area Agency on Aging is a division of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA). To find out more information regarding NEMCSA's programs and services, visit www.nemcsa.org.

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 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

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 Rev. Dr. Bryan Salminen
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- (Tie) New York, New York
- Boston, Massachusetts
- (Tie) Jersey City, New Jersey
- (Tie) Washington, D.C.
- Chicago, Illinois
- (Tie) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- (Tie) Long Beach, California
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Newark, New Jersey

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Alcona FFA places well at regionals

By Dawson Rigby
FFA Chapter Reporter

On February 1, 20 Alcona High School FFA members hosted District III, Region VI Leadership Contests. Participants who placed first or second at districts, then proceeded to the regional level of competition.

The Region VI Leadership Contests were held in Cadillac, Mich. on February 15. Alcona sent 15 students to compete.

•Darren Boyat (who placed second place at districts) competed in Greenhand Public Speaking, and earned second place at the Region VI Leadership Contests.

• Makayla Prince (who earned first place gold during districts) represented the Alcona FFA Chapter in the Creed Speaking contest and earned third place.

•The Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Team advanced from districts with a first place gold award and earned a second place gold award at regionals. Team members of the Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team are: Emma Schroeder, Daniel June, Ella Gehring, Emily Geddert, Colin McKenna, and Alivia Clark.

•Also representing the Alcona Chapter was the Parliamentary Procedure Team.

Team members Blaire Dellar, Savannah Wright, Ashton Rigby, Dawson Rigby, Haley Glick, and Kaitlin Nardi swept districts and regionals earning first place gold awards at both levels of competition.

All of the participants that placed first or second at the 2023 Region VI Leadership Contests have the opportunity to compete at the state level. They will travel to Michigan State University on March 8, 9, and 10 and compete with other FFA chapters from across Michigan.

Participants who place first at state competition, will compete at the national competition in the fall in Indiana.



Underwater vehicle recovery can be a time consuming and tedious job for those who do the work. A wrecker, very long tow lines, divers and much more equipment was used to pull a Ford F-150 out of Jewell Lake in Barton City last Friday and Saturday. According to Barton City Fire Chief Rod Cordes, the recovery began Friday morning with locating the truck, securing an air bag under the rear tires and tow line. The truck was eventually towed under the ice and water to a location where the ice was strong enough to support the weight of it being pulled out of the water, which was much closer to shore than when it fell through. According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Office, the truck was not occupied when it fell through the ice on Sunday, Feb. 19 around noon. "The vehicle had been on the lake Saturday during the local fishing tournament when it became inoperable. When the owner returned the following day, the truck had fallen through." The truck was sitting in about 14 feet of water, roughly 400 yards from the wrecker. The sheriff's office was assisted by Michigan Department of Natural Resources. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

Waterfowl numbers dominate local bird counts

By Peggy Ridgway

It's a good thing many local participants in the 2023 Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) ventured beyond their backyards and tallied along river corridors!

Canada geese, common mergansers, herring gulls, and mallard duck numbers dominated the unusually open and ice free waterways, while large numbers of European starlings, rock pigeons (rock doves), and wild turkeys spread across the inland areas. Redheaded woodpeckers are a rarity in these parts, but four were located in the Tawas/ Sand Lake area.

Thirteen observers in Alcona County, along with 30 in Iosco County, revealed some interesting finds. One American robin and 12 horned larks appeared in the Alcona area.

A single bluebird and

belted kingfisher were the delight of one Iosco observer. Northern cardinals, plentiful east of the Mississippi, also appear to be on the increase here, especially where sunflower or safflower seeds are supplied at feeders.

Evening grosbeaks are on the decline all over the United States, but a surprising 21 were recorded in the Alcona area. Cedar waxwings seem to be spread lightly across Michigan this winter, and very few, if any, were recorded in the eastern section of the state north and east of I-75.

It was noted by several participants that there seems to be fewer people feeding the birds in their yards. It may be that finances are going for other purposes, or some local residents who usually fed may be spending the winter in warmer climates.

A total of 46 species were documented in Iosco County,

followed closely by 44 observed in Alcona County. Preliminary reports from Cornell Lab of Ornithology, one of the major sponsors of the event, lists the following top 10 species and their numbers for Alcona County: Canada goose (450); European starling (92); trumpeter swan (73); common merganser (69); Mallard duck (52); wild turkey (50); snow bunting (32); American goldfinch (29); evening grosbeak (21); and black-capped chickadee (17).

Top 10 totals listed for Iosco County included: common merganser (222); herring gull (127); European starling (100); American goldfinch (85); rock pigeon (55); wild turkey (50); trumpeter swan (48); mourning dove (40); mallard duck (34); and Canada goose (31).

For more results log onto bird-count.org.

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Mikado Civic Center

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

No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

Public protest will be heard at the Mikado Civic Center

Tuesday, March 14 1:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15 1:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Protest may be filed in writing and must be received at the

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	RATIO	MULTIPLIERS
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TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
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Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7 days notice. Contact Mary Harmon 989-736-8636

Nancy Schwickert

Mikado Township Assessor

2/8 thru 2/22

Centurion celebrates life with faith

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

If all it takes to reach 100 years of age is to trust in God and smile, then an Alcona County resident has exactly what it takes and then some.

Vivian (Sis) MacNeill celebrated her 100th birthday last week with smiles to share throughout Jamieson Nursing Home where she resides.

Sis, as she has been lovingly referred to for the last 99 years, was named by her slightly older brother, Eugene, who called her "sissy" and the name stuck.

Even after outliving her husband of 58 years and three of her four children, Sis remains consistent in taking in all the good memories and seemingly discarding anything sad or bad, giving that portion of her life up for God to handle.

Sherry MacNeill attributed her aunt's long life because Sis was a very loved gift from God. "All her life my aunt has put God first. She's had tragedy but here she is 100 years old and praising the Lord. She just puts all her faith in him. If we could all be that faithful, our world would be so much better. We could take the word 'hate' right out of this world," Sherry said.

She explained her aunt was always a happy person and even when Sherry was a little girl she enjoyed visiting with her and still does today. "We giggle and laugh a lot. There isn't a single story I can think of where we aren't laughing. She just glows. That glow comes from her very large halo. I don't think I can say that about very many people, but she has a halo.

"I think maybe God is just not ready to take her because he knows she is still spreading love here on earth. She is love," Sherry said.

As the petite centurion sat in a comfy chair near a large window, she smiled, despite outside the window lay several inches of fresh snow and frigid cold temperatures. Sis was content, with hands folded on her lap wrapped in a brightly colored hand-crocheted Afghan.

Happy and excited, she was



Vivian "Sis" MacNeill, a resident of Harrisville, turned 100 last week. While her body may be failing, her mind, enthusiasm for life and her love of God haven't. *Courtesy photo.*

looking forward to what the day would bring. Her infectious joy and peacefulness could almost be felt long before entering her room.

Upon reaching her doorway, Sis's smile broadened with recognition, even though her visiting guests were wearing face masks to protect her from any viruses. "I know you," she said and recalled the Alcona County Review had spoken to her and written an article not all that long ago when she was only 93.

"Who would have thought you'd be here to see me again for my 100th birthday? I didn't think I'd live this long. I'm doing good and glad to be here. I got some beautiful flowers, so many cards, phone calls and balloons," she said pointing to the gifts on a small table and three gold balloons numbering her 100 years of life floating above her head.

It was during the interview seven years ago when the Review learned Sis was born in Sturgis, Mich., the second child and last child born to Al and Emily Richmond. She met and married the love of her life, Roy MacNeill in 1941 and together they had four children.

With twinkling eyes recalling the past 100 years, Sis explained she was a feisty child, full of energy and mischief. She laughed talking about jumping off the roof of their home with her brother and climbing trees where they would dangle from their feet upside down. "My mother would say, 'Sissy, you got to watch what you are doing.' My goodness, 100 years goes by fast," Sis said.

She recalled her daredevil brother and how after World War II he came home and purchased an airplane. "I had little babies I left at home with a sitter and he'd take me up for a ride and then turn that plane upside down. I think he just liked hearing me scream. I loved it," Sis said.

Skating and biking were also activities she enjoyed along with swimming, family picnics on the beach, traveling and snowmobiling when she became an adult.

Sis, whose hair hasn't changed much at all in the last 70 years, was a beautician. She received her cosmetology license in 1947 in Battle Creek, Mich., about 30 miles from Colon where she

and her husband resided.

Shortly after that, she and Roy moved their family to Harrisville to be near where Roy grew up. His mother, Nelly (Somers) MacNeill still resided in Lincoln along with many of Roy's six siblings and their children.

Sis said her family quadrupled in size when she married into the MacNeill family and had too many relatives to count not including 12 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and she believes around nine great-great-grandchildren.

Sis opened a beauty shop while Roy worked on base in Oscoda during the winter and for road construction during the summer months. He also had a gas station and an ice cream shop on US-23. Sis retired from the beauty business in 1996 but said she still would love to be able to pick up her scissors and cut hair.

The couple had a busy life working, raising children and traveling, quite often taking Roy's mother with them. They enjoyed dancing and had many friends they played cards with every week. "We played all kinds of card games, rummy and euchre. Euchre was my favorite," Sis said.

They also cherished their relationship with God and felt church was an extension of an already big family, but one to embrace just the same. With open arms, minds and pockets they offered mentoring and meals whenever possible to those in need. Sis and Roy were members of the First United Methodist Church in Harrisville and taught Sunday school. Sis joined the church choir and sang with them until the age of 90.

Jamieson activity director, Robin Taylor said while Sis's body may be giving up a bit, her mind and enthusiasm for life hasn't and she still takes part in Yahtzee and bingo whenever she can.

"For her special day, folks from her church sang her happy birthday which she got to watch on Facebook and Danica Jamieson came here and played the piano for her. Sis still likes to sing and laugh," Taylor said.

Cards and letters are still cherished by Sis and can be mailed to Jamison Nursing Home, Attention: Sis MacNeill, P.O. Box 369, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

BUDGET HEARING

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

Request for Sealed Bids Cedar Lake Improvement Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Alcona County Road Commission invites the public to attend an open house to discuss a project to replace the Lakeshore Drive bridge over the Black River in Alcona Township, Alcona County.

Who: Community stakeholders, Local Businesses, Interested residents, MDOT staff and contractors

When: Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Alcona Township Hall, 5576 US-23, Black River, MI 48721

Project information: Bridge replacement of the existing Lakeshore Drive bridge over the Black River and associated road work is planned as part of MDOT's Local Agency Bridge Bundling Project. Construction is anticipated in 2024 or 2025. To accommodate the bridge replacement, additional right-of-way (ROW) in the form of a partial fee take of the Alcona Township Huron Park is being proposed. The partial take has a dimension of 20' in width by 100' in length for a total area of 2000 square feet. Access to the park will not be impacted during or post construction. There will not be any permanent adverse effects to the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the park. The park is a recognized recreational property and is provided protection from adverse impacts associated with federal-aid transportation projects and necessitates this open house.

Due to the permanent acquisition of land from Alcona Township to the Alcona County Road Commission, the Alcona County Road Commission is seeking public input regarding the proposal as noted above. Please provide comments to Jesse Campbell at 989-736-8168 or manager@alconacrc.com. Comments must be received by 4/03/2023.



Lady Tigers earn share of NSL Big Dipper

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team entered its North Star League Big Dipper game at Mio on Tuesday, Feb. 21 as heavy favorites.

The Lady Tigers didn't overlook the Lady Thunderbolts though, as they got a 46-14 win and, more importantly, clinched a share of the second straight NSL Big Dipper championship.

"Our girls played outstanding on both ends of the floor in the first half to really put this one away," head coach Mark Feldhiser said. "Everyone contributed to a win that we had to have. I am really proud of our team; they knew what it would take to get a share of the title and went out and did it."

Alcona took 12-4 lead after the first quarter and had the game in control by the half

with a 25-4 advantage. Entering the fourth it was a 35-14 Alcona lead. The Lady Tigers share the league title with Oscoda, and depending on the outcome of games with unreported results, Rogers City as well.

Kelsey Hansen finished with 15 points. Emma Travis put in nine. Carmen Dellar added eight. Sage Gauthier scored six. Jena Wambold added four. Netting two points apiece was Sierra West and Kaylee Wambold.

On Monday, Feb. 20 the Lady Tigers won a lopsided NSL Big Dipper game over visiting Charlton Heston Academy, 48-11.

"It was as good game for us, everyone got to play a lot," Feldhiser said. "It was an important win as it moved us one win closer to a share of the conference title."

Hansen led the way with

16 points. Liberty Kimball netted 13 and West netted six.

Alcona (14-6 overall, 8-2 NSL Big Dipper) played Tawas in a Division 3 district semifinal on Wednesday, March 1 at Oscoda. Roscommon, Charlton Heston and Oscoda are also in the district, with the championship game scheduled for Friday, March 3.

"It has been a good season and now we have to get through all the weather issues and focus on the district," Feldhiser said.

Tigers bowl at regionals

On the first day of the competition, Alcona bowled eight baker games and two regular games. On the second day, Alcona bowled six regular games.

On the team part, the girls placed seventh overall with a total pin count of 2,156. The boys placed 12th overall with a total pin count of 2408.

According to coach Tina Stern, in singles, both the boys and girls had impressive scores. High game scores and (total pin count) were: Logan Bates, 222 (987); Sam Prince, 168 (864); Jacob June, 162 (845); Vincent Nardi, 134 (655); Robert Napier, 127 (670); Daniel June, 136 (655); Rylee Manning, 166 (885); Jerzey Brown, 170 (835); Morgan Munsey, 149 (823); Makayla Prince, 134 (700); Danica Manning, 131 (681); Nyhia Jackson, 118 (544).

"I will miss my seniors, Logan, Sam, Morgan and Jerzey," Stern said. "Best of luck to their future plans. I am looking forward to next year with four returning bowlers on each team We had a great season."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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NOTICE

Mikado Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2023 in the Mikado Civic Center on March 13 during its regular monthly meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. **"The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing"**. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Clerk's office. Please call (989) 736-7721 for an appointment or further information.

Deb Odell
Mikado Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Township of Greenbush Board of Trustees (Board) will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 at the Greenbush Township Hall at 5037 Campbell Road on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 starting at 7:15 PM during the regular monthly Township Board meeting which starts at 7:00 PM. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at www.greenbushtownship.com and posted at the Township Hall or you can contact Clerk Story at 989-569-3519.

The Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon six (6) day's notice to the Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Board by writing or calling the following: Clerk Story, PO Box 9, Greenbush, MI 48738, 989-569-3519.

3/1 & 3/8

Alcona boys play well in loss to fifth ranked Hillman

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team welcomed fifth-ranked Hillman for a North Star League crossover game on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Alcona hung around with Hillman through some of the evening, but ultimately came up on the short end, 51-34.

"I thought the team gave good effort, it just wasn't enough to get it done," head coach Alex Cole said. "It doesn't help that we are going through a historically bad shooting slump. But I'm optimistic because the guys are putting in extra work. I know that any game now we are going to start hitting shots and then we will be dangerous."

In the first quarter, Alcona had four points from Evan Borsvold. Garrett Somers and David Sharboneau each hit a three. DJ Howe also knocked down a two-point field-goal, but Hillman led 15-11 after one.

Alcona struggled on offense in the second frame with just one field-goal from Howe. As a result, Hillman pulled away to lead 26-13 at the half.

Threes by Sharboneau and Somers helped the Alcona

offense get going again in the third quarter, but Hillman still had the lead entering the fourth, 37-27.

Hayden Johnston netted five points in the final frame, but it wasn't enough for Alcona to get back into the mix.

Alcona was led by Howe who had eight points. Johnston and Somers put in seven points each. Borsvold and Sharboneau added six points each.

Alcona (8-9 overall) wraps up the regular season on Thursday, March 2 at Standish-Sterling. The Tigers also open up Division 3 district play at Tawas on Wednesday, March 1 against Johannesburg-Lewiston.

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Turkey farms spared so far from avian flu

By Dan Netter
Capital News Service

While avian flu has disrupted poultry flocks in Michigan and spurred higher egg and chicken prices, turkeys in Michigan – wild and farmed alike – have been spared from the virulent disease, according to industry leaders and government officials.

Megan Moriarty, a wildlife veterinary specialist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), said the agency conducted surveillance for avian flu last spring and fall, finding the virus primarily in swan, geese, ducks, vultures and eagles and, on a lesser scale, hawks and falcons.

Moriarty said no cases of avian flu among wild turkeys were found. Turkeys are at less risk of infection than many other bird species because of a handful of factors, Moriarty said.

Wild turkeys are not scavengers, so they don't get sick from eating infected animals. They also don't travel together in colonies, meaning mass transmission of avian flu is unlikely, she explained.

Avian flu, according to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, has been found in domestic backyard flocks of poultry in 15 counties in the state.

No cases have been reported so far in 2023, according to the department's communications director, Jennifer Holton.

Nancy Barr, the executive director of the Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, said avian flu has been spotted in one commercial flock of turkeys since the start of 2022, but turkey farmers have prevented its spread to other flocks since.

Barr said since that initial case in 2022, turkey farmers have implemented biosecurity measures like perimeter buffer areas that control which people and vehicles can enter a farm.

"They draw an imaginary line around the outside of the farm and they have certain restrictions for any vehicles or people that come across that line to make sure that they aren't potentially bringing anything from the outside," Barr said.

A more important biosecurity measure is the line of separation at a barn door, according to Barr. That means



Domestic turkey farmers are concerned with the upcoming spring migration. *Courtesy photo.*

only farmworkers can enter barns where turkeys are housed, she said. Those workers have had no contact with other poultry and change clothes and sometimes shower before going in.

"That's probably one of the most primary things they do," Barr said. "Equipment is cleaned or designated just for that house. So it's thinking about every single thing that comes into that house to keep those birds healthy."

Barr said that turkey farmers are nervous about the upcoming northward migration of other birds from the South this spring.

According to the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, symptoms of avian flu in birds include sneezing, coughing, diarrhea, nasal discharge, swelling in body parts, loss of energy and appetite, discoloration and sudden death.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 2021, Michigan ranked 10th in the nation for numbers of turkeys raised, with 5.1 million annually. Ottawa and Allegan counties are the only two counties with more farmed turkeys than human residents, according to the USDA. Ottawa County produces 70 percent of Michigan's commercially raised turkeys.

Ottawa County Emergency Management Director Louis Hunt, who handles avian flu matters, said the county takes the disease seriously because of the threat posed to turkey

producers in the area. He said when he has visited farms that have turkeys and other poultry, the precautions taken by the producers were "impressive."

"First of all, you're met with all the signs that these are biosecure facilities, and I guess that sounds intimidating," Hunt said about his farm visits. "They have taken great pains to keep separated any potential vectors" of the disease.

On his visits, Hunt had to certify that he had no contact with any poultry in "multiple" days. He also had to be decontaminated and change his clothes.

He said owners of backyard flocks in Ottawa County have received information about what to watch out for and were ordered to immediately report any infection.

As for the upcoming migratory season, Moriarty said the DNR is preparing for a resurgence of cases in the spring and flu for wild birds, based on last year's experience. "Migration and large-scale movements of different bird species, it's kind of a perfect scenario to have the virus be mixing and moving across the landscape," he said.

Barr said Michigan is in the "Mississippi flyway," a major bird migration route, producers will be watching their flocks diligently to ensure as little infection as possible. Most producers will assume the migrating birds are potentially infected.

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP NOTICE
Harrisville Township will hold its public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 fiscal year budget at the township hall on March 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. **The proposed tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget can be viewed online at harrisvilletownship.com after March 1, 2023. The regular meeting will follow the public hearing at 7p.m.
Chad Spitznagel, Township Supervisor 3/1 & 3/8

NOTICE
The Curtis Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 23-24 at the Glennie United Methodist Church at 7104 North State Street on Thursday March 9, 2023, just prior to the regular monthly meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection online at curtistownship.com or you can contact Clerk, Jennifer Petty at 9890735-3585.

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The Alcona High School Winterfest Senior Court includes (left from) Blaire Dellar, Jack Goldstrom, Kaitlin Nardi, Logan Patterson, Emalee Dorr, Owen Borsvold, Savannah Wright, Ashton Rigby, Emily Lobaugh, and Dj Howe. Photo by Mary Weber.



Alcona High School Winterfest Underclassmen Court includes (from left) freshmen Makalya Prince and Cole Upper; sophomores, Piper Whitefield and Kelvin Travis; and Juniors Liberty Kimball and Jacob Renschenski. Photo by Mary Weber.

BUDGET HEARING
 Notice of Mitchell Township budget hearing. It will take place on Thursday March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mitchell Twp. Hall. Keegan Small, Mitchell Twp. Clerk

Classified Ad Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Call 989-724-6384 Visa, Mastercard & Discover Accepted

PETS OF THE WEEK
 At the Alcona Humane Society
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Pearl is 5 years old, spayed, microchipped, feline leukemia negative, and has her distemper vaccine. She would prefer to be the only cat. Pearl loves to sunbathe and watch the birds outside. Her favorite activities include: treats, catnip, and a warm place to cuddle next to her human.

Roscoe is a year old hound mix. He is neutered, microchipped, and has his distemper/parvo vaccines. He is very friendly! Roscoe needs training and would do great as a hunter if given the chance! He loves to play and walks great on a leash with a special collar. His favorite activities include: frisbees, peanut butter, and lots of room to run.

How to protect seniors from scam calls

Dear Savvy Senior,
 What tools can you recommend to help protect trusting seniors from scam calls? My 74-year-old mother gets tons of unwanted telemarketing and robocalls on her cell and home phone and has been duped out of hundreds of dollars.

Frustrated Daughter



Dear Frustrated,
 It's a great question! Scammers are always looking for new ways to dupe people out of money, and in the U.S., phone calls remain the primary way swindlers hook older victims.

The Federal Trade Commission recently found that 24 percent of adults over age 60 who reported losing money to a scam in 2021 said it started with a phone call – the largest percentage of any method, including email, text and mail.

To help protect your mom from the onslaught of robocall scams, telemarketing and spam calls, here are some tips and tools you can help

her employ.

Register Her Numbers

If your mom hasn't already done so, a good first step in limiting at least some unwanted calls is to make sure her home and cell phone numbers are registered with the National Do Not Call Registry. While this won't stop fraudulent scam calls, it will stop unwanted calls from legitimate businesses who are trying to sell her something. To sign up, call (888) 382-1222 from the phone number you want to register, or you can do it online at DoNotCall.gov.

Cell Phone Protection

Most wireless providers today offer good tools for stop-

ping scam calls and texts. For example, AT&T has the ActiveArmor Mobile Security app; Verizon provides the Call Filter app; and T-Mobile offers the Scam Shield app.

To activate these tools, download the spam-blocking app from your mom's carrier on her phone, which you can do at the Apple and Google App store. These apps are free to use, but most carriers will also offer upgraded services that you can get for a small monthly fee.

If, however, your mom uses a regional or small wireless carrier that doesn't offer scam/robocall protection you can use a free third-party app.

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What if you only had one month to live?

By Paul White
Columnist

About a decade ago some friends and I were reading a book that forced us to consider what we would do if we if we were told we only had a months' worth of time left on this here earth.

We began to discuss what we thought other people might say before we really challenged ourselves. At first blush we kind of imagined

that someone would want to take that trip they had always talked about, buy that house they had always longed for, or that brand new car they could never justify purchasing. Or would it be buying those diamond earrings for their wife or that expensive watch for their husband?

It turns out that our original line of thinking was way off from the decisions that people consistently made

when the news of imminent death is thrust upon them. When we forced ourselves to get real with our emotions and feelings we came up with very different answers.

After some deep discussion, our answers aligned quite closely with those of people who had actually been told the news that they had about a month left to live. Turns out that there are three things that quickly dominate their thinking in their remaining days on earth.

First thing was "get right with God." Regardless of what their faith life had been up to that point, they found great peace in having a personal conversation with the Big Buddy in the Sky. This is in an attempt to, at least, finish with the security that hope, and faith will bring good things when life on Earth comes to an end and a new life, hopefully, begins in heaven.

Second thing was "repair any and all broken relationships." This made complete sense to us. I mean, who wants to leave this earth carrying a load of grudges or the "hey, they did it to me first" mentality. Just think about how much that all weighs... and the burden those grudges weigh on the minds of the people you leave behind that you profess to care about and love.

The thought process quickly became, "Who cares who's to blame. I don't want to leave this earth still being mad at you." In some cases, it had been going on so long

Thoughts to Ponder

By Paul White



they couldn't even remember exactly what had caused them to stop talking to the other person. That is so sad.

The third thing was to "tell everyone you love that you love them." Even if you only love them a little. A little still counts and the goal became letting people know, without any doubt, that they had somehow benefited your life and that you appreciated the love you received from them and attempted to return.

As we thought about the three things we realized that here's a life lesson that was placed right in front of us. Why wait? Why in the world would we wait to get right with God, to repair any and all broken relationships, and to tell the people we love that we love them?

If it's so important for people near the end to check off these three things before they leave this earth, wouldn't it be wise to check them off sooner rather than later? Wouldn't our life on this earth be better right now if we instituted these three things in our everyday life?

Over the last decade I've enjoyed huge benefits from pursuing growth in my faith,

attempting to repair broken relationships, and telling everyone I can, that I love them. While I'm still not 100 percent successful with each attempt (sometimes people give me that "you're a little weird" look), all of these attempts have led to me living an improved and wonderful life. Not waiting has been one of the best life decisions I've ever made.

So, what about you? Would you be willing to take 10 minutes right now and think about what you'd most want to do if you were suddenly informed you only had a month to live? Would it be similar to the three things above? How would your life improve if you began working on your "before I die" list today, rather than waiting until the final month?

I hope I've given you something to ponder. But pondering won't yield success, only action will. Take action and let me know how things turn out for you. There's a lot of joy and love just waiting for you to embrace.

Paul White is an entrepreneur, business owner, and a guest columnist from Midland, Mich. He can be reached at coach@theanswerdiscovery.com.

BIDS WANTED

Sealed Bids for City wide HMA overlay will be received by Harrisville, at 200 North 5th Street P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740, **until 10:00 am local time on March 31, 2023**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Bidding documents are available electronically via e-mail upon request. To request a copy of the plans, send an e-mail to becky.rivard@huronesi.com and include your name, company name, address, phone number, and email address.

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Harrisville Township will hold its public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 fiscal year budget at the township hall on March 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. **The proposed tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget can be viewed online at harrisvilletownship.com after March 1, 2023. The regular meeting will follow the public hearing at 7p.m.

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NOTICE

Hawes Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2023-2024 at 6:45 pm on Tuesday March 14th, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Barton City VFW Hall on 2120 W. Trask Lake Rd Barton City MI. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** Regular meeting to follow.

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munity who are and willing to help. Having Rita by my side will also help.”

Harmon was excited to work with the new board and felt they were all extremely capable and professional. She also felt more township participants were needed so that no one person has to perform a multitude of tasks.

“I think things will settle down rapidly in the township. Wayne has already got three or four medical first responders who are highly trained coming on board and has applications for firefighters too. I’ve worked with him

before and know he is first class in the role,” Harmon said.

Her most pressing concern currently is getting with Gustin Township to address firefighting issues that could very well crop up with the implementation of solar panel farms in Gustin.

“It’s a touchy subject, but as a fire department that contracts with Gustin Township, it’s a concern. Mikado has a very well-written solar field ordinance and currently has no solar fields planned, but the state is already making adjustments and solar fields

will put a big demand on fire departments.

“The solar panels are not a concern, but the batteries (to operate them) are. The state will be demanding upgrades to fire departments and it will affect small towns a lot. Gustin Township is gearing towards having solar fields and we will be obligated because of our contract with them,” Harmon said.

She is also determined to make sure the township sets forth some policies and procedures bylaws and/or manuals so that what has transpired over the last few

years never happens again. “The township wasn’t prepared. Before I leave office I want that in place,” she said.

Wayne retired in 2019 from the Mikado Township fire chief position, but not from firefighting or first responding in the township. He said at that time he was still working a full-time job which took up too much of his time and he felt the need to give something up. He has since retired from that full-time job and is excited to take on the role again.

He has contacted many of the firefighters and first re-

sponders who left the township over the last three years and feels confident some will be returning. He is also seeking new recruits to be trained. He said if anyone would like more information on what it takes to work with the fire department to contact him at (989) 335-8292.

Harmon wants the board to be open and transparent and is asking that if any Mikado resident has a question or suggestion, to speak up. Harmon can be reached by calling (989) 736-8636 or email the township at mikado.twp@gmail.com

The next Mikado Township meeting will take place on Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m.



Buggy Rides



Richard Mills named Co. juvenile officer

March 1, 1973 ~ In an announcement made last week Richard C. Mills, 26, of Lincoln, has been named juvenile officer for Alcona County.

Mills was appointed to the post by Gov. William Milliken, and will work with Probate Judge Paul Dwyer, who took over that office in January.

Mills is a native of Alcona County and a graduate of Central Michigan University. He succeeds Mrs. Marge Hughes, who retired as juvenile officer here when her husband stepped down as probate judge.

Mills, who did graduate work in criminology, was employed in Texas after getting out of college.

Recently, he has been working in a store operated by his parents in Lincoln.

Pickup and truck collide at US-23 and Main Street

March 3, 1948 ~ A pickup truck driven by, James Somers was badly damaged in a collision at the intersection of US-23 and M-72 Friday afternoon.

The Somers’ truck crossed the intersection from the west striking a truck coming from the south.

Mrs. Percy Somers was a passenger in the pickup, but no injuries was sustained by anyone. The ownership of the truck going through was not revealed.

State Highway Dept., please note: This is the intersection where a traffic light has been asked for so many times, with no results. Maybe, when some life is lost, a light might be considered.

Springport Resort sold to Detroit party

March 3, 1948 ~ Mr. and Mrs. Norman Middleton of Detroit, completed a deal the past week whereby they became the owners of the popular Springport Resort, south of Harrisville, on US-23.

The Resort has been operated for the past season by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Canfield of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton have stated that they plan to remodel the building and eventually will have it heated for year-round operation.

Farewell party held at Alcona Beach

March 3, 1948 ~ A farewell dinner and party for Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Cuyler and Tom O’Callaghan was held at Alcona Beach last Thursday night by Lions Club members, their wives and friends. About sixty were present.

The Cuylers left Tuesday of this week for Atlanta, Georgia, where “KiKi” will again manage the Atlanta Crackers Baseball Club, of the Southern Association.

Tom O’Callaghan, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. O’Callaghan, will leave the latter part of March for Gainesville, Florida, where he will serve as a leading pitcher for the Gainesville Club. Tom made good as pitcher for this

Club during the past season.

Guest speaker for the evening was Charles Hamilton of Bay City, a friend of Dr. R. A. Marshall. He used as his theme “A Handicap is a Challenge.” Lions Club President, George Freer, introduced the speaker.

Hazen Cuyler was presented with a gift from the Lions Club of which he is an active member.

He spoke of his experiences in big league baseball and spoke words of encouragement to Tom O’Callaghan, wishing him all success in his chosen field.

A social evening of cards and dancing followed the dinner and program.

March madness begins

March 1, 1973 ~ **By Rich Mills**

Twelve weeks of regular season action culminates this week. Then the “real season” begins for the Alcona Tigers next week.

The annual “March Madness” kicks off at Johannesburg-Lewiston High School on Monday, March 9. Alcona does not play until Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. against the winner of the Rogers City, Joberg Monday night game.

In the other bracket, Onaway squares off with Inland Lakes at 7:45 p.m. That winner moves on to face Whittemore-Prescott on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:45 p.m. The two semifinals winners then face each other in the District finals Friday night at 7 p.m.

It should be a great tournament. The three favorites,

Whittemore-Prescott, Alcona and Rogers City, have split their regular season games.

You might have to give a slight edge to the Cardinals of Whittemore who easily defeated Alcona on January 20 67-39.

Both Inland Lakes and Johannesburg-Lewiston, who are in the weaker Ski Valley League with Onaway, are capable of an upset. Especially Jo-berg who will be playing on their own floor.

A lot of Alcona’s hopes will ride on the injured ankle of Zack Sedgwick. The Tigers leading scorer injured the ankle but, hopefully, will be healthy by March 12.

One thing is for certain - Coach Wayne Van Dyke will have his charges prepared for the tournament. The Tigers won the district championship a year ago.

The 14-4 Tigers struggled for three quarters before going on a 22-9 fourth-quarter run to beat Hale, 56-38. Andy Budreau and Sedgwick shared scoring honors with 13 points a piece. Sophomore David Zawada played very well in the final quarter. He finished with nine points.

Sophomore Ryan Dellar’s 15 points paced a 55-44 Junior Varsity win. Andrew Pompa and had Stewart chipped in with nine points apiece.

Alcona put the finishing touches of their regular season this week. They face the talented Mio Thunderbolts Tuesday evening. Junior all-stater, Garrick Dawe, is questionable because of a similar ankle injury.

The Tigers then travel to Oscoda to take on the Owls Friday night.

Savvy

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Built-In Call Blockers

Many smartphones today also offer built-in tools that can block spam calls. If your mom uses a newer iPhone (iOS 13 or later), she can completely silence all unknown callers who aren’t in her contacts list in the phone “Settings.”

Silencing all unknown callers is an extreme solution that will definitely stop all unwanted calls, but your mom will also miss some legitimate calls too. However, unknown callers do have the option to leave a voice message and their calls will appear in her recent calls list. And she can add any number to her contact list to let them through in the future.

If your mom owns a new Android phone, she can also block spam calls in the phone “Settings.” Or, if she owns a Samsung Galaxy phone, she can use “Smart Call,” which flags suspected spam calls and allows her to block and report them.

She can also block specific reoccurring spam call numbers on iPhones and Android manually.

Home Landline Protection

To stop scam calls on your mom’s home phone set up the “anonymous call rejection” option. This is a free feature available from most telephone companies, however some may charge a fee. It lets you screen calls from callers who have blocked their caller ID information – a favorite tactic of telemarketers. To set it up, you usually have to dial *77 from your landline, though different phone services may have different procedures.

Call your mom’s telephone service provider to find out if they offer this tool, and if so, what you need to do to enable it. And if they don’t offer it, find out what other call blocking options they offer.

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



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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which river flows through the European capitals of Vienna and Budapest?
2. **SCIENCE:** At what temperature are Fahrenheit and Celsius equal?
3. **TELEVISION:** The comedy series "Frasier" is a spinoff of which sitcom?
4. **LITERATURE:** Which novel features a character named Katniss Everdeen?
5. **FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of beans are used in falafel?
6. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a beaver's home called?
7. **THEATER:** Which musical features a character named Tracy Turnblad?
8. **MOVIES:** Which actress plays the young Wendy Darling in the movie "Hook"?
9. **HISTORY:** Who invented the game of lacrosse?
10. **SCIENCE:** What percentage of the world's population has brown eyes?

Answers: 1. The Danube River.; 2. -40.; 3. "Cheers."; 4. "The Hunger Games."; 5. Chickpeas or fava beans.; 6. A lodge, or a den.; 7. "Hairspray."; 8. Gwyneth Paltrow.; 9. Iroquois tribes in the eastern United States and Canada.; 10. 70%-80%. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Bell sounds</p> <p>6 Headwear for the slopes</p> <p>12 Dinner, e.g.</p> <p>16 Truckload</p> <p>19 Politico Palin</p> <p>20 14th-century sculptor</p> <p>21 Impala, e.g.</p> <p>23 Pairs figure skater who won 10 consecutive world titles [2014]</p> <p>25 Frozen cube producer</p> <p>26 Figure skater Michelle</p> <p>27 "Hack My Life" channel</p> <p>29 Pooh creator</p> <p>30 Stimulus for a reaction</p> <p>34 "The Greatest" boxer [1996]</p> <p>36 Spanish gold</p> <p>37 Alley Oop's girlfriend</p> <p>40 "Please reply" abbr.</p> <p>41 Barrett of Pink Floyd</p> <p>42 Australian sprinter who specialized in the 400 meters [2000]</p> | <p>46 Fabled man?</p> <p>50 Confounded</p> <p>51 Tiny division of a min.</p> <p>52 First female figure skater to land a triple axel in competition [1998]</p> <p>56 Sportscaster Bob</p> <p>59 Nearly dried-up sea</p> <p>61 Shot glass</p> <p>62 Uninteresting</p> <p>65 Prefix with athlete</p> <p>66 Imitator</p> <p>67 Opponent</p> <p>68 Peace activist</p> <p>69 What this puzzle's featured athletes did in the years indicated</p> <p>74 "As I see it," to texters</p> <p>75 O'er and o'er</p> <p>76 Stared at</p> <p>77 NHLer Bobby</p> <p>78 "It comes — surprise ..."</p> <p>79 It's hit in a fiesta</p> <p>81 Lavish dance</p> <p>82 "Up in Smoke" persona</p> | <p>84 Phoenix Suns point guard who was the 2005 and 2006 NBA MVP [2010]</p> <p>86 Not on time</p> <p>88 Pope's crown</p> <p>92 Trial excuse</p> <p>93 1950s-'60s champion decathlete [1984]</p> <p>96 Here, in Paris</p> <p>99 Icelandic literary saga</p> <p>101 Some jazz combos</p> <p>102 Solder metal</p> <p>103 Alpine skier voted Canada's female athlete of the 20th century [2010]</p> <p>108 Salad endive</p> <p>111 Go places</p> <p>112 Monte —</p> <p>115 Physically fit</p> <p>116 All by oneself</p> <p>118 Hockey player voted Canada's male athlete of the 20th century [2010]</p> <p>123 Windshield condensation clearer</p> | <p>124 Major South Korean airline</p> <p>125 Twinkie filling</p> <p>126 Suffix with Japan</p> <p>127 Award for Mel Brooks</p> <p>128 Hankered</p> <p>129 Braga of film</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Sorority letter</p> <p>2 Musical gift</p> <p>3 Meyers of TV</p> <p>4 Sri —</p> <p>5 Wrap over the shoulders</p> <p>6 Financial backer</p> <p>7 Joke around</p> <p>8 Lacks entity</p> <p>9 What fur is</p> <p>10 Per — (by the year)</p> <p>11 Flawlessly</p> <p>12 — tai</p> <p>13 Slept in tents</p> <p>14 Top players</p> <p>15 Helping theorem</p> <p>16 Writer Alice B. —</p> <p>17 Not in private</p> <p>18 Water nymph</p> <p>22 Placed</p> <p>24 Like a — sunshine</p> <p>28 VCR format</p> <p>30 — -Cola</p> <p>31 "I smell —!"</p> | <p>32 Little children</p> <p>33 Thing at the end of a foot</p> <p>35 To no — (in vain)</p> <p>38 Reduced by</p> <p>39 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)</p> <p>43 "Notorious" screenwriter Ben</p> <p>44 Ex-Rocket Ming</p> <p>45 Without instrumental backup</p> <p>47 Stay a while</p> <p>48 Large bay window</p> <p>49 Porker</p> <p>52 Artist Chagall</p> <p>53 Some horror film helpers</p> <p>54 Mortise insert</p> <p>55 Maine city</p> <p>57 Singer Gwen</p> <p>58 Jogging gait</p> <p>60 Actress Tara</p> <p>62 Radar spots</p> <p>63 Ceiling</p> <p>64 Make up for</p> <p>66 — nitrite (vasodilator)</p> <p>67 Game similar to baccarat</p> <p>70 Ritz or Hilton</p> <p>71 "You bet!"</p> <p>72 Social circle</p> <p>73 Singer Bobby</p> <p>80 Director DuVernay</p> | <p>81 Back of a 45</p> <p>82 Suffix with prank or mob</p> <p>83 Ordinal suffix</p> <p>85 Scottish port on the North Sea</p> <p>87 Sternward</p> <p>89 Concerning</p> <p>90 Muddy up</p> <p>91 Diarist Frank</p> <p>93 Skedaddled</p> <p>94 Voicer of Olaf in "Frozen"</p> <p>95 Award for Mel Brooks</p> <p>96 Not outdoors</p> <p>97 Brings about</p> <p>98 Wages</p> <p>100 Nov. follower</p> <p>104 251, to Ovid</p> <p>105 Matzo's lack</p> <p>106 Arrive at</p> <p>107 Wipe clean</p> <p>109 Baldwin and Waugh</p> <p>110 Back in style</p> <p>113 "You ain't —!" ("Amen!")</p> <p>114 Put — act</p> <p>117 Uninteresting</p> <p>119 Arizona-to-Kansas dir.</p> <p>120 Buddhist sect</p> <p>121 Chiang — -shek</p> <p>122 Singing Sumac</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On March 17, 1756, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated for the first time in New York City at John Thompson's Crown and Thistle public house. Interestingly, Thompson was nicknamed "Scotch Johnny," and his tavern was only part-time Irish.
 - On March 16, 1834, Charles Darwin, on the HMS Beagle, anchored in the British-owned Falkland Islands for the first time, to carry out a zoological survey. At first unimpressed by the desolate landscape, he soon discovered fossils of about 400 million years old, most of which are now housed in London's Natural History Museum.
 - On March 19, 1916, eight Curtiss "Jenny" planes of the First Aero Squadron were used in support of the 7,000 American troops who had invaded Mexico with the intent of capturing Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa, marking the U.S.' first use of air combat.
 - On March 18, 1922, British lawyer Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced to prison in India on the charge of civil disobedience after urging for mass civil disobedience, including boycotts of British educational institutions and law courts and foreign-made goods. His speeches always emphasized the wrongness of physical violence. He served just two years of his six-year sentence.
 - On March 15, 1956, the musical "My Fair Lady" made its Broadway debut. Based on George Bernard Shaw's play "Pygmalion," it starred Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews in the lead roles of domineering Professor Henry Higgins and his protegee, the equally strong-willed but good-hearted Cockney flower seller named Eliza Doolittle. It was an immediate smash hit.
 - On March 13, 1997, a heated debate was launched among believers in UFOs when a series of unidentified lights appeared above Phoenix, Arizona. It was later revealed that the lights were not from alien aircraft, but illumination flares dropped from a U.S. Air Force plane.
 - On March 14, 2014, it was announced that public transportation systems in Paris, France, would run for free for three days in an effort to combat the heavy smog and air pollution the country was experiencing due to unseasonably warm temperatures.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Think money doesn't grow on trees? Try telling that to a certain dog in Colombia. After seeing students pass money to a food stall attendant, the enterprising pooch began a regular practice of "paying" for dog biscuits with tree leaves.
- In a few American cities, Halloween was originally called "Cabbage Night." The name came from a Scottish fortune-telling game in which girls would use cabbage stumps to predict the identity of their future husband.
- Best-selling author Maya Angelou was San Francisco's first Black streetcar conductor.
- Sea sponges, like humans, sneeze to clear their internal filter systems. Unlike humans, such sneezes last about half an hour.
- In the 18th century, some wealthy folks with gardens decorated their plots with "ornamental hermits" -- actual people whom they paid to dress like a Druid (however they took that to look) and wander around their estates.
- America's eighth president, Martin Van Buren, tried to keep a pair of tiger cubs given to him by the Sultan of Oman, but Congress made him send them to the zoo.
- In 2004, Alice Pike tried to use a fake \$1 million bill to purchase \$1,675 worth of merchandise at Walmart, expecting to receive change from the undoubtedly startled cashier. Well, she did think the bill was genuine ... as she remarked (from jail), "You can't keep up with the U.S. Treasury."
- The WD-40 Company never patented the WD-40 formula in order to avoid having to publicly disclose its trade-secret ingredients.

Thought for the Day: "Stay in your own lane. Comparison kills creativity and joy." -- Brene Brown
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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: **S** equals **Z**

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BOARD OF REVIEW

Caledonia Township, Alcona County
 2023 March Board of Review Times and Dates
Place: Caledonia Township Hall,
 6461 Gillard Rd Spruce, MI 48762
Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 11:30 am
Appeals Meeting: Monday, March 13th, 2023 at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Appeals Meeting: Thursday, March 16th, 2023 at 9 am. to 3 p.m.
Supervisor – Cyndy Aspey

Non-Residents are able to protest by letter, provided the letter is received prior to March 7, 2023 Petitions by phone, fax of electronic device will not be heard. Mail Letters to:
 Caledonia Township Assessor
 P.O. Box 517
 Hillman, MI 49746

In compliance with Sec. 211.34A of the general property tax law of the State of Michigan the following are the tentative ratio and tentative multipliers to be applied to the assessed values of each class of property in Caledonia Township, Alcona County, to achieve equalized values for 2023

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

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

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

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

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

2023 Board of Review Notice
Alcona Township
 5576 N. US-23 Black River, Mich. 48721
 The Alcona Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River, on the following dates: Monday March 13, 2023- 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; Tuesday March 14, 2023 - 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 3 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Residents can protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2023
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

Agriculture	47.64	1.04954
Commercial	44.93	1.11284
Industrial	39.02	1.28139
Residential	44.11	1.13353
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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 Contact Sarah Gohl,
 Assessor (989) 464-5557 or alconatownshipassessor@yahoo.com

2023 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE
Harrisville Township
 114 S. Poor Farm Road
 Harrisville, MI 48740

The Harrisville Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Road on the following dates:

March 14, 2023	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
March 16, 2023	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2023.**
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

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

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day notice. Contact: Supervisor Chad Spitznagel 989-335-1960. 2/15 thru 3/1

2023 Board of Review Notice
City of Harrisville
 City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street
 Harrisville, MI 48740

The City of Harrisville Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street on the following dates:

March 14, 2023	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
March 16, 2023	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2023 at 10:15 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2023.**
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
2023 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW
HAYNES TOWNSHIP
 3930 E McNeil Road, Lincoln, MI 48742

An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7th at 1:pm to allow the Board of Review members to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be heard at this time.

Public Protests will be heard at the Haynes Township Hall
 Monday, March 13th from 9:am to 5:pm
 And Tuesday, March 14th from 5:pm to 9:pm
 Protests may be filed in writing by letter or electronic address. They must be received by March 13th, 2023, Protests must include a signed Form #618 L-4035 Petition to the Board of Review. Forms can be requested or downloaded from Michigan.gov
 Mail to: 4478 M 32 W Alpena MI 49707
 Email to: haynes.twp.assessor@gmail.com

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

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

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

2023 Board of Review Notice
Hawes Township
 VFW Post 8135, 2120 Trask Lake Road
 Barton City, MI 48705

The Hawes Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the VFW Post, 2120 Trask Lake Road on the following dates:

March 13, 2023	3 - 9 p.m.
March 17, 2023	9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2023.**
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

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

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

2023 Board of Review Notice
Mitchell Township
 6849 W Tower Road, Curran, MI 48728

The Mitchell Township Board of Review for 2023 will be held at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 Tower Road on the following dates:

March 13, 2023	9 - 12:00 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.
March 15, 2023	2. - 5 p.m. & 6 - 9 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2023.**
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

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

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MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR GUSTIN TOWNSHIP
GUSTIN TOWNSHIP HALL
 113 S. SECOND ST. LINCOLN MI 48742

Monday, March 13, at 1:30-7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday March 14, at 1:30-7:00 p.m.

Written Protests should be mailed to P.O. Box 25, Lincoln MI 48742. no later than March 8, 2023.
 An organizational meeting will be held on March 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the township hall to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios as provided by the Alcona Equalization Department.

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

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 The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven day notice. Contact Pamela Ashford, Supervisor at 989 736-8312 or 989 335-3056
 2/20 thru 3/6

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council for February 13 was held at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Gehring, treasurer Luenberger, clerk Pierce, and council members: Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Vanderheuel, and Mason. Absent Bean.

Motion by Mason, support by Bauermeister, to approve the minutes of January 16, 2023. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Kaiser, support by Vanderheuel, to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,248.83. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Gehring updated council about playground project information which required additional information and corrections to be submitted to the state by OHM. Mayor Gehring shared with council that the State of Michigan is offering a 100 percent funding of the lagoon project (sewer) which is in the amount of \$10.6 million and will allow the lagoons and the Clark Street pumping station to be renovated and updated. Preliminary details are being worked out.

Motion by Schwanz, support by Kaiser to set the Tax Board of Review dates as follows: Organizational meeting: March 7 at 10:15 a.m.; March 14 from 3 to 9 p.m.; March 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; July 18 at 9 a.m. (if needed); and December 12 at 9 a.m. (if needed). Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor presented letter from Friends of Cuyler Park requesting use of the baseball fields at Cuyler Park for an old timers game on September 23, 2023. Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason, to approve request by Friends of Cuyler Park to use the baseball fields on Saturday, September 23 (rain date - September 24) for an old timers game. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring presented council with a request by the Harrisville Arts Council for approval to close a portion of Main Street on Saturday, May 20 from 3rd Street to 1st Street and possibly 1st Street to Lake Street for additional use, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This closure would be used for an antique car show, a chili cook-off, a 50s and 60s costume contest and a dance off. The funds raised will be donated to the Alcona High School German Club to fund a club trip. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Vanderheuel, to approve closure of said portions of Main Street on May 20 with details to be worked out. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring reviewed the Alcona County Land Division Act Services Agreement with council. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to approve mayor and clerk to sign Alcona County Land Division Services Agreement. Motion carried: 5-0. Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. has requested approval for the permit for the fireworks display on Saturday, July 1 at the Harrisville Harbor. Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason, to approve the permit from Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for the fireworks display on Saturday, July 1 at the Harrisville Harbor. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed the

Sheriff's deputies' contracted work for the City of Harrisville. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz to set the General Fund Budget and Truth and Taxation Hearing for March 13 at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried: 5-0. Clerk to publish notice.

The mayor updated council on the marijuana provisioning facilities in the city. "Highly Cannaco" which owns the building at 108 N. US-23, Harrisville, formerly Moosetales, to begin renovation soon. "Consume" is in the process of restructuring and "Bloom-ing Buds" will have a grand opening on March 17.

Treasurer Luenberger will hold a finance committee meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Harbormaster Steve Alexander reported that 35 percent of slips are already rented for the season. The Harbor will have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) available and on hand for medical emergencies. The Harbor has received five letters of interest to fill a vacancy on the Harbor Commission. Interviews will take place soon.

Planning commission ex-officio member Schwanz reported that there will be a public hearing on March 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the city offices, for the public to discuss any questions related to the Master Plan prior to adoption. Schwanz added that the planning commission will be holding additional meetings throughout the year to begin updating the recreation plan.

Motion by Mason, support by Vanderheuel, for clerk to publish notice of public hearing for the Master Plan. Motion carried: 5-0. Fire Department Assistant Chief Keerl reported that the fire department is acquiring an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to add to its equipment for medical emergencies. County Commissioner Johnston reported on several state grants available for parks and blight eradication. The VA office will be moving to the old building department space attached to the Sheriff's department building.

Comment Cards: Monica Spears informs that there is a NarCan box available next to the Food Pantry building at the Harrisville Methodist Church. Steve Arens shared that the HHG grocery store and laundromat on Main Street, both of which he owns, will be closing soon.

Becky Schroeder shared that the depot preservation group has a "to do" list and encourages volunteers to reach out to assist in the effort. Ryan Mendyka encourages everyone to purchase a "Heart for a Heart" being sold for \$5 each, at businesses in town to raise funds for the acquisition of an AED for the fire department. Tim Slezak commented on the ongoing zoning questions concerning the "temporary" building on his property at Mill Creek Café and how to bring visitors to Harrisville. Harry Harvey, representing the County Road Commission, reported on road closings this spring north of Harrisville on US-23.

Alderman Mason commented on the closing of the HHG grocery store. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Kaiser, to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m., on March 22, 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 Gary A. Wood and Elizabeth S. Wood, husband and wife, whose address is 5352 Anderson Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762, as original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., being a mortgage dated November 17, 2003, and recorded on January 22, 2004, in Liber 396 page 212, Alcona County records, State of Michigan. Said mortgage is now held through mesne assignments by Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-F, mortgage-backed securities, series 2021-F, by U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated July 12, 2022, and recorded on August 2, 2022, in Liber Page, Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of

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

Said premises are situated in the Township of Alcona, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and are described as: The southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 20, Town 28 North, Range 8 East. Street address: 5352 Anderson Road, Spruce, Michigan 48762. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Dated: February 22, 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 23 4831 2-22, 3-1, 3-8, 3-15

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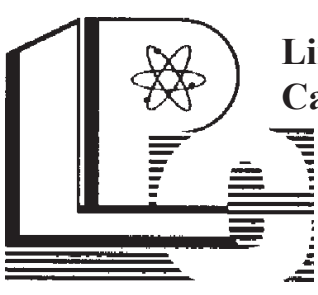
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