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Construction of vet's building continues without millage funds

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Despite another setback in building plans for an office for the Alcona County Veterans of Affairs (ACVA) in Lincoln, the project is going to move forward.

In a recent meeting of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners the ACVA was informed that the millage funding approved by voters in August 2020, cannot be used for building purposes because of ballot wording.

ACVA Counselor Tony Atkinson and ACVA chairman Patrick Smylie explained in a recent discussion with commissioners that the millage funds were never intended to be used for a building, which the ACVA has been working toward for the past five years.

The verbiage in question pertains to the last sentence of the county's veteran millage. It states: "For the purpose of funding Alcona County's obligation to provide financial relief and services for Alcona County Veterans, including the payment of eligible indigent veteran claims and to fund the administration of the Alcona County Department of Veterans Affairs.

According to what Atkinson has been told by Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas Weichel, the county's attorney, the millage funds are to be used for three categories -- the soldier sailors' relief, burial claims and administrative fees for clerk and treasurer service.

Atkinson said he first submitted an intent for a fouryear ACVA millage in 2018 with the wording: "For the purpose of providing funds to equip, operate, maintain and provide support and assistance to the veterans throughout the Alcona County Department of Veteran Affairs."

After submitting the millage request to the county clerk it was returned to Atkinson revised with an explanation from the clerk that it was reviewed by the county attordifferently. "They told us once we got the millage we would be able to do what we needed to do and we believed them. Now Weichel is saying the millage verbiage needed to contain a line: 'to maintain, equip and operate' for the funds to go towards a building," Atkinson said.

He explained the 2018 ACVA millage was never put on the ballot because the commissioners were asking for a county millage and felt it wasn't the right time to ask taxpayers to approve both millages. The county millage that year was not approved

Currently, the ACVA office ney and had to be worded is located in a storage closet in the Alcona County Building and it does not have enough room for the director to fully administer his duties to Alcona County veterans.

Atkinson and Smylie explained they have heard from residents and veterans in the county and most understood the millage wording "to fund the administration of the Alcona County Department of Veterans Affairs," meant to provide a building for the ACVA to administrate from.

"We've done everything we can to appease the county commissioners. Suitable land has been donated by the Village of Lincoln to the county for the new building which the commissioners voted on and approved. We've had it staked out and the builder is ready to break ground in April.

'We've already spent over \$5,000. A site plan is due to be delivered in the next week or two. Once that comes in the Village of Lincoln attorney and the county attorney sign the papers and ground can be broken.

"We wouldn't go through with a site plan until the commissioners authorized the property, which they did. Now they tell us the verbiage of the millage, which the county revised, does not cover building funding," Smylie said.

This building would be such a good thing for the county and for this to come up now is so wrong. They (commissioners) have put us through so much work. I've been doing everything I can to get this thing done right for the last two years.

"We complained over a year ago about our past commissioner liaison who was dropping the ball and not relaying meeting discussions we have had about building. We were promised at that time during a public commission meeting that two liaisons would be attending our meetings. It never happened.

"The commissioners turned their backs on us. They knew all along they wouldn't be letting us use this money for what we intended to use it for. This is going to be a bad thing for the county, the veterans deserve and have earned better treatment and we are ready to write letters to Congress, Jack Bergman and other government offi-

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Alcona Masonic Lodge No. 292 F&AM presents a check for \$4,800 to Alcona Community Schools for coats for kids. These funds will help purchase clothing and the essentials for students in need. The Masons provided 296 pieces of clothing and footwear -- including 42 winter jackets, 19 pairs of boots, 75 shirts, 26 sweaters, 26 pairs of winter gloves, and many more items. Dennis and Sheryl Smith were the coordinators who helped make this year's coats for kids drive such a success. The Masons appreciate all of the support from the community and the leadership of members in order to help so many children in the community. (From left) Tim Lee, Alcona Elementary principal; Mark Lewis; Buck Novak; Phil Potter; Shannon Allen; Tony Bradley; Larry Fink; Jayda Worth; Christie Thomas, Alcona High School princepal; Kevin Fiddle; Natalie Gill; Dan O'Connor, Alcona Community Schools superintendent; and Michael Suitor. Courtesy photo.



God Bless America





Correspondence



To the Editor,

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

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

As most of us know, historically, witch hunts were provoked by overzealous religious groups who feared something, almost anything, about those deemed witches. As we look back we see that most, if not all, were killed for being a witch were, in fact, innocent of such accusations.

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

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

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

> Kyla Avery Spruce



Obituaries



William V. Rudnik

William V. Rudnik, 84, of Barton City, died on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, Mich. He was born November 23, 1938, to Vincent J. and Frances (Prybys) Rudnik of Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

He worked as a police officer for the City of Detroit from 1975 until 1995. Following his retirement, Mr. Rudnik moved to Greenbush and settled in Barton City. He worked as a deputy for the Alcona County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Rudnik attended St. Anne Catholic Church in Harris-

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and tending to his large garden. He recently enjoyed making his own wine.

Mr. Rudnik is survived by two daughters, Dawn (Steve) Rudnik-Trombley and Heather Rudnik; three sons, Vincent Rudnik, Daniel Rudnik and Alex (Jackie) Rudnik; three grandchildren, Alyssa Pletl, Peyton Rudnik and Morgan Rudnik; two sisters, Barbara Jozefowicz, and Frances (Walter) Ahel; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved canine companion, Zipper.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Rudnik, and one brother-in-law, Thomas Jozefowicz.

The funeral Mass was held on Saturday, Jan. 7 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

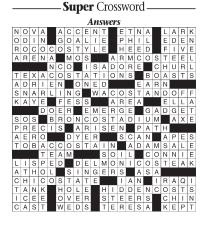
Charles R. Lagerberg

(Editor's note: This letter is reprinted from last week's edition because it contained errors, by the author and editor, that changed the meaning of its message.)

To the Editor,

Pertaining to last week's headlines of the Review concerning the proposed community hub, 10 villas and 16 townhouses, being planned by the Alcona Commission on Aging (ACCOA).

I did some basic Internet



research. Typing in "what jeopardizes an entity's 501 (c) 3 status?" Answer: "Earning too much income from unrelated activities (such as this newly conceived addendum) and income coming from a regularly carried on trade or business that is not substantially related to the organizations' (ACCOA) exempt purposes.

Read "The Top Ten Legal Risks Facing Nonprofit Boards," by Melanie Lockwood Herman, executive director of the Nonprofit Risk Management Center. Answer: "Loss of tax-exempt status which is extremely valuable.' It relieves the organization of most federal and state income taxes, liabilities and ensures the ability to receive tax deductible charitable contributions (thus threatening ACCOA's entire food bank program and the Pop-Up Pantry program.)

Lobbying and political activity compliance - the IRS restricts the ability of tax-

exempt nonprofits to engage in governmental activities. The \$12.5 million grant was procured from the State of Michigan General Omnibus Budget after lobbying for said amount. Organizations that receive more than \$175,000 in federal funding or federal funding passed through the state are required to have an audit. When was the ACCOA's

Typing in "management oversight" you will find: The board is responsible for ensuring that the nonprofit is being run well. The board selects the executive director and decides his/her role. The executive director answers to the board of directors, not the

Type in "can a board fire an executive director?" Answer: A nonprofit's board has the authority under state law to fire an executive director atwill unless a specific contract states otherwise.

Lenny Avery was hired to build one senior citizen's center building using millage funding. Nothing more.

Kathleen Gonyea Lincoln

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books last audited?

other way around.

He retired in 1992 to Black He was a co-founder of the Brown Bottle Hunt Club, where he met his canine companion, Buddy. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing and spend-

Charles Richard Lagerberg,

82, of Black River, died on

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at

Besser Senior Living in Al-

to Matt and Ruth (Kuster)

Lagerberg of Bismarck, N.D.

teacher for Bay City Public

mechanical drawing, indus-

trial arts, science, and math.

He was raised in Alpena.

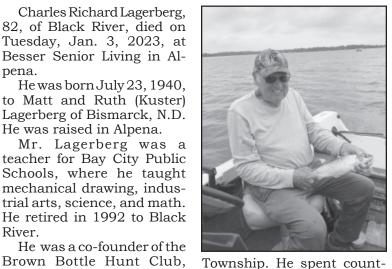
He was born July 23, 1940,

Mr. Lagerberg was a

ing time on his tractor. He enjoyed almost yearly trips with his daughter, Karen. They managed to visit all United States except Hawaii, as he would not fly, and most Canadian provinces. He loved summer trips to Camp Merriment, and herring fishing on St. Joseph Island, Canada and Drummond Is-

He was a great sports fan, and loved cheering for the MSU Spartans, the Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers.

Mr. Lagerberg was a dedicated volunteer for Alcona



less hours improving the township park. A talented woodworker, he could build just about anything. He was always willing to give a helping hand.

Mr. Lagerberg is survived by one daughter, Karen (Kent) VandenBosch; his longtime, dear friend, Peggy Carlin; and his feline companion, Miss

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A celebration of life event will be held in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 or to Hospice of Michi-

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

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, JANUARY 13

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

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.

Knitting Klub & Crochet meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All ages and levels welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for January is "The King of Confidence," by Miles Harvey. Call (989) 7246796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

A Snowmobile Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mill Creek Café in Harrisville (next to the Mill Pond). Categories include best in show; vintage (1984 and older); modern (1985 and newer); "it ain't pretty but it's fun; and kitty kat 150s and under. Door prizes proved by local businesses and 50-50

District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Courtin December 2022.

• Nicholas Al Damore, 25, of Greenbush was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and costs of \$1,480 for operating while visibly impaired.

• Jonathan Louiskelly Kimball, 29, of Oscoda was sentenced to 10 days in jail and fines and costs of \$1,480 for operating while intoxicated.

• Charles Dean Wilson Jr., 58, of Greenbush was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and costs of \$590 for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.



Adult squash bugs spend the winter hiding in sheltered places. Emerging in spring, they seek squash and pumpkin plants, to feed on the leaves and stems and also to lay eggs. Plants can be destroyed from extensive feeding by these pests. To trap them, leave boards or newspaper out near infested plants; squash bugs will congregate under them at night. In the morning, collect the bugs and destroy them. – Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.extension.umn.edu/garden/insects www.maine.gov/dacf/php/gotpests/bugs

drawings on site. Entry fee is \$5. All proceeds to benefit Harrisville fireworks and Barton City fireworks.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Hope Shores Alliance is sponsoring an informative seminar on bringing awareness to stalking from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Attendees will learn what stalking is and how to stop it. Registration is not required and there is no cost to attend. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday at noon. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

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answer

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- Monday, Jan. 16: Blackberry dijon chicken, baked potato, carrots, flavored apple sauce.
- Tuesday, Jan. 17: Pork chop bake, green beans, mandarin oranges
- Wednesday, Jan. 18: Stuffed cabbage, peas, pineapple.
- Thursday, Jan. 19: Baked garden chicken, paprika roasted potatoes, peas, peaches.

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

Reservations are required by 11 a.m. each day by calling (989) 334-3470. Takeout meals can be reserved at the same number by calling no later than 10 a.m. No membership is required. A donation of \$6 for folks under 60

and \$3 for those over 60 is welcome. For home delivered meals, call by 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Cardboard Box Sled Race

Alcona County 4-H is sponsoring a cardboard box sled race for Michigan 4-H youth on Saturday, Jan. 14 starting at noon. Participants will create their sleds with cardboard to participate in the event. The race will be held at the Caledonia Sledding Hills (1768 E. Spruce Road, Spruce).

Participants need to register their sleds at: https:// v2.4honline.com. New members need to enroll in 4-H, then register under events. For questions or concerns, contact Michelle at eaglingm@msu.edu or Les Thomas at thoma322@msu.edu.

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Ross Richardson

present "Michigan Mysteries" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. Attendees will learn about aircraft missing in Michigan, including one from northeast Michigan. This is the first in a series of "Cabin Fever" events by the Alcona County Library, Alcona Historical Society, Michigan Arts & Culture Council, and administered by Northeast Michigan Center for Fine Arts. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Childhood Experiences

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) are significant childhood traumas that can impact health and social wellbeing. These experiences can have an impact on youth throughout their lives. There is growing interest in the understanding and prevention of ACEs through a trauma-informed approach. Attendees of this workshop will learn about ACEs and what steps can be taken to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors for youth. Using materials developed by Michigan ACE Initiative, this information can be used to support individuals and communities. This free class will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 24 from noon to 1 p.m. Limited space available. To register go to https:// events.anr.msu.edu/ ACESOnlineJan23ANJ/ or call Jamie at (989) 344-3264. This is a live class using Zoom and will not be recorded.

Practices in Mindfulness

Mindfulness can be defined as paying attention in a particular way, on purpose, in the present moment and nonjudgmentally. Research has shown that practicing mindfulness is effective in reducing stress-related symptoms such as worry, depression and physical tension, and may be helpful in managing chronic conditions. This workshop introduces brief practices in mindfulness.

Participants will learn to establish an understanding of mindfulness and experience several mindful practices - including mindful breathing, grounding, ways to quiet the mind, brief body scan, mindful walking and forest guided meditation and a seated meditation and develop a plan for their own personal practice.

This class is free. There will be two different sessions via Zoom: Monday, Jan. 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. or Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 7 to 8 p.m. To register for the January 23 session, go to https:// events.anr.msu.edu/bpm1/. To register for the January 24, session go to https:// events.anr.msu.edu/bpm2/ or call Jamie at (989) 344-

Alcona bowling

· Alcona boys varsity bowl-

High score went to Jacob

ing team competed against

the Bay City All Saints re-

June with 188. Logan Bates scored 176; Sam Prince, 169;

Daniel June, 121; Vincent

Nardi, 133; and Robert

Stern, there are new bowlers

on the team this year and they are planning for a great

According to coach Tina

• The Alcona girls varsity

bowling team competed

against Tawas recently. High

score went to Danica Man-

ning with 149. Morgan Munsey scored 146; Rylee

Manning, 144; Jerzey Brown, 115; Makayla Prince, 111; and

Nyhia Jackson, 98. "We have

a young team this year and

plan for a great season," Stern

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Do you have news we can use?



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Lady Tigers have blowout win over W-P

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team showed no signs of rust after the layoff over winter break.

The Lady Tigers returned to action on Friday, Jan. 6 after a nearly three week layoff by dominating Whittemore-Prescott 57-10, in what was both team's North Star League Big Dipper opener.

"It was a good game for us after a long break," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "We have three games this week so, hopefully, we can build on this and get on a bit of a run.

We had some really good practices during our holiday break, so it was nice to see that it carried over to the game. I thought everyone played hard, which is what we were looking for."

In the first quarter, Kelsey Hansen and Emma Travis had six points apiece, as the Lady Tigers raced to a 15-5 lead after one.

Travis had five more points in the second quarter, which helped spark the Lady Tigers to a 26-8 lead at the half. In the third quarter Jena Wambold drilled a three and Travis

poured in five more points. Alcona had a 42-10 lead entering the fourth.

Travis led the way with 18 points. Hansen finished with 13. Wambold had seven. Sage Gauthier netted six points. Carmen Dellar had four points. Sierra West chipped in with three and with two points apiece was Addison Beatty, Liberty Kimball and Gracyn Tracy.

The Lady Tigers (4-2 overall, 1-) NSL Big Dipper) travel to Rogers City on Friday, Jan. 13 and play in Oscoda on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF LINCOLN COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION

The Village of Lincoln Planning Commission and the Village Council are holding a Public Hearing on Monday January 30, 2023 at 6p.m. at the Lincoln Fire Hall/Village Office Building located at 117 W. Fiske Street. We are holding this hearing to gain input from residents of the Village of Lincoln as well as residents of Alcona County on their thoughts regarding a proposed Community Hub to be located within the Village Limits. We are considering whether to change verbiage that would allow Town Homes and Condominiums to be built within any B1 district. It is important for you to voice your support for this project or to voice your opposition. If you are unable to attend this meeting but are interested in sending a letter you may either email it to the following email address: villageoflincoIntreasurer@gmail.com or you may submit a letter to Village of Lincoln Attn: Ordinance Change P.O. Box 337 Lincoln MI 48742.

Tigers top improved W-P team

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team came into the new year with a 57-47 win by outlasting a vastly improved Whittemore-Prescott team, .

"It was definitely nice to start the new year off with a win," said head coach Alex Cole. "We had ended before break with a loss to Tawas which fueled our efforts over the holidays. We all were excited to get back into playing games."

The Tigers had four points in the first quarter by Evan Borsvold, but the Cardinals took a 15-13 lead after one.

In the second quarter, DJ Howe scored four points and Garrett Somers netted five, but W-P was still ahead 28-24 at the half.

"Whittemore really came to play," Cole said. (W-P head coach) Ryan Lomason has done an excellent job with that program. His boys created some issues for us with their defensive pressure, but I think our team's experience helped carry us through to the win."

In the third quarter, Somers knocked down a pair of threes and had eight points, while Howe poured in nine points. The Tigers surged to a 44-35 lead entering the fourth.

Jacob Renchenski scored six points in the fourth quarter to help clinch the win.

Somers finished with 19 points. Howe put in 15 points. Renchenski finished with eight points. Hayden Johnston scored six points. Ryken Wallenmaier added five points and Borsvold added four.

"Somers played one of his best games of his young career; he led us in points (19), assists (six) and what I believe to be a school record nine steals," Cole said. "Howe came up big on both ends of the court including a huge

dunk in the third quarter. Wallenmaier has been a fixture for us on our defensive front and he continued to play key minutes down the stretch."

Alcona (3-3 overall, 1-0 NSL Big Dipper) hosted Ogemaw Heights on Monday, Jan. 9 and takes on Rogers City Thursday at home. The Tigers remain at home to take on Oscoda on Monday, Jan. 16

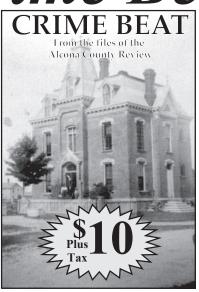


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cials," Smylie said.

Atkinson said the commissioners approved the ACVA budget last year for \$80,000 of millage monies to be used for the building and this year approved \$90,000 for the building because the veterans were unable to build last year.

Atkinson asked why the commissioners signed the contract with the State of Michigan to build at the Lincoln location and tell the state the county was putting in \$80,000 towards the building.

According to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8135 commander Jim Burger and Mikado American Legion Post Commander Richard Tracy, their members are very much in support of the ACVA obtaining a new building in Lincoln and that everyone has been impressed with the outstanding work Atkinson has done for the veterans of Alcona County.

"Tony cannot continue to do his job from a closet. This whole thing is just ridiculous. It seems like the commissioners just want the money for themselves. They wanted to build a little addition onto the EMS building using the millage monies and put him in another closet,"

Tracy said.

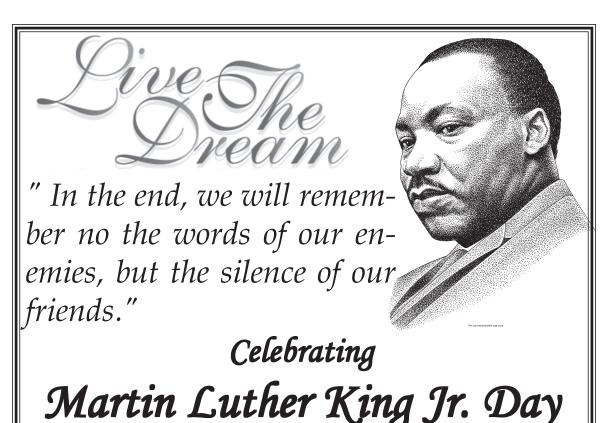
Atkinson said the ACVA is still moving forward and will be using a \$55,093 state grant it received last year to start the build in Lincoln. "We've already told the Village of Lincoln that once the site plan has been reviewed, the property will be transferred. It may take us longer to get the building built, but it will get built," he said.

Atkinson is looking into how the ACVA could accept donation funding to be used for the sole purpose of a building and its maintenance.

With newly elected officials taking their seats on the board of commissioners this month, the ACVA received a new commissioner liaison. Craig Johnston will be meeting with Atkinson this week to go over all the communication which was not given to commissioners over the past four years.

Attorney Thomas Weichel was not reachable for comment.

The Alcona County Board of Commissioner meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Alcona County Building located in Harrisville. The next meeting will be held on January 18.



Connie and Kent Sysak

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The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Truth in Taxation on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building in Harrisville. The Truth in Taxation for the property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budgets will be a subject of this hearing.



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The rolling art of the salt belt

By Terry Roorda Aspiring Metal Sculptor

And the salt shall follow the snow as surely as the spring shall follow the winter, and, verily, as surely as the carwash shall follow the salt, but it won't do any damn good in the long run. Let it be written.

Meditations of St. Alconus, Patron Saint of Rust **Buckets**

It's a fact of life that living hereabouts in the wintertime requires a big four-wheeldrive pickup truck with a supersized cab, the bigger the better. It's not just a matter of fitting in socially, though it is that, it's a practical necessity for getting around at all when the snow piles up and the road conditions become hazardous.

It's a matter of hauling firewood and trash and snowmobiles, and of transporting the family to market and bring-



A VIEW FROM LAKE STREET

By Torry Roorda

That's because salt corrosion destroys metal at a rate five times faster than rust caused by simple exposure to water. It literally rots the metal away, and so in the interest of preservation, you do your best to wash the salt away, hitting the carwash obsessively and parking the truck over a lawn sprinkler, weather permitting, to hose off the undercarriage.

But yet try as you may, the salt will be victorious - maybe not today, and maybe not this year, but according to the

matter of time before it all made itself known, and gradually my truck will go from being a shiny bulwark of steel and iron to being a fragile constellation of iron oxide molecules.

Here in Alcona County, as you've doubtless noticed, there's no shame in just facing your fate and letting your truck go merrily to hell once the corrosive death spiral is inevitable.

Far from it, in fact. Rather, it becomes an artistic choice; an embrace of the beauty of imperfection and impermanence, the Japanese Zen aesthetic of wabi-sabi — which in the Salt Belt of the upper Midwest is referred to, unimaginatively, as "Midwestern wabi-sabi.

It's also known as "ruin porn," a term that was coined in Detroit to describe the tantalizing allure of the city's many derelict industrial plants, theatres and cathedrals. It has extended well beyond that and is manifest in car culture with what are called Rat Rods and Rust Rods -rolling collections of old cobbled parts and rusty patinas that are currently all the rage among the avant-garde hotrodders.

And around here we go them all one better with our own take on the art form, one I like to call Rot Rods — vehicular lepers deteriorating and losing bits and pieces of themselves with no hope of redemption. They exude resignation as if to say, "I give up. I can't keep up. I can't compete. Just finish me off."

That's one way to look at it, but not the only way. Where some see an aging eyesore in rough shape, others see an enlightened acceptance of the inevitable, of the natural order of things. As an aging eyesore in rough shape myself, I prefer the latter view.



A work of art in progress.

ing home a month's worth of provisions (beans, fatback and flour) or of just showing your dogs a good time when they get the winter blahs.

It's also a fact of life that driving around the Alcona County roads in the winter will expose any vehicle to prodigious amounts of road salt, and your pickup truck is uniquely designed to get the worst of it with its vast expanse of sheet metal, huge wheel wells, labyrinthine undercarriage, and wide assortment of seams and joints, all of which tend to hold and hide the salt deposits that will be the truck's ultimate National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, in about eight years from the time the vehicle leaves the showroom, as surely as the salt shall follow...ah, never mind. Let it be written.

And, sure enough, my bigass 4WD pickup was eight years old when the first rust blossoms bloomed on the rear wheel wells, and the handwriting was on the wall. Rust blossoms are like rats in a barn: for every one you see, there are a hundred you don't, so I had to accept the fact that my truck was riddled with corrosion top to bottom, stem to stern, and it was only a

Auto aids that make driving easier and safer

Dear Savvy Senior,

Do you know of any car gadgets that can help older drivers? I drive a 12-year-old car and have arthritis in my neck, back and knees which limits my mobility making it more difficult to get in and out of the car and look over my shoulder to backup.

Dear Almost,

To help keep older drivers safe and extend their driving years, there are a number of inexpensive products you can purchase that can easily be added to your vehicle to help with many different needs. Here are some popular auto aids to consider.

Entry and Exit Aids

For mobility challenged seniors who have a difficult



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time entering and exiting a vehicle – especially cars that are low to the ground or high vehicles such as SUVs or pickup trucks - there are a variety of support handles and special seat cushions that can

Some examples include the (stander.com) "HandyBar" (\$40), which is a portable support grab bar that inserts into the U-shaped

striker plate on the doorframe, and the "CarCaddie" (\$20), a nylon support handle that buckles around the top of the door window frame. Stander also has an "Auto Swivel Seat Cushion" (\$40), that rotates 360 degrees to help drivers and passengers pivot their body into and out of their

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The Jack family in living color

By Eric Paul Roorda

Author & Artist

Pictures from the past mesmerize me. Especially photographs of people, posed or candid. Their faces and postures seem familiar—there are only so many ways that humans can look and stand. But there are clues to the chasm of years—and cultures, and life experience—between me, the contemporary viewer, and the people on the page.

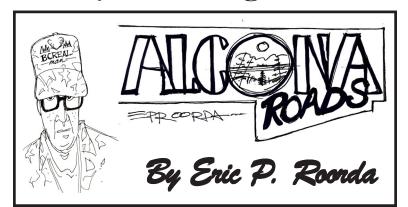
The biggest difference is wardrobe. Their clothes are from another time. In black and white photos, you can see the dated styles, but not the color of the fabrics. The people probably wore mainly drab hues—browns, grays, black—but certainly not always. It's fun to imagine them in dazzling finery, like the way I've colorized this week's image, which shows the Jack family.

In 1853, when he was three years old, George Jack's parents, William and Euphemia, brought him and his seven siblings from Scotland to Canada, and settled in Hamilton, on the shore of Lake Ontario. George grew up there, marrying Maggie Scarlett when he was 20 years old. Maggie's two brothers had joined the growing number of people moving from Ontario to northern Michigan. The Scarlett boys wound up in Alcona County, where they found natural beauty—which is still in abundance hereand well-paid employmentwhich is now scarce.

Soon after their marriage in August 1870, George and Maggie Jack boarded a ship and followed them.

George worked in the timber industry until 1878, when Maggie died. He re-married Mary Jane "Jennie" Walker, his own age, and they settled down to farm 40 acres on Coville Road. Life was not easy.

There are many headstones in Alcona cemeteries that record the occupant of the grave was a child who passed away in 1894 or 1895, which bear witness to the diphtheria epidemic that swept the county then. The scourge claimed two of George and





Jennie Jack's children; Charles was 14 years old, Mary only 10. But four little Jacks survived, all with aristocraticsounding names: the eldest, Euphemia, Ainsworth, Wesley and Horace, the youngest.

George Jack was unusual among farmers in keeping a detailed log of his efforts in agriculture. The document reflects his eventual success, with annual net revenues increasing more than four-fold between 1897 and 1902, generated from growing oats, hay and peas; raising cattle, sheep and poultry; and marketing eggs and butter. In today's dollars, the Jack family went from an annual income of approximately \$10,000 to about \$42,000. So, it's unlikely that they could not have afforded the glad rags I've robed them in here.

George Jack lived to be 81, and was buried in Mount Joy

Cemetery. Jennie joined him there two years later, in 1833.

You can see their photo and read more of their story in "Alcona County: A Pictorial History," vol. III, p. 133 available at the Alcona County Review in Harrisville or on Amazon.com.

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

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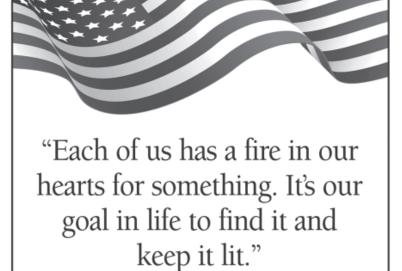
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Rear Vision Improvements

To help those with neck and back range of motion problems, which makes looking over the shoulder to backup or merge into traffic difficult, there are special mirrors you can add as well as backup cameras.

To widen rear visibility and eliminate blind spots, Verivue Mirrors (verivuemirrors.com) offers the popular "Universal 12-Inch Panoramic Rearview Mirror" (\$13) that clips on to existing rearview mirrors, along with a variety of "Blind Spot Mirrors" (\$5 for two), which are small convex mirrors that stick to the corner of the sideview mirrors.

Another helpful device is the "Auto-vox CS-2 Wireless Backup Camera Kit" (\$120, www.auto-vox.com). This comes with a night vision camera that attaches to the rear license plate, and a small monitor that mounts to the dash or windshield. When the vehicle is in reverse, it sends live images wirelessly to the monitor so you can see what's behind you.

Seat Belt Extenders

For plus-sized people or those with mobility problems, there are seat belt extension products that can make buckling up a little easier. For example, Seat Belt Extender Pros (seatbeltextenderpros-.com) offers vehicle-specific Seat Belt Extenders (\$13 to \$26) that fit into the seat belt buckle receiver to add a few inches of length, making them easier to fasten. They also sell a "Seat Belt Grabber Handle" (\$8), which is a rubber extension handle that attaches to the seat belt strap to make it easier to reach.

Gripping Devices

If you have hand arthritis that makes gripping difficult or painful, consider the "SEG Direct Steering Wheel Cover" (\$17) that fits over the steering wheel to make it larger, softer and easier to grip. And for help twisting open tight gas caps, the Gas Cap & Oil Cap Opener by Gascapoff (\$17) is a long-handled tool that works like a wrench to loosen and tighten gas caps.

Many of these products can



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be found at local auto supply stores or online at the manufacturer's website or at Amazon.com. Just type the product name in the search bar to find them.

Professional Help

If you need more assistance, consider contacting a driver rehabilitation specialist who are trained to evaluate elderly drivers and provide safety and driving equipment suggestions.

In addition to the types of aids mentioned in this column, there's also a range of adaptive driving equipment that can be professionally installed on a vehicle - like swing-out swivel seats, pedal extenders, hand controls and more - to help people with various disabilities.

To locate a driver rehabilitation specialist in your area, visit ADED.net or MyAOTA.aota.org/driver_search.

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

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of January 2-9, 2023

49 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 1 Domestic; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 5 Citations Issued.

Complaint Statistics								
Car/Deer Accidents	4	Traffic/Traffic Stop	17					
Property Damage Accident	1	Assist	4					
Animal/Dog	3	Fraud	1					
Miscellaneous	2	Well Being Check	4					
Suspicious Event	2	Gun Shots	1					
Larceny	2	Suicide	1					
Dog Bite	1	Civil	3					
Domestic	1	Threats	1					
Operate While Intoxicated	1							

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Greenbush	8		Gustin	6	Harrisville	8
Hawes	3		Haynes	3	Mikado	3
Millen	0		Mitchell	0		
Harrisville City		2	Villa	ge of Lincoln	1	



Buggy Rides



Mikado senior enjoys life's challenges

January 14, 1998 ~ By Aldean Wiltse, Senior Correspondent

One might catch a glimpse of Wilfred Myers walking through fields and forests in the Mikado area during hunting season.

He would probably be mistaken for a much younger man, walking with unstooped posture, at a steady stride, although he admits, "not as fast as I used to be walking." Wilfred is 92 years young.

He would be wearing his checkered plaid hunting jacket and orange hunting cap. He reveals an almost full head of salt and pepper, graying hair.

His face is remark ably unlined for his age, and his blue eyes are bright and alert. He is a slender man, but not too thin, the result of an active and busy life of farming and years of eating homegrown fruits and vegetables.

Wilfred is unpretentious and good natured; a man of few words, but his chosen words are full of the wisdom and knowledge of a long and inquisitive life.

When asked if he had anv secrets to share about obtaining longevity, Wilfred said, "I never gained a lot of weight. I guess I weigh as much now as I ever did. Oh, I used to drink some, but not anymore. I tried real hard to smoke. I just never could inhale. I have some problems with my heart. I have to wear a patch here (pointing to his chest). I go to $see\,Dr.\,MacMaster...\,he\,takes$ good care of me."

Wilfred speaks with some nostalgia about his lifelong wife and sweetheart, Hilda, who passed away in 1995.

"Hilda always worried so much about my working outdoors and shoveling snow the past few years. She was especially nervous when I would shovel the snow off the roof," he said with a chuckle.

Certainly, just the act of getting up and down from a roof would be a challenge to most men of Wilfred's years. It is obvious that Wilfred misses Hilda a lot but also obvious that he doesn't dwell on his loss and realizes that each day offers another challenge and accomplishment.

Wilfred's home rests at the end of a long, winding, picturesque drive and is surrounded with bird feeders, lots of tall trees, and toward the back of his property, woods, and somewhere nearby (he will not tell where) his secret morel mushroom patch.

There are fenced areas for his vegetable garden and flower gardens. He continues to grow many vegetables for himself and his daughter, Laura, who has a home adjacent to his.

Wilfred takes care of Laura's cat while Laura is working at Alcona Health Center.

During the long winter months, he creates beautiful latch hook rugs and wall hangings. His work is usually given away to friends and relatives. "It gives me something to do...I don't care much for television, and I read some but don't care to spend all my

time reading," he said. Wilfred was born to George and Wilimena (Minnie) Myers on March 14,1905. He was one of five boys and had four girls.

He still has one brother and two sisters living.

He was born on a farm in a log house less than a mile from where he now lives. By the time he was six years old, he spent a lot of time fishing for trout in nearby streams. Later, he hunted rabbits, and by the time he was 16, he had his own rifle for deer hunting. "Deer weren't so plentiful then because the lumber camps used a lot of venison," he

Wilfred attended the Clondike School through eighth grade and then Mikado High School. During his school years, much of the Mikado are a was used for sheep herding and the lumber industry. "All of the lumber was hauled by horses to the river, and the logs were floated to the AuSable River or shipped on rafts. The rafts were pulled by boats. When the saw mill in Oscoda burned down in 1911, the timber industry began to decline," he said.

Wilfred recalled helping to build the road that is now F-

"Whenever the community needed a job done, all of the local farmers would get together and get it done. There was no such thing as job descriptions."

During the 1920 era, in early spring one year, there was a bad storm that crippled the area and made transportation nearly impossible for a

Three feet of snow fell, and then it turned to rain and froze, so there was a thick crust of ice on top of the snow. "We couldn't let the horses go on this crust because if they broke through hit, they would either cut or break their legs. So, we had to shovel one-quarter mile of snow and ice from the barn to the stream so the horses could get water.

"A lot of the people in the area almost starved because there was no way they could get to a store, and neighbors who had fruit cellars couldn't carry food to those in need. Somehow, we managed to help each other the best we could, and we all survived. "I rode my bicycle on top of the ice, and there was a fellow who drove his Model T on it," he said.

It could be that Wilfred's longevity is really not just because of his diet, activity, and "heart patch," but also because he never has an unkind word about anyone else, always has a very positive attitude, and a zest for living life to the fullest.

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Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



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- **2. FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of poisoned fruit does the fairy-tale character Snow White eat and fall into a deep sleep?
- 3. ADVERTISING: Which cereal features a character named Seadog?
- **4. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president officially named the executive mansion the White House?
- 5. MOVIES: What is the name of the most famous Wookiee in the "Star Wars" movies?
- 6. MONEY: What is the official currency of Nigeria?
- 7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs do shrimp have?
- **8. HISTORY:** How many states did Alabama Gov. George Wallace win as a third-party candidate in the 1968 presidential primary?
- 9. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the human trachea?
- 10. GAMES: How many suspects are in the board game "Clue"?

Answers: 1. "Jeopardy."; 2. Apple.; 3. Cap'n Crunch.; 4. Theodore Roosevelt.; 5. Chewbacca.; 6. The naira.; 7. Ten.; 8. Five.; 9. Windpipe.; 10. Six. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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- On Jan. 25, 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married Anne Boleyn. The bride was pregnant with the future Queen Elizabeth I, and the ceremony took place shortly before dawn with just a handful of witnesses present. Its stealthy nature was, of course, due to a lack of papal permission.
- On Jan. 29, 1886, Carl Benz applied for a patent for his "vehicle powered by a gas engine." His first model, known as the "Benz Patent Motorwagen," was financed by his wife and business partner Bertha's dowry, had three wheels, and ran on an internal combustion engine similar to modern automobiles.
- On Jan. 23, 1922, a second injection of insulin brought Leonard Thompson, a 14-year-old diabetic, out of his coma at the Toronto General Hospital. An initial dose caused a severe allergic reaction, but after biochemist James Collip worked nearly two weeks to improve and purify the extract, he was rewarded with success and Thompson survived.
- On Jan. 28, 1978, TV viewers were treated to their first sight of the mysterious Mr. Roarke and his sidekick, Tattoo, on a tropical beach with the debut episode of "Fantasy Island." While there were hints that Roarke was immortal or at least centuries old, the real entertainment was in watching guests learn unexpected life lessons or, on occasion, carry out last wishes as they lived their enormously expensive dreams.
- On Jan. 27, 1993, French wrestler Andre the Giant (Andre Rene Roussimoff), who stood nearly seven and a half feet and weighed over 500 pounds, died of a heart attack after his father's funeral. Afflicted with acromegaly, Roussimoff had declined potentially life-prolonging medical treatment for fear it might hamper his career.
- On Jan. 26, 2006, Western Union announced the end of its paper telegram service. The very first telegram had been sent by Samuel Morse, inventor of the Morse Code, to his partner, Alfred Vail, in May 1844. It read simply, "What hath God wrought?"

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- Michael Buffer has made over \$400 million from his trademark catchphrase, "Let's get ready to rumble!"
- Martin Van Buren was the first U.S. president to be born an American.
- After the terrorist attacks that destroyed New York City's Twin Towers, thousands of radio stations across the country received memos from media companies with a list of songs they considered "lyrically questionable" for a grieving nation. The list included The Beatles' "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" and (perhaps unsurprisingly) "Jump," by Van Halen.
- Bacteria can live longer than four weeks in carpets, as well as other types of flooring, and can instantly transfer those germs to any food that touches them. In other words, forget that famous "five-second rule," folks!
 - Fingers prune in water to give you a better grip.
- In 2017, 70 students drank so much alcohol at a fraternity house party in Maryland that the air inside the house registered .01 on a breathalyzer.
- Woodpeckers are the only animals to make sounds with something other than a part of their bodies. They will drum on a variety of objects to mark their territory, attract mates, locate food, or maybe just exercise or play.
- There's a town named Hospital, in County Limerick, Ireland, that has no hospital.
- Not that most of us will ever get a chance to consume polar bear liver, but in case someone does offer it, you're best off refusing. The meal might, and quite unpleasantly so, cost you your life. It contains too much vitamin A for humans to handle.
- During a 1976 strike by Los Angeles medical doctors, the death rate decreased by 18%.

Thought for the Day: "A bad attitude is like a flat tire; if you don't change it, you won't go anywhere." -- Joyce Meyer (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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: X equals R

CAL'S VAZ SKPLF SKB CXV-BXMEB

RKPSBOAMXC RME M XBMDDV

NMXJBDAZE PLJBLSPAL?

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

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

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

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Michael C. Simon as mortgagor, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated October 29, 2012. and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on November 5, 2012, in Liber 492 at pages 1,334-1,348, and upon which mortgage is claimed to

Notice of Foreclosure

Bv 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 fore-

closed 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

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 owner-

ship 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

Mortgage information: Default has

been made in the conditions of a

certain mortgage made by James F.

Larson and Christine Larson, hus-

band and wife, whose address is

5510 N. Barlow Road, Spruce, Mich.

48762, as original mortgagors, to

Mortgage Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc., being a mortgage

dated April 24, 2004, and recorded

on May 5, 2004 in Liber 400, page

413, Alcona County records, State

of Michigan and then assigned to

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mort-

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202100003978, Alcona County

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at 10 a.m., on February 1, 2023.

be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$55,386.26, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

Now, Therefore, by virtue of a power of foreclosure sale by advertisement contained in said Mortgage, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County starting promptly at 10 a.m., on February 8, 2023.

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

The land and premises in said mort-

Said premises are situated in the

Township of Alcona, County of

Alcona, State of Michigan, and are

described as: Commencing at the

SW corner of Section 18, T28N,

R9E, Alcona Township, Alcona

County, Michigan; thence N

00°25'34" E along the west line of

said section and the centerline of F-

41 Highway, 209.00 feet to the point

of beginning; thence continuing N

00°25'34" E along said west line and

said centerline, 96.99 ft; thence N

89°54'40" E 100.00 ft; thence S

46°16'40" E 37.22 ft; thence S

89°18'31" E 183.60 ft; thence S

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89°54'40" W along the south line of

said section and the centerline of

Black River Road, 128.07 ft.; thence

N 00°25'34" E 209.00 ft.: thence S

89°54'40," W 209.00 ft. to the point

of beginning. Said parcel being a

part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of

said Section 18 and containing 1.14

acres of land, more or less. Being

subject to the rights of the public

over the westerly 100 feet and the

southerly 33 feet thereof. Also being

subject to easements, restrictions and

zoning of record, if any. Legal from

deed book 371 page 634: All the

following described premises situ-

ated in the Township of Alcona,

County of Alcona, State of Michi-

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the following described premises:

Commencing at the highway corner

post, being a part of the southwest

quarter (SW 1/4) of the southwest

quarter (SW-1/4) of Section 18,

T28N, R9E, thence north 209 feet

along highway 171, thence east 209

feet, thence south 209 feet, thence

west 209 feet to the point of begin-

ning; Subject to any part thereof

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

gage, being situated in the Township of Greenbush, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Lot 340 Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 2, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 91 of Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 3178 South US-23, Greenbush, Michigan 48738 Please be advised that the borrower

will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption pe-

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 12, 2022 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)

used for roadway purpose or clear

vision purpose as given in release of

highway right of way recorded in

Liber 55 of deeds, page 270, Alcona

County Records. Street Address:

5510 N. Barlow Road, Spruce, MI

The redemption period shall be 12

months from the date of such sale,

unless the property is determined

abandoned in accordance with

MCLA § 600.3241a in which case

the redemption period shall be 30

days from the date of the sale. If the

Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to

MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower

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Kalamazoo, Mich. 49009

File No.: MI 22 4727 1-4, 1-11, 1-18,1-25

Telephone: (312) 541-9710.

5955 West Main Street, Suite 18.

Dated: January 4, 2023

Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, Mich. 48708 (989) 893-9511 12-21, 12-28, 1-4, 1-11 Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure SaleThis firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parcel 2 – That part of the SW-1/4 of the NW-1/4 of Section 13, T26N, R9E described as follows: Commencing at a point of the Section line common to Sections 13 and 14, 33.00 feet northerly from the 1/4 section corner on said section line.

thence easterly along the north side of a county road 10.00 feet, thence northerly along the west right-ofway line on Highway US-23, 511.25 feet to a point of beginning, thence westerly to section line between Sections 13 and 14, thence N. 3°30'00"E 127.05 feet, thence easterly 334.61 feet to the west right-of-way line of US-23, thence south 109.52 feet to point of beginning.

Parcel 3 – That part of the SW-1/4 of the NW-1/4 of Section 13, T26N, R9E described as: Commencing at the west 1/4 corner of said Section 13, thence S. 89°33'10"W along the east-west 1/4 line of said section 7.05 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way line of Highway US-23, thence N. 26°49'10"E along said right-of-way 323.26 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing N. 26°49'10"E, 222.0 feet, thence N. 63°10'50"W 123.96 feet, thence S. $0^{\circ}32'25$ "E 70.0 feet, thence N. 63°10'50"W 150.0 feet to a point on the west line of said Section 13. thence S. 0°32'25"E, along said west line, 180.0 feet, thence S. 63°10'50"E, 159.07 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 226 South Huron, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

Please be advised that the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption pe-

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale. Dated: January 3, 2023 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662), Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street,

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. Those preset included president Sheila Phillips; treasurer Marsha Mahalak; clerk Linda Somers; and council members, Jason Durham, Bonny Gauthier, Dorene Schick and Brett Wambold. Council member Debbie Lucas was absent due to illness.

A motion was made by Schick to have Brent Werth join the village council. Wambold offered support. Brent was sworn in by Marsha Mahalak. Welcome Brent. Zoning administrator Marsha Mahalak gave a brief overview of concerns with the proposed amendments to verbiage in an ordinance. Planning commission chairman Marilyn Wissmiller stated that the planning commission would offer the option to adopt the change in verbiage. It is now in the village council's hands to decide.

President Phillips stated that she believes it would be in our best interest to hold a second public hearing. This would affect all B1 areas in the district. A motion was made by Wambold, with support from Durham, to table this issue and allow for us to speak with legal counsel and hold another hearing. Motion carried.

Schick stated that she had been at the hearing last week and would feel more comfortable by holding another public hearing. A public hearing will be held on January 30, at 6 p.m.

The minutes of the December 2022 meeting were approved on a motion from Durham, with support from Wambold. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Schick, with support from Gauthier. The bills were approved as presented for payment on a motion from Durham, with support from Wambold.

In public comment time Richard Bray thanked the board for offering property to the veterans association, and said he is looking forward to having the group in the community. Teri Goldstrom asked about the issues of firefighters, first responders and police if the community hub is built here. Phil Potter addressed the board about his concerns about a research study that was done regarding the need for a new community center and housing. He questioned why the village council would even consider moving forward with changing verbiage when this study clearly stated that this is not needed for this area. President Phillips stated that there are three things that would affect any changes including the health, safety and well-being of

Don Sharboneau stated that changing two words will impact everyone, not just the Village of Lincoln residents. He said he lives here because he likes the rural lifestyle and feels that people might shy away from moving here if we bring in this project. Jessica Dobbs had a suggestion for the public hearing that we should talk with the county sheriff about his thoughts regarding

how this would impact the county. Fire Chief Cordes stated that currently we are struggling to keep ambulance staff. He stated that his department has several people certified as First Responders.

Natalie Goldstrom asked if an uptick in residents would potentially affect Iosco and Alpena strained with our firefighter and first responders. Marcie Cowles stated that she hasn't seen too many younger people moving back to this community and she is concerned about how we are going to take care of an aging population.

We are trying to find a new attorney for the village. Dan White and Matt Wojda appeared before the board to speak about their services. Mr. White has been working with municipalities for a long time. Mr. Wojda works with many municipalities. They would be available at an hourly rate of \$150 per hour. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Wambold, to hire White and Wojda as our attorneys of record. Ken Lind of Lind Insurance gave a presentation. He said zoning is an issue that is not covered by normal insurance. He stated that we might want to consider adding insurance to cover cyber insurance, more insurance for the zoning commission and more coverage on the fire trucks. A motion was made by Schick, with support from Gauthier, to purchase additional insurance for zoning and cyber coverage. Carried.

and cyber coverage. Carried. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Schick with support from Wambold, to adopt the Tax Abatement Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken: Durham Gauthier, Schick, Wambold, Werth-all ayes. No nays. Absent, Lucas. Motion carried. The ordinance is available for viewing in its entirety on the village website at lincolnmi.com. The abbreviated form of the ordinance fol-

Tax Abatement Ordinance 23-1

For commercial and industrial fa-

The Village of Lincoln has set forth the following goals and objectives:

- 1. To expand the tax base of the Village of Lincoln.
- 2. To encourage development which will increase the economic vitality of the business districts of the village.
- 3. To create and retain employment from existing facilities that might otherwise leave the village.
- 4. To assist in the rehabilitation of older facilities and/or expansions of existing businesses.
- 5. To enhance the general attractiveness of the community abatement terms will be granted to successful applicants based on the

- cumulative total of the following:
 1. One year of abatement for every \$50,000 in total investment, plus;
- One-year abatement for every \$20,000 in facade development, plus;
 One year of abatement for every (new) full-time equivalent job created, plus;
- 4. One year of at least 25 percent of total materials and/or labor expense is provided by businesses located within the Village limits.
- 5. No abatement periods can exceed those allowed in the act through which abatement is granted.

Nothing within this ordinance shall imply or suggest that the Village of Lincoln Council is under any obligation to provide tax abatements to any applicant, regardless of the extent to which an applicant is able to meet provisions contained herein. Certificates for abatement under all the acts referenced in this policy are granted by the state tax commission, which may deny such certificates even if approved by the village countries.

Billy Cordes gave the fire department report. They secured a grant that will cover the purchase of 15 pagers total. He suggested giving \$100 of the fire chief pay and giving it to Mike Serafin for him taking care of the paperwork for the department. Motion from Durham, with support from Wambold, to allow Mike Serafin to be paid for taking care of the paperwork. Carried. A motion was made by Durham, with support from Gauthier, to send a bill to the person who has been leaving trash at the park on Barlow Road.

the park on Barlow Road.
Carried. Gary Graves gave the maintenance report. The town clock has been painted by Alcona Motors and is ready to be reinstalled. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Durham, to appoint Brent Werth as the sewer administrator. Carried. Durham stated that he has talked with someone regarding the electric car charging station. He will be talking with Consumers Energy to see what the cost would be. A motion was made by Gauthier with support from Durham. Carried.

Linda K. Somers Village Clerk

The Village of Lincoln held a public hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was to hear comments regarding the proposed Tax Abatement Policy for the Village RRC Certification. The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance. Those present included president Phillips; treasurer Mahalak; clerk Somers; and council members, Gauthier, Schick and Wambold. President Phillips gave a brief over-

view of what this proposed policy means forthe village. No public comment was heard. A motion was made to close the public hearing by Gauthier with support from Wambold. Carried.

Linda K. Somers Village Clerk



This toy car was a clever ad for Moxie, a soft drink popular in New England. It sold for \$2,600. *Photo Courtesy of Kovels.com*

drink and was flavored with bitter herbs. The taste was so strange that people said you had to be brave to drink it. So by 1930, the word "moxie" become a slang term for brave or daring, and "He had a lot of moxie" became a common saying. The company was purchased by Coca-Cola in 2018.

Q: I have a book, "The Life of George Washington-Maps Subscriber's Names," published in 1807 by C.P. Wayne of Philadelphia. The book includes several map "plans" for different states, a list of subscribers, and a signature of the subscriber. The book is in fair condition given its age. Can you tell me the approximate value?

A: This book is part of a biography of George Washington written by John Marshall between 1804 and 1807. It was originally published in five volumes. Marshall, who later became justice of the Supreme Court, was a friend of Washington and served with him in the Revolutionary War. First editions of the books are rare and sell for high prices. Copies of the book of maps have sold for several hundred to more than one thousand dollars. You should contact an antiquarian book dealer or an auction house that sells antique books to see what your book would sell for. Copies have sold from \$75 to \$1,700 in recent auctions.

TIP: To remove a crayon mark from paper, coat it with a thin layer of rubber cement, let it dry, then rub it off.

CURRENT PRICES

Glass paperweight, Baccarat, sulphide, blue tint inside, gold tone bust of Martin Luther King Jr. inside, faceted with 10 round panels, marked, 1970s, 2 3/4 inches, \$155.

Furniture, table, drop leaf, Chippendale, cherry wood, two shaped leaves, tapered square legs, 18th century, 28 x 34 x 35 inches, \$250.

Postcard, Martin Luther King Jr., 1929-1968, Distinguished Civil Rights Leader, portrait, first day cover with King's image on stamp, postmarked Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 13, 1979, autographed by Rosa Parks with date 1982, \$375.

Salesman's sample, Howard Plow, wood, metal, with advertisement picturing an image of the plow, late 19th century, 8 inches, \$750.

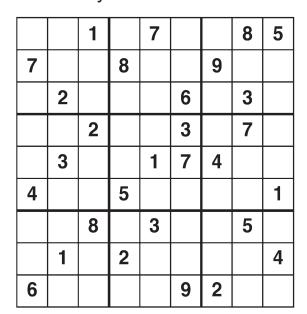
Jewelry, belt, 19 scarabs, carved Czechoslovakian glass, marbled colors, in brass frames with art deco rays, repousse scarab links between, filigree medallion buckle, Egyptian Revival, Joseff of Hollywood, buckle 4 inches, belt 38 inches, \$1,125.

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