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High school to hold Maple Syrup Celebration Day

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Maple syrup — it's sweet, it's sticky and when placed atop a pile of hot, buttered pancakes it evokes memories of leisurely weekend breakfasts with mom and dad sipping coffee while their children, with eager forks in hand, watch as the thick amber liquid slowly makes its way over the stack dripping down to the plate.

To celebrate that memory and show off students' agricultural talents, the Alcona High School Agriscience and FFA classes will once again be holding its annual Maple Syrup Celebration Day.

The event will be held Saturday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school's Sugar Shack where the students make the syrup, bottle and sell it.

Agriscience teacher and FFA advisor, Connor Hubbard, explained the project teaches a lot about agriculture sustainability as well as the responsibility of garnering the sap from healthy trees in a way that will not cause

harm to the trees.

Hubbard said that tree tapping doesn't harm the tree if it is done correctly. "The big thing is to make sure to use sanitary equipment and that the tree is not over-tapped. People may worry that tapping harms the trees because many times the trees they see along the roadside are in decline. A lot of those trees are over 200 years old and have reached the maximum spectrum of their lifespan.

"Every year, before a tree is tapped, we evaluate the tree's health to determine if it can handle tapping. If we don't think it can, we remove it from production. This year we had to remove three or four trees from production," he said.

The celebration day includes a free breakfast of pancakes, covered in Alcona FFA syrup, and sausage. This year Kevin Rifembark donated a hog to the cause and the students will butcher and process it for the breakfast.

Demonstrations and tours will be held during the celebration. Hubbard wants ev-



FFA members and advanced agriscience students Warren Leeseberg (left) and Nathan Nardi tap a maple tree that is a part of Alcona FFA's tube line collection system for maple sap. *Courtesy photo.*

eryone to see the shiny new evaporator and a reverse osmosis machine. He explained the reverse osmosis machine increases the sugar concentration of the sap by 50 percent before it even goes into the evaporator, cutting down the boiling time.

The evaporator, reverse osmosis machine and other new maple syrup equipment were purchased with funding of more than \$40,000 through the State of Michigan Career and Technical Trades special equipment funding grant.

All 88 of Hubbard's students have had some hand in the undertaking of Maple Syrup Celebration Day. "Every kid touches the project in one way or another. Students in the advanced agriscience class will be conducting the tours," Hubbard said.

Some small farm animals will be at the event to pet, typically goats are brought in which are always a big hit with everyone.

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County signs medical examiner contract despite increase

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

It's something no one ever wants to think or talk about, but counties across the state and nation are required to have a medical examiner.

"It's necessary and sensitive," commissioner Carolyn Brummund said at the March 1 commissioners board meeting.

Last week Alcona County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to sign a five-year contract with the Michigan Institute of Forensic Science Medicine (MIFSM), even though the rate per year is substantially higher than it paid the same company for the last three years.

"We have contracted with MIFSM for the last three years with very good results," commissioner Craig Johnston said.

Brummund explained in March 2020 the county contracted with MIFSM for \$18,000 per year, but that was a drastically reduced price and the commissioners were told at that time the cost would go up substantially and it did.



Steven Hiiter

The new contract will increase gradually. This year the cost will increase to \$27,000, in 2024 the cost will be \$30,000 and in years 2025, 2026 and 2027 the cost will be \$35,000 per year.

The jump in price and the thought of paying an increased total of \$72,000 over five years, gave commissioners a jolt. Even though the three-year contract with MIFSM expired the day before the meeting, the board felt the need to discuss the costs raise.

The decision wasn't a light one, according to Johnston, but after looking at costs without a contract, on a per-need

basis ala carte, it would have been substantially higher.

MIFSM Chief Medical Examiner Investigator Steven Hiiter was at the meeting to explain the cost increase. "Costs have risen across our country. Inflation is up 13 percent. For the past three years, we haven't asked for any increase while still supplying the best service possible and improving our services. We want to continue the best service for the county," Hiiter said.

The improvements include opening their own toxicology company last year to get reports back in the shortest time possible. MIFSM also has two medical examiner forensic pathologists on staff, MIFSM Chief Dr. Roshan Mahabir and MIFSM Deputy Dr. Donald Higgs.

Mahabir joined the team in 2022 and is also board certified in forensic, clinical and pediatric pathology.

Last year chief executive officer of MIFSM, Brian Hart, explained to the board of commissioners there were only about 500 pathologists in the entire country and Michigan

has only three in the state who are pediatric pathologists. "Holding the pediatric certification makes him one of the most qualified pathologists in the state," Hart said.

The company also provides fast service by having medical examining investigators (MEI) on staff. MEI are qualified and trained individuals who are usually current or retired police, fire or medical professionals, such as nurses and there are two living in Alcona County to provide service quickly.

Hiiter explained that an autopsy is performed on any unusual deaths, such as the death of a young person or any death the MEI or law enforcement feel is of questionable in nature, but Hiiter said, sometimes the family feels an autopsy is warranted just to give peace of mind, and MIFSM performs those services.

All MIFSM autopsies are performed in Saginaw, Mich. and MIFSM is responsible for transporting the body to Saginaw and back to a funeral home per the family's direction.

Hiiter supplied commissioners with a breakdown of what the past three years would have been without a contract which stated in 2020 (April-December) the MIFSM was called to the county for 28 deaths, six had autopsies which ala carte would have cost \$23,700. In 2021 MIFSM had 54 Alcona County deaths with 11 requiring autopsies that would have cost \$43,850 and last year MIFSM had 45 deaths with 11 autopsies in the county which would have cost \$42,500.

Johnston noted the price breakdown of \$2,500 per autopsy, transportation round trip of \$300, toxicology report of \$300 and investigation of \$150 didn't include a medical examiner's report which would have driven the ala carte cost even higher.

The board discussed how before contracting with MIFSM there were serious issues getting death certificates after autopsies and long delays with toxicology reports, however, with MIFSM that

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Richard S. Hynek
Richard S. Hynek, 75, of Black River, passed away Monday, March 6, 2023 at MyMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.
Born December 18, 1947 to Stanley Bill and Helen Frances (Dombrowski) Hynek in Chicago, Il, he was raised in Rhinelander, WI. Rick served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. On June 5, 1971, he married Susan LaForge in Harrisville, MI. Rick worked as a sales and service representative for Besser Corporation in Georgetown Kentucky, and later Alpena, MI. He loved nature and the outdoors, especially fishing, swimming, and waterskiing. He was the

king of sarcasm and enjoyed playing Cashword scratch offs. He enjoyed science fiction, as well as science facts. He was a patriotic man and was fiercely protective of his family.
Rick is survived by his wife, Susan, five children, Karen Shelton of Herron, MI, Melissa Hynek of Houghton Lake, MI, Stephanie (Robert) Pollock of Sharpsburg KY, Cindy (Michael) Gillispie of Stamping Ground, KY, and Brian Hynek of Alpena, MI, 24 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Edward Hynek.
Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies



Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Edward R. Schmidt
Edward R. Schmidt, 86, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Maple Grove Adult Foster Care in Barton City.
He was born March 1, 1937, to Ruben and Mabel (Walther) Schmidt in Minnesota.
He served in the United States Air Force and retired in 1975.
He enjoyed spending time in the outdoors hunting, panning for gold, rock hunting,

planting flowers, and most of all, fishing. He was an avid coin collector.
Mr. Schmidt is survived by one son, Joe (Josephine) Schmidt Sr.; two daughters, Antonette Schmidt and Annette Lee; 11 grandchildren, Joe Schmidt Jr., Chris (Krystal) Schmidt, Amber Schmidt, Cassandra Lambert, Lance (Teagon) Mendyka, Ryan (Sandy) Mendyka, Kaylee Pyscher, Darrian Pyscher, Josh Booth,

Shawn Booth, and Ashley Morang; 11 great-grandchildren; three step-children, Sheri (William) DeSmet, Cindy MacNeill and Arnold (Lorna) Dellar; 16 step-grandchildren; and one sister.
He was preceded in death by one daughter, Diana Urban, one grandson, Chad Killen, and several siblings.
Visitation was held March 11 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Lillian C. Bourke
Lillian C. Bourke, 91, of Black River, passed away Monday, March 6, 2023.
Lillian was born March 21, 1931, in Detroit, Michigan. On August 11, 1971, she married Harry Bourke. They were residents of Southfield and retired to Black River in 1971. Lillian was a talented knitter and was known for her handmade wool socks. She enjoyed playing golf and working puzzles. She was a

loving mom and grandma, and was always good to her family. Lillian was a charter member of New Life Lutheran Church in Spruce.
Lillian is survived by two sons, Brian (Sue) Bennawy and Gary Bennawy, her daughter, Sandra (Owen) Moudy, and six grandchildren, Christi Bennawy, Wesley Bennawy Mark Moudy, Sara Moudy, Michelle

Moudy, and Tristann Bennawy. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry on October 9, 1996, her sister, Florence Schultz and her brother, Art Schepke.
There will be a memorial service Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 11:00 AM at New Life Lutheran Church in Spruce. Rev. Christina Bright will officiate. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Theron V. Franklin
Theron Victor Franklin, 82 of Waterford, Mich. and formerly of Lincoln died on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Mich.
He was born November 10, 1940 to Leonard and Julia (Souler) Franklin in Lincoln. He attended Lincoln School and graduated from Alcona High School with the class of 1959. He served in the US military in the early 1960s stationed in Germany and then was employed by the US Postal Service for 42 years. He was a member of the Andersonville Community Church and the American Legion Post in Pontiac.
He was a sports enthusiast, avid deer hunter and Detroit Tiger baseball fan, but most of all he was a family

man. In 1968 he married Karen Perry and he was the father of Margaret (Pat Gilliland) and Timothy (Annette) Franklin.



He is survived by his wife Karen as well as his brother Donald Franklin of Lincoln and sister, Elaine Medor of Lincoln.
He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Virginia Franklin Dudler and VanDetta Franklin King as well as brothers Robert Franklin and Richard Franklin. He is also survived by grandsons Max Gilliland and Whitaker Franklin and Granddaughters MacKenzie Gilliland, Ashley Franklin and Samantha Franklin. He was a proud great grandpa of Theodore. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home in Waterford. Interment at Christian Memorial Cemetery.

FFA students

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FFA students will be just getting back from the Michigan State University FFA Convention and will be eager to talk about all they experienced during celebration day.
FFA maple syrup will be available to purchase during

the event. Syrup prices range from \$6 for a half-pint, \$10 for a pint and \$17 for a quart. Decorative glass gift bottles of syrup range from \$10 to \$17. The funding assists the Alcona FFA to attend competitions.
The Sugar Shack is located

at the back of the school between the football field and the elementary school. Alcona High School is located at the northwest corner of Barlow and M-72 in Lincoln. For more information or to purchase syrup from the school, call (989) 736-8534.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of March 6-12, 2023

105 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 1 Arrests; 1 Warrant; 15 Citations Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	4	Traffic/Traffic Stop	46
Prop. Damage Accident	4	PBT/Drug Testing	20
Alarm	1	Assist	7
Well Being Check	3	Animal/Dog	2
Suspicious Event	3	Fraud/Scam	1
Missing Person	1	CPL/Employ. Fingerprint	1
911 Hang-up	1	Domestic	1
Mental	1	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Civil	6	Threats	1
Enter Without Permission	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	10	Caledonia	8	Curtis	6
Greenbush	13	Gustin	6	Harrisville	9
Hawes	6	Haynes	5	Mikado	8
Millen	3	Mitchell	4		
Harrisville City	24	Village of Lincoln	3		

Correspondence

To the Editor,
Even though Mr. Lenny Avery is educated, very hard working, articulate and seemingly a man of integrity, he, by his own words insinuated that the deputy was a racist and claimed he was terrified by the deputy's presence at the special meeting. I do not believe him.

Mr. Avery admitted that the \$12.5 million had several "strings attached" and was not all being utilized to build a senior center. On the estimates that I know of, The Alcona County taxpayers would have to basically match the \$12.5 million grant to actually build the facilities

To the Editor,
My compliments to you and to Mary Weber for the wonderful article about Sis MacNeill. Mary Weber caught the very essence of the woman, that is, to know her is to love her.

the grant requires. On paper it looks good but not in practice.

I still want the books audited and accountability for the money spent and invested by Mr. Avery. In this manner, his name can be free of the stigma attached to it by "witch hunter."

Personally, unlike Nancy Mellott, I do not see a significant loss for Alcona economic development by the termination of Mr. Avery. Also, I'm thankful that Mr. Avery is my neighbor but business is business, personal relationships not withstanding.

Mike Doran
Hubbard Lake

The title of the article "Centurion celebrates life with faith" was perfect when describing Sis. Those who know her feel blessed just knowing her.

Barb Taylor
Greenbush

Medical examiner

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hasn't happened. The delays caused burial and life insurance payout issues causing nightmare scenarios for grieving families.

After the meeting, Johnston said one of the issues in the county is they don't know how many times the county would be calling for these services and the county goes from 10,000 people this time of year to 25,000 in the summer.

According to Johnston, in years past the county paid for a medical examiner yearly and for autopsies as they were needed. An autopsy was the big expense, around \$2,500, but it wasn't always per-

formed because the state didn't require it. Then (the state) changed that, which meant more autopsies would be necessary," he said.

He explained in 2013 the county paid \$19,000; in 2017 the cost was \$20,000; and in 2019 the cost was \$23,000.

"The board did their due diligence to secure the best price possible for these services. The funeral homes and our county clerk are satisfied with the promptness and follow-ups," Johnston said.

"At the end of the day, it is the required duty of the county to properly investigate and account for the deaths of our citizens and this company has represented Alcona County with respect and dignity to those who have required these services."



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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.

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.

Storyteller and theater artist Anna Marck 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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for March is "weather," by Jenny Offill. Call (989) 724-6384 for details.

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 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 22

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.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

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There will be a craft activity for youth ages 10 and up at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The craft is acrylic dot art. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

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.

A movie and popcorn snack will be available for youth ages 13 and up at 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

A bowl-a-thon to benefit the Alcona Humane Society will be held at Village Lanes bowling alley in Harrisville. For more information, or to sign up contact (989) 724-3036.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

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

Cassandra Sadler, Maritime Archaeologist, will share the latest underwater discoveries from Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and discuss some of the shipwrecks along the Alcona County shoreline at 1:00 p.m. at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road, Glennie. This free event is part of the "Cabin Fever" series of programs sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society and the Alcona County Library. For more info, call 989-724-6796.

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NOTICE
 The Harrisville Township Planning Commission will hold a meeting on April 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall. A site plan review & special land use have been requested by Kaylie Landrum to open a daycare and create a play area on parcel 060-022-300-060-00 at address 4656 Dean Rd. This 29.72 Acre parcel is zoned A (Agricultural). The public is welcome to attend. Written comments can be sent to the Harrisville Township Zoning Administrator, Tony Atkinson, 4120 E Dellar Road, Harrisville, MI 48740



Alcona NHS students committed to community

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationwide organization for high school students in the United States and its outlying territories, which consists of many chapters in high schools.

Selection is based on four criteria: academic achievement with a minimum grade point average of 3.0, commitment to service, leadership, and good character.

For Alcona High School students, belonging to the NHS means not only achieving good grades but the responsibility of commitment to serve the community, even if that commitment falls on a Sunday.

According to Alcona High School NHS advisor, Sarah Hechlik, NHS students must perform 18 hours of community service. They must also do a group and individual projects.

Hechlik explained some of the community service hours are spent volunteering for the humane society and last year, students hosted an elementary sports day with over 100 elementary students in attendance to teach the youth about different sports they may want to take an interest in.

Individual projects include tutoring, trail clean-ups, bathroom renovations at the school and can drives.

For their group project, the students have been putting on monthly veteran coffee socials on the first Sunday of the month at the school.

"This is a big commitment for them. Most of these kids take part in other activities such as sports, band, FFA, robotics and all sorts of things throughout the week and then they must come in on a Sunday too. It's hard for a teenager to give up one of their Sundays.

"With the veteran coffee events, they physically see who they are giving to. I saw a few students tear up as some veterans received their Quilts of Valor. The students are understanding the sacrifices veterans have made and they get excited about learning the veteran's stories and are sharing them," Hechlik said.

As she gazed around at a group of teenagers wearing green St. Patrick's Day hats happily catering to veterans Hechlik smiled and said, "It takes a lot of commitment. I tell new applicants upfront if they don't want to commit,

don't even apply. I'm hard on them, but they seem to enjoy it."

She said it cost the NHS about \$750 a year to put on the monthly veteran coffee events which cover the cost of coffee, cocoa, sweet treats, whatever may be needed for games and assorted prizes.

Students earned the funds last year by selling T-shirts; Valentine's Day flower sales; working during the Sunrise Side Wine, Brew and Food Festival; and selling food and treats and by personal donations. According to Hechlik, next year the students won't be selling T-shirts because people are getting tired of them.

For more information about Alcona NHS visit the schools Facebook page at Alcona Community Schools or their website at www.alconaschools.net.

April is National Honor Society Appreciation Month. To show appreciation to these hard-working students, donation checks for the Alcona NHS fund can be made out Alcona Community Schools with a notation for the NHS fund and mailed to 51 N. Barlow Road, Harrisville, MI 48740.

Michigan's five-alarm fire

By Neil Sheridan

MTA Executive Director

(Editor's note: This article was reprinted with permission from the Michigan Townships Association and appeared first in the February edition of Township Focus magazine. The piece mirrors the challenges volunteer fire departments in Alcona County are facing.)

During a long summer drought 15 years ago, I was looking out my living room window at the dry forest meadow right down the hill from my home. In the blink of an eye, there was suddenly a 400-foot-wide fire marching up the hill toward the house.

A power line had fallen and torched the meadow. Within five minutes, the Groveland Township (Oakland Co.) Fire Department was on the scene with a brushfire truck and had called up a crew for the big pumper. You can bet my appreciation for our well-trained, properly equipped and reliable firefighters took a big leap that day.

Today, Michigan is in deep trouble. Speaking with township leaders, fire chiefs, fire authority managers and others in the last few years makes it clear that there are multiple crises damaging their ability to deliver on a core expectation of our residents—to receive fast, effective and reliable emergency services such as I benefited from that summer day.

We face at least four crucial problems:

- **Recruitment.** Recruiting volunteer, paid on-call and salaried firefighters and emergency medical technicians is

a longtime and on-going challenge.

It's not about paying personnel—it's about finding them. This problem also impacts police officers for townships with police departments. Thirty years ago, young people often volunteered at fire departments or first aid squads to enjoy a bigger social network, feeling more connected in their communities.

Today, we compete with the digital "social networks" as people sit at home (or wherever) thumbs on keyboards instead of standing shoulder to shoulder doing chest compressions, vehicle extractions and building evacuations.

- **Training.** Training needs and both initial and renewal certification requirements are extensive and deter some from joining departments. Longtime firefighter and MTA President Bill Deater pointed out that today's public safety teams have advanced equipment that dramatically improve their effectiveness and their own safety. However, he says, the advanced technology upgrades and frequent mandated updates to procedures also cost department members time and township money.

- **Managing.** Funding and equipping public safety, including purchases, operations, maintenance, required upgrades and compliance can be staggering. The days of it being sufficient to have a "firemen's fair" or other fundraiser to get new helmets are over. New fire trucks now cost as much as a new

township hall. The cost to stock and run ambulances makes it necessary for some townships to add financial charges onto the burdens of the people they just assisted.

How we can provide the target quality and level of service is an escalating Michigan problem compounded by the poor state of the national economy?

- **Retention.** There are many competing demands on people's free time and gaining a longtime volunteer commitment is becoming increasingly challenging. Have you looked at the age range of your medical and fire volunteers—the average age shifts higher every year. For keeping paid part- and full-timers, fierce competition among departments is now the norm.

Full-time fire and police are increasingly being recruited away from townships to other municipalities, agencies and other roles. Trying to use contracts to retain them is a weak strategy in this hyperactive labor market.

MTA has formed a Public Safety Advisory Committee of township leaders and experts to inform, advise and support our efforts as we continue to work with our members on these issues. We are reaching out to our peers at their organizations and associations to build a common front.

"It's truly a problem and it's a rarity anymore to recruit new members to a volunteer squad. As current members age out, we are being left short-handed," said Rod Cordes, Hawes Township

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PUBLIC NOTICE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2023 NORTH REGION HERBICIDE PROGRAM

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby provides notice to the public, including property owners adjacent to state highways, of the 2023 Herbicide Application Program treatments for roadside rights of way within Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Leelanau, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, and Iosco counties.

SCHEDULED DATES OF APPLICATION:

Applications will take place between April 3, 2023, and Dec. 1, 2023.

HERBICIDES/LOCATIONS:

Non-Selective Applications: (guardrail, pavement/shoulder cracks and edges, barrier walls, concrete bridge slopes, invasive plants) ANY INDIVIDUAL OR COMBINATIONS OF THE HERBICIDES LISTED BELOW:

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Selective Applications: (broadleaf weeds in turf areas, brush control, plant growth regulator, invasive plants) ANY INDIVIDUAL OR COMBINATIONS OF THE HERBICIDES LISTED BELOW:

Milestone (Aminopyralid), **Escort XP** (Metsulfuron Methyl), **Garlon 4 Ultra** (Triclopyr-2-Butoxyethyl Ester), **Vista XRT** (Fluroxypyr 1-Methylheptyl Ester), **Plateau** (Imazapic), **Method 240SL** (Aminocyclopyrachlor), **Imazapic 2SL** (Imazapic), **Vastlan** (Triclopyr Choline, Acetic Acid, Choline Salt), **Telar XP** (Chlorsulfuron).

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

All applications will be ground or foliar applied by vehicular-mounted fixed boom or hand spray gun equipment. The herbicides will be tank-mixed or injected for each application.

RE-ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:

Do not enter treated areas until the spray has dried.

CONTACT:

All applications will be made by certified pesticide applicators. For further information, contact:

Todd Neiss, Resource Analyst
Michigan Department of Transportation
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This notice is published per Regulation 637 Act No. 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Hawes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 4 at 6 pm to recommend a zoning ordinance amendment to the Township Board. The public hearing will be held at the Hubbard Lake South Shore Fire Department at 367 Mt. Maria Drive, Spruce, MI. The full text of the amendment is available online at <http://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/zoning.asp>, or by contacting Rodney Cordes at 989-736-8460 or by email at cordesrhawestownship@gmail.com. Written comments may be sent to Rodney Cordes at 2006 N Stout Rd, Barton City, MI 48705 prior to the meeting. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. A summary of the amendment is as follows:

Amend Section 2.02 (Definitions) to add definitions related to solar energy and to edit definitions related to wind energy.

Amend Section 7.09 (Solar Panels - Accessory) (building-mounted, building-integrated, and on nonconforming buildings, uses, and lots).

Amend Section 7.10 (Solar Energy Facilities – Utility-Scale/Commercial) – add regulations pertaining to groundcover, screening, setbacks, wiring, sounds, fencing, land clearing, access drives, agricultural protection, repowering, abandonment, and decommissioning.

Amend Section 7.08 (Wind Energy Systems) to edit regulations pertaining to setbacks, noise, vibration, ice throw, lighting, shadow flicker, decommissioning, abandonment, and repowering.

Amend Section 7.06 (Wireless Communications) to edit definitions relating to setback, abandonment, decommissioning, and lighting.

Local Veterans honored monthly with coffee

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

As with most rural counties, veterans are at the top of the most admired local citizens. Communities are always happy to recognize them, whether by group applause during a parade or individually just by saying “thank you” or “welcome home” to a veteran in passing.

In Alcona County, veterans are honored with two entities offering free monthly coffee gatherings for veterans and their spouses. There is one held twice a month at the Westminster Presbyterian Church and another is held monthly at Alcona High School.

Westminster’s coffee, held on the first and third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m., is

a gift of love and respect offered by two local citizens, Carolyn Brummund and Jane Meyer.

Brummund and Meyer, together, with Deb Halsey, a veteran widow who calls herself the “Lazy Susan” of the group, flit from table to table offering coffee or bringing toasted bagels and other goodies to their guests. “It’s not my party, I just help out,” Halsey said as she set down some jam and cookies.

A dozen or more attendees are treated well and it’s obvious no one is left out of the group conversation which flows easily across the tables.

They talk about the price of this or that, the ladies mention a recent purchase, the gentlemen converse about gas prices. Mostly the conversation is about the

weather, how much snow is predicted and when spring will arrive. It’s a gentle conversation of the wise and knowing, the ones who have reached the age of understanding when to speak and how to listen.

“Some will talk about their time in service, but others don’t bring it up. I think a lot of veterans like to put it behind them and not talk about it. Which is fine. We understand it,” Mary Hamather said.

Hamather is a veteran who served in the United States Air Force (USAF) from 1956 to 1959. She said she joined the service after junior college with her twin sister, “It was fun for us,” she said.

Hamather is also the widow

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MILLEN TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR MOWING BIDS

Millen Township is now accepting sealed bids for the mowing of Maple Ridge Cemetery and the Barton City Park. Accepted bidder will be required to sign a contract and provide a copy of insurance. Please contact Supervisor Dennis Smith to review the complete contract or for any questions call 231-357-2426. **Final bids must be received by March 28. Mark on outside of envelope “sealed bid mowing”** and mail to: Millen Township, PO Box 292, Barton City, MI 48705. Bids will be opened at the regular Township meeting on April 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE

The Village of Lincoln Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Village Hall at 117 W. Fiske St. in Lincoln. Brad Cole has requested a dimensional variance at 306 E. Fiske St. to build a storage unit within 10' of property line adjoining Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union. Property description follows: Part of NE-1/4 of the NE-1/4 of section 1, T26N, R8E described as commencing at the northeast corner of said section 1, T26N, R8E.

Written comments may be mailed prior to the meeting to: Village of Lincoln P.O. Box 337, Lincoln MI. 48742 Attn: Village Clerk/Variance. The public may appear at the meeting by person of council.

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During the Alcona High School National Honor Society Coffee with Veterans event, which is held the first Sunday of the month at the school, students were emotionally moved as they watched three Quilts of Valor presented to veterans, (left to right) Bill Hastings, Eileen Oposnow and Dave Bastion. Quilt presenter, Bonnie Baker (far right) said she has been quilting for about 15 years and was proud to represent the creators of the quilts given who are all members of the Quilts of Valor Working Stars group.

Hastings served from 1955 to 1963 in the United States Second Air Force and earned the rank of Staff Sergeant while stationed at the Second Headquarters with the Inspection General team.

Oposnow served from 1974 to 1978 in the United States Air Force and earned the rank of Sergeant with the Strategic Air Command at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and Mather Air Force Base in California

Bastion served with the United States Army from 1961 to 1963 and earned the rank of sergeant. Bastion served one year in Korea and was with a demilitarized zone.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a nationwide effort to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. Since 2012, over 338,143 veterans have been wrapped in a new red, white and blue themed quilt.

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The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in February.

- Luis Angel Baltazar Martinez, 25, of Adrian, Mich. Was sentenced to fines and costs of \$200 for permitting an unlicensed person to drive/violation of motor vehicle code.

- Dominick Dennis Charobee, 40, of Barton City was sentenced to fines and costs of \$200 for no valid license in possession.

- Zakary Edward Dunnuck, 30, of West Branch, Mich. was sentenced to \$245 in fines and costs for illegal killing/possession of wild turkey/water fowl.

- Derek Ryan Barlow, 32, of Lincoln was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and \$1,840 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.

Alcona boys bow out to Tawas in district finals

By Ben Murphy
Sports writer

The Alcona boys basketball team knew it had a tall order taking on heavily favored Tawas Area in the two's Division 3 district championship game at Friday. The Tigers were able to hang around at times early on in the game, but ultimately the host Braves pulled away for the 65-41 victory, giving them their second straight district championship.

"Unfortunately, our season came to the end," head coach Alex Cole said. "I feel that everyone fought hard but Tawas is a very good team. I wish (Tawas head coach Todd) Kaems and his team the best of luck in the next round."

The Braves started off the game with a three pointer but DJ Howe was able to answer that by battling for an offensive rebound and put-back basket. Tawas and Howe traded baskets again, leaving the Braves ahead 5-4 early on.

With Tawas leading 10-4 late in the opening frame, Howe again connected, this time hitting one from behind the arc, trimming the gap to 10-7. Tawas, who hit 11 three pointers on the night, hit another in the closing seconds of the quarter, giving them a 13-7 lead after one.

The Tigers got a basket by Hayden Johnston to kick off the second quarter, but Tawas was able to take a double digit lead by midway through the frame, 21-10.

Alcona kept fighting though, getting a three pointer by David Sharboneau to pull them within 21-13. The Braves built a 29-14 lead late in the half, with Howe finishing up the frame with a lay-up to make it 29-16 at the break.

Tawas opened up the second half with back-to-back three pointers to lead 35-16 and continued to pull away, leading 40-20 midway through the third quarter and finished the frame on a 10-2 run to lead 50-22 after three.

Alcona couldn't get back in the game in the final min-



Alcona's Jacob Renschski tries to hit a contested shot during Friday's loss to Tawas Area in the district finals. Review photo by Ben Murphy

utes, but did get the final points of the night in the form of a three pointer from Howe.

The Tigers had Howe finish with 18 points to lead the team. Garrett Somers scored all eight of his points in the second half. H. Johnston finished with six, Sharboneau netted four, Sam Johnston had three and Owen Borsvold added three.

Alcona reached the district championship, thanks to their semi-final win over Johannesburg-Lewiston on Wednesday, March 8, 62-41.

Somers hit a three and had seven points in the first quarter and Ricky Schott had four points, put the Cardinals led 15-14 after one.

Howe got going in the sec-

ond with six points and Somers netted four more, helping the Tigers pull ahead 29-22 at the half.

In the third, Hayden Johnston hit a three and put in seven points, Somers had an and-one play and five points in the frame and Alcona led 47-27 entering the fourth.

Somers hit two more threes in the fourth and finished with 22 points, Howe netted 11, H. Johnston and Scott had nine points apiece, Owen Borsvold put in four points, with three was Nathan Nardi and Evan Borsvold and Cayden Hebert had two points apiece.

Alcona finishes the season 10-12 overall and finished second in the North Star League Big Dipper with a record of 6-3.

"I'm proud of the five seniors and what they have meant to the program," Cole said. "Each of them will leave big shoes to fill next year but they have helped to lay the foundation for the culture that we are building in Alcona. We will back."

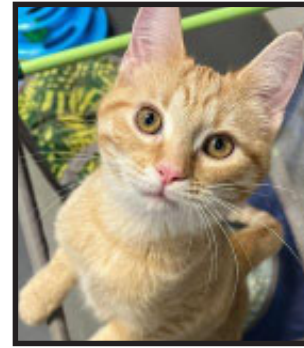


Alcona's Garrett Somers brings the ball into the offensive end. Review photo by Ben Murphy

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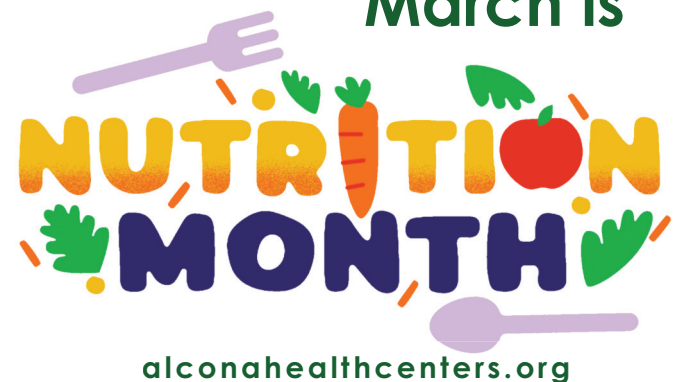
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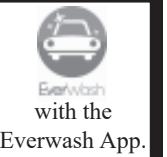
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Veterans

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of a veteran. For her, the coffee socials are a good reason to get out of the house to talk to other veteran widows and widowers, especially in the winter. "Sometimes it's not just the women who are veteran widows. There are husbands of veterans too," she said.

Eileen Oposnow who is a USAF 1974 to 1978 veteran and the widow of a veteran, said the gatherings are very family-like. "We have a common history and a wider viewpoint of the world. It's not necessarily about what we did while in service, just that we see the bigger picture and have camaraderie. We don't have to question each other to understand each other. It doesn't matter what our political stance is, we know we are all in it together. We are a family," Oposnow said.

The Alcona High School National Honor Society (NHS) hosts its coffee to honor veterans on the first Sunday of the month in the lobby of the school auditorium from 2 to 4 p.m. during school months. The students serve coffee, hot chocolate and treats such as peanut butter cookies student ElliMae Spaulding brings each month that everyone seems to love and count on.

During the two hours, students introduce themselves and acknowledge new veterans attending. There is usually a drawing or games for a few gift prizes, some of the prizes are donated by the public, some are purchased by the student's NHS funds.

Students always pick something creative to do, at Halloween they had the veterans and their spouses painting pumpkins with prizes given for the most creative. Their advisor, Sarah Hechlik, said the students love planning a theme for the Sundays and are always thinking about a new way to make the event interesting.

They held their first event in January 2022 where just a handful of veterans and their spouses came but for the past year word has gotten out and the number of attendees has grown.

On March 5 they recorded the largest turnout for the event they have ever had with 41 attendees. "People just kept coming through the doors. It was very exciting for the students," Hechlik said.

Hechlik has 17 NHS students with 21 applicants wanting to join next year. "I think we will be doing another coffee Sunday for the veterans next year, especially now that we have a rhythm that works. As long as the veterans keep showing up, we will keep having the event," Hechlik said.

Hechlik said the students get a lot out of the monthly event. "I think they see and respect veterans more. They are learning communication skills by talking to the veterans and leadership skills in hosting the event.

Logan Bates, a senior NHS member said he enjoys the veteran coffee socials. "As part of NHS, I feel like I belong to

something and when I see the veterans come together I think it gives them the same feeling — like they belong and are welcome here.

"At the Sunday coffee, I get a chance to see old faces, new faces and hear their stories. I hear about their achievements and struggles. I think some of them don't want to share (stories) because their time in service was very personal. I can understand that. They will tell me their branch and when and where they served. They are proud. I am very impressed by them," Bates said.

Bates said he would like to

see the socials continue because each first Sunday more and more new people come, but said that will be up to next year's NHS members.

Bates said, "The Sundays are a lot of fun. It gets the veterans out of their homes, allows them time to interact with each other and allows us to get to know them."

The Westminster Presbyterian Church is located at 201 N. Second Street in Harrisville with coffee for veterans on the first and third Thursday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. The next scheduled coffees will be on March 16 and April 6.

The NHS coffee for veterans is on the first Sunday of the month, with the next event scheduled for April 2 from 2

to 4 p.m. at the Alcona High School auditorium lobby on the northwest corner of M-72 and Barlow Road.

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@huronosi.com and include your name, company name, address, phone number, and email address.



Buggy Rides



Tigers bow out of tournaments

March 18, 1998 ~ By Rich Mills

It was just one of those nights! Alcona's hopes for another district championship were shattered by the Rogers City Hurons last Thursday evening, 52-34.

The Hurons clamped on a zone defense that took Alcona's usually productive inside game away from them.

The Tigers were forced to shoot from outside, and it was just one of those nights when "nothing would fall."

Rogers City then beat Whittemore-Prescott at the buzzer to advance to regional play against Boyne City.

The heartbreaking departure could not take anything away from another very successful season. Alcona finished with a 15-6 record. More importantly, they continued the long, proud Tiger tradition. The tradition of knowing that when you play Alcona, you are going to have your hands full.

There were not a lot of high-lights Thursday night. Junior Sean Stewart had an early dunk that gave Alcona an 11-8 first-quarter lead.

Senior Andy Budreau had a pretty put-back tip-in to keep Alcona close, 31-20 after three quarters.

The Tigers did get as close as nine points on a Zack Sedgwick basket early in the fourth quarter, but that was it.

Alcona was just out of sync offensively throughout the evening. At least on this night, the Hurons seemed to be a step ahead of the Tigers all night.

Sedgwick and Budreau were the only Tigers to hit double figures with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

For five disappointed seniors, it was their last appearance in a Tiger uniform. Each in their own way contributed to their team's success. Each represented their school and their community

in a positive manner on and off the court.

• Andy Budreau - Fun to watch. Leaper, slasher, scorer. Always gave it his all. When he was on, the team responded and usually won. Will be very difficult to replace.

• Aaron Healy - All heart. Slowed by injury but worked harder than anybody. Did whatever was asked of him. Very consistent. Fulfilled his role. Good kid.

• Dale Saranen - Wonderful example of patience and persistence. Sat on the bench last year but never complained. Worked hard. Developed into excellent point guard. Ran the offense, good ball handler. Has a sweet, short jump shot.

• Zack Sedgwick - What a battler. Not afraid to "give up his body." Stepped forward in regional loss last year and never let up. Scrapped and clawed his way to a 20-point scoring average. Always gave

100 percent.

• Keith Van Hurk - Another example of hard work. Improved his game from a year ago. Could stroke the three pointer but could also go to the basket. Simply loved the game. His sense of humor kept his teammates loose.

Seven underclassmen return next season. With a lot of practice as well as summer camp participation, there is lots of potential for another good season in 1999.

Junior Sean Stewart, Mitch Ranger, Lucas Tracy, Nick Beatty and Shawn Carriveau all return. So does sophomore David Zawada and Paul Somers and some talented athletes that will move up from the Junior Varsity.

So, congratulations to Coach Wayne Van Dyke and all the coaches and volunteers that work so hard to make Alcona basketball such a positive experience for kids.

Hatching of Brook trout an interesting sight

Hundreds' of Thousands Come Out During Week at Hatchery

March 15, 1923 ~ The brook trout at the fish hatchery have come out in great numbers during the past week and today there are 1,672,000 of the wriggling, squirming chaps agitating the water in the long troughs, that will be their home for some time.

No, the reporter did not count them, but that is the number that Supt. Frank Tubbs said was there and he knows. Also, here is a rare opportunity for the curious to try their skill at accurate counting.

They are funny little fellows, these future speckled beauties. When you find several thousand of them lying

still for a few minutes they remind you of a bunch or pine needles and that little white sack "on their chins" which, to the uninformed, looks like a disease of some kind, is in reality the food pouch from which the trout draws his sustenance until such time as he is able to provide for himself or, if he remains a captive, until he can safely eat the food provided by the attendants.

The original stock of eggs is practically all hatched out, but a later supply of two or three hundred thousand "green" eggs has been received and this gives the visitors an opportunity to see the process of hatching practically in all of its stages.

Red Cross benefit party at Greenbush nets \$141

March 18, 1948 ~ Greenbush— The party Saturday evening at the Greenbush Town Hall to collect funds for the American Red Cross, had a record breaking attendance, and was a huge success. Funds collected amounted to \$141.08.

The party started with bingo. This lasted for about two hours and was followed by a program of superb entertainment and an evening of dancing. Some of the high-lights of the evening's entertainment consisted of the Hungry Five Band from Oscoda; a solo by Mrs. Jack Barlow; a skit by Mrs. Marble and Mrs. Marshall; a guitar

solo by Mr. Clyde Banks and a solo by Mr. Russell Sterling.

The entire community was there with everyone offering their services.

We think special credit should go to those who worked so hard all day to clean the hall in preparation and to those who worked behind the lunch counter so tirelessly.

The Red Cross committee for Greenbush Township, Mr. Frank Raynak and Mr. Russell Sterling, wish to extend special thanks to Mrs. Jas. Dotson for her help in preparing the program, to all who worked in carrying out their plans, and to those taking part in the entertainment to help make it a success.



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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** What is the name of Scarlett and Rhett's daughter in "Gone with the Wind"?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** What body of water lies between Australia and New Zealand?
3. **TELEVISION:** Eric Camden is a minister on which TV dramedy?
4. **CHEMISTRY:** Which element has the Latin name stannum (Sn)?
5. **LITERATURE:** Which book is first written in C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia series?
6. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the name of the bird logo on Twitter?
7. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** How long does it take a sloth to digest food?
8. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is the irrational fear represented by coulrophobia?
9. **MYTHOLOGY:** Which Greek god stared at his own reflection until he died?
10. **INVENTIONS:** What did Alessandro Volta invent?

Answers: 1. Bonnie Blue Butler.; 2. Tasman Sea.; 3. "7th Heaven."; 4. Tin.; 5. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."; 6. Larry.; 7. An average of 16 days, and up to 30 days.; 8. Fear of clowns.; 9. Narcissus.; 10. The electric battery. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On March 27, 1909, fingerprint evidence was used to solve a murder case for the first time. The world's first official Fingerprint Bureau had already been created in Scotland Yard in 1901, while the first Fingerprint Bureau debuted in Calcutta, India, in 1897.
 - On March 29, 1943, Americans who had already been subjected to the rationing of gasoline were given books allowing them to purchase only set amounts of meat, cheese, butter and cooking oils per month as well.
 - On March 31, 1943, Rodgers and Hammerstein's first musical, "Oklahoma!" (originally titled "Away We Go"), debuted on Broadway. Based on the 1931 play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs, the beloved theatrical staple about a young farmgirl named Laurey and her two suitors continues to be produced across the country.
 - On April 2, 1992, mob boss John Gotti, aka the "Teflon Don," was finally convicted in New York of racketeering, murder, obstruction of justice, hijacking, illegal gambling, extortion, tax evasion and loan sharking, thanks largely to the testimony of a former high-ranking Mafia member. Gotti received a life sentence without the possibility of parole, and died in prison in 2002.
 - On April 1, 1999, David Smith was arrested and charged with originating the "Melissa" email virus, which infected more than a million computers worldwide and caused more than \$80 million in damage.
 - On March 28, 2000, racial tensions showed no signs of abating in the African country of Zimbabwe as President Robert Mugabe pushed forward with his plan to remove Zimbabwean farms from white ownership. The latest death occurred when a white farmer was shot by squatters occupying his land.
 - On March 30, 2011, Peru welcomed the return of hundreds of Inca artifacts with a lavish ceremony after they'd been out of the country for nearly a century. The items were taken from the ancient site of Machu Picchu and held at Yale University, prompting the Peruvian government to launch an extended campaign against the school, insisting the artifacts had only been on loan.
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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Pop's partner</p> <p>4 Hooded serpent</p> <p>9 Bygone ruler</p> <p>13 Tavern seats</p> <p>19 Nuptial promise</p> <p>20 Popular typeface</p> <p>21 Possesses, in the Bible</p> <p>22 Is unable to</p> <p>23 "Cocoon" co-star</p> <p>25 Red gem</p> <p>26 Singer Keys</p> <p>27 Talk formally</p> <p>28 "Never on Sunday" star</p> <p>31 Suckerfishes</p> <p>34 Tickle pink</p> <p>35 — -do-well (idle sort)</p> <p>36 She voiced Elsa in "Frozen"</p> <p>39 Pigpens</p> <p>42 "Desperate Housewives" character</p> <p>43 Dickens' "Tiny" lad</p> <p>46 Conclude</p> <p>47 By means of</p> <p>50 18th Constitution addition</p> <p>57 Tehran dweller</p> <p>58 Restroom, informally</p> | <p>59 "— -ching!"</p> <p>60 1983</p> <p>61 Popular title role</p> <p>64 Person decorating</p> <p>68 Brain product</p> <p>69 Eden woman</p> <p>70 It's south of San Diego, California</p> <p>74 "Nunnery" has three</p> <p>75 Tee off</p> <p>77 Political activist — X</p> <p>78 "No, No, —" (old musical)</p> <p>80 "Find — and fill it"</p> <p>82 Of a maritime mil. branch</p> <p>83 Lofty poem</p> <p>86 These, to Gabriela</p> <p>87 Swede transplanted to the U.S., say</p> <p>93 In position</p> <p>94 Tycoon</p> <p>95 Olympic code for Quito's country</p> <p>96 Roman 2,051</p> <p>97 Earp of Tombstone</p> <p>99 "Desk Set" actress</p> | <p>106 Me, myself —</p> <p>109 Stay</p> <p>112 Way to watch a film at home</p> <p>113 Rapid transit system of a large Spanish city</p> <p>118 Footways</p> <p>119 First-year athlete</p> <p>120 Use a wand reader on</p> <p>121 Jim Croce hit that's apt for eight answers in this puzzle</p> <p>124 Current flow measure</p> <p>125 Comic Idle</p> <p>126 Arctic</p> <p>127 Gun, in slang</p> <p>128 Magoo's title</p> <p>129 Concluded</p> <p>130 "It was — and stormy night ..."</p> <p>131 — -cone (cold treat)</p> | <p>INTERNAL IDENTIFICATION</p> <p>6 Pen brand</p> <p>7 2011-19</p> <p>8 Away from the wind</p> <p>9 Feel great excitement from</p> <p>10 Basking box</p> <p>11 Baseballer's turn to hit</p> <p>12 Poetry devices</p> <p>13 Wound mark</p> <p>14 Soft powder</p> <p>15 Big Mac components</p> <p>16 As if scripted</p> <p>17 Longest French river</p> <p>18 Step</p> <p>24 Heaps</p> <p>29 Spike of film</p> <p>30 Lauder of perfumery</p> <p>32 Prefix with -dextrous</p> <p>33 Certain Slav</p> <p>37 Pop singer Diamond</p> <p>38 Greek Z</p> <p>40 Small hotel</p> <p>41 Small vortex</p> <p>44 Shared, as interests</p> <p>45 Phil of skiing</p> <p>47 Bitter feud</p> <p>48 Determined to do</p> <p>49 Map books</p> <p>50 Division of Canada</p> <p>51 Very unusual achievement</p> <p>52 Yoko of the avant-garde</p> <p>53 Sword handle</p> <p>54 Ana who won the 2008 French Open</p> <p>55 Cat with no tail</p> <p>56 "Tell — was dreaming!"</p> <p>57 Glacier or floe</p> <p>62 Maximum or minimum: Abbr.</p> <p>63 Steely Dan album with the hits "Peg" and "Deacon Blues"</p> <p>65 NFL's Cowboys, on scoreboards</p> <p>66 German "a"</p> <p>67 Hitachi rival</p> <p>71 Arm bone</p> <p>72 Living in — (oblivious to current events)</p> <p>73 "Dedicated to the — Love"</p> <p>76 Swampy area</p> <p>79 PC key</p> <p>81 6/6/44</p> <p>84 Accurse</p> <p>85 Austen novel</p> <p>88 Lyricist Gershwin</p> <p>89 Part of TNT</p> <p>90 Group of spectators</p> <p>91 "Tickle Me" Muppet</p> <p>92 French for "nothing"</p> <p>97 Arch used in croquet</p> <p>98 Tightened up</p> <p>100 QB's error: Abbr.</p> <p>101 Area for mobile campers</p> <p>102 Johnson who directed "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"</p> <p>103 Pets' jinglers</p> <p>104 Golfer Tom who won the 1996 British Open</p> <p>105 Be beaten by</p> <p>106 James — Garfield</p> <p>107 Actress Watts</p> <p>108 Rain units</p> <p>110 PC shortcut</p> <p>111 With full force</p> <p>114 St. Pat's isle</p> <p>115 Satyric look</p> <p>116 TV host Kelly</p> <p>117 Psalm starter</p> <p>122 Suffix with pay or boff</p> <p>123 Road goo</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- What's in a gut bacterium? Possibly more than you might expect: Studies have shown that the types and amounts of such bacteria might influence your appetite, your food preferences and even the way nutrients are processed and stored in your body.
 - While fish can cough, they don't sneeze.
 - Michael Jordan was nicknamed "Magic" in high school after Los Angeles Lakers icon Magic Johnson.
 - In June 2022, the New York Public Library donated half a million books to kids under 18 so they could start their own personal book collections. Collecting and reading books has been found beneficial to learning, stress relief and even future success.
 - And speaking of libraries, they're not always just for books: The Buffalo Tool Library in Buffalo, New York, allows members to take out tools for home improvement, gardening and repair projects.
 - Provincial law in Quebec prohibits a woman from taking her husband's surname after marriage.
 - Actor Morgan Freeman, after serving in the U.S. Air Force, got his first paid job in show business as a dancer at the 1964 World's Fair.
 - After having a double mastectomy in her senior years, the ever-outspoken Alice Lee Roosevelt Longworth, eldest child of President Theodore Roosevelt, took to referring to herself as "Washington's only topless octogenarian."
 - Dolbear's Law, which states the connection between air temperature and the rate at which crickets chirp, is accurate to within about one degree Fahrenheit for the field cricket.
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- Thought for the Day: "A champion is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning." -- Billie Jean King
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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: **G** equals **O**

FVQS HGWBC RGW HQBB SVK
GUKJVKQC ZGMKR MKKCKC SG
ZQTMSQTM Q ZGUTME OSQTJFQR?
KOHQBQSTME HGOSO.

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 6, 2023

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday March 6, 2023 at 7 p.m. Those in attendance included President Phillips, Treasurer Mahalak, Clerk Somers and Council Members Durham, Gauthier, Lucas, Schick and Wambold. Council Member Werth was absent. The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Durham. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Wambold. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Gauthier with support from Lucas. Budget amendments were approved on a motion from Schick with support from Gauthier. Carried. Roll Call Durham, Gauthier, Lucas, Schick and Wambold all AYES.

Sara Healy and her son Ethan representing the Alcona Mat Cats Wrestling Group addressed the board. They need approval for a 501c3 designation in order to operate in the community. A resolution was presented for approval. Motion by Durham with support from Wambold. Roll Vote: Durham, Gauthier, Lucas, Schick and Wambold. All AYES. The Resolution follows:

Resolution #1-2023

LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES.

At a regular meeting of the Village of Lincoln called to order by President Sheila Phillips on March 6th, 2023 at 7 p.m. the following resolution was offered: Moved by Durham and supported by Wambold that the request from Alcona Mat Cats of Lincoln County of Alcona asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community, for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses be considered for approval. 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 Absent. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true

and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the Village of Lincoln at a Regular meeting held on March 6th, 2023. Signed, Linda K. Somers, Village Clerk. 117 W. Fiske Street, P.O. Box 337, Lincoln Michigan 48742.

Eric Bates attended the meeting to speak of his appreciation of the Village Maintenance Man, Gary Graves. He asked that Council Members become more visible to Business owners in the community. Marilyn Wissmiller representing the Planning Commission attended the meeting and talked about the Veterans Administration building project. A motion was made by Schick with support from Gauthier to allow the VA to continue their pursuit of this project. Carried. Tony Atkinson, director of the VA for Alcona County gave a brief presentation regarding the proposed project. Committee reports were given. A request was received for use of the new pavilion. Council Members are unsure whether to charge for usage. A discussion followed and Mahalak will contact the insurance agent for direction. Mahalak gave the Zoning report. A business owner has requested a variance for a building project. Letters will go out to those who are within 300' of the proposed project.

A motion was made by Durham with support from Gauthier to hold the public hearing regarding the Variance request on April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular monthly Council meeting. The Fire Department report was given by fire chief Billy Cordes. Invoices for the new pagers will be paid so that they can be taken out of this year's fiscal budget ending on March 31st. No update on the Electric Charging Station to report. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Schick. Carried. Linda K. Somers Village Clerk Lincolnmi.com

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Synopsis is being printed prior to board approval. The Caledonia Township Board Regular Meeting held March 8, 2023 at 7 p.m. and budget Public Hearing held March 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed to pay bills with additions. Motion passed to approve minutes February 8, 2023 for regular meeting and budget workshop minutes. Motion passed approve Budget transfers. Motion passed to approved 2023-

2024 Budget with changes. Motion passed to approved new citizens complaint forms. Motion passed to approve to FOIA policy. Motion passed to appoint Dan LeClair to ZBA pending eligibility confirmation. Motion passed to approved and sign Fire Protection Contracts and pay our portion. Motion passed to pay to fix hall railing. Motion passed to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Cindy Smith Township Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale 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 at the Alcona County Court House, starting promptly at 10 a.m., on April 5, 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. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage (mortgage) made by KOB Properties LLC (a/k/a K.O.B. Properties LLC), a Michigan limited liability company, which address is P.O. Box 268, Fairview, Mich. 48621, mortgagor, to Southlake Holdings, LLC, a Michi-

gan limited liability company, c/o Auburn Loan Servicing, which address is 134 Main Street, 5th Floor, Lewiston, Maine 04240 (sometimes referenced hereinafter as mortgagee). Of which mortgage is dated August 2, 2019, and recorded on August 7, 2019, at Liber 552, pages 1,068-1,079, in the Alcona County Register of Deeds, State of Michigan.

As of March 3, 2023, the amount claimed to be due under the mortgage is the sum of three hundred twenty eight thousand six hundred fifty two and 08/100 dollars (\$328,652.08), including interest at the rate per annum set forth in the Note secured by the mortgage. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the mortgage and note and as permitted under Michigan law.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public sale to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Court House, 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, at the Alcona

County Courthouse being the place of the holding for Alcona County, State of Michigan, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 10 a.m. The property subject to the mortgage (property) and to be sold at said sale is situated as follows: Land situated in the Township of Mitchell, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, and legally described as follows: Lots 9, 26, 27, 28 and 29, Block 7 of Crooked Lake Camp Site, a subdivision being part of Government Lot 5, Section 18 and Government Lots 2 and 3, Section 17 and the southeast quarter (SE ¼) of the southwest quarter (SW ¼) of Section 17, Town 27 North, Range 5 East, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 65. Commonly known as: 8425 Elk Road., Curran, Mich. 48728. Parcel No.: 114-115-007-009-00.

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be six months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period

can be shortened in accordance with Michigan law. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor and any other person liable on the mortgage 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.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Dated: March 8, 2023

Mortgagee: Southlake Holdings, LLC,
c/o Auburn Loan Servicing,
134 Main Street, 5th floor,
Lewiston, Maine 04240
Attorneys for mortgagee: Kreis,
Enderle, Hudgins & Borsos, P.C.
By: Jeffrey D. Swenarton
P.O. Box 4010
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49003-4010
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The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Mortgage information: Default has been made in the conditions of a

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

dred 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 ¼) of the northwest quarter (NW ¼) of Section 20, Town 28 North, Range 8 East. Street address: 5352 Anderson Road, Spruce, Michigan 48762.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the

mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

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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

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 April 5, 2023.

The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of 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:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Hunter Clark aka Hunter L. Clark, an unmarried man. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Foreclosing assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing. Date of mortgage: December 22, 2021. Date of mortgage recording: December 29, 2021. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$164,540.98.

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of Section 13, Township 28 North, Range 8 East, thence north 89 deg. 32' west 1318.85 feet along the section line and the centerline of the Black River Road extended, thence north 0 deg.

14' west 33.0 feet to the point of beginning, thence north 0 deg. 14' west 185.7 feet, thence north 61 deg. 0'30" west 215.59 feet along the south 33 feet right of way line of the Roe Road, thence south 0 deg. 14' east 287 feet, thence south 89 deg. 32' east 189 feet on the north 33 foot right of way line of the Black River Road extended to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 2870 E. Roe Road, Spruce, MI 48762-9721.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the bor-

rower 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.

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: March 8, 2023
Trott Law, P.C.
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Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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3-8, 3-15, 3-22, 3-29

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Michigan lumbering days

Al and Dave Eicher, award-winning producers of Michigan visual history, will present "Michigan's Lumbering Days and Camp Life" on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spruce Presbyterian Church, 6230 Gillard Road in Spruce. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend this free program. This event is part of the "Cabin Fever" series of programs sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society, supported by the Michigan Arts & Culture Council, administered by Northeast Michigan Center for Fine Arts Inc. For more information, call 989-657-4773.

Firefighters

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Supervisor, longtime volunteer firefighter and former president of the Alcona County Firefighters Association.

"Still, the departments in Alcona County are a dedicated group who often go beyond their boundaries to help in neighboring jurisdictions with personnel and equipment, when called upon," Cordes said.

Anyone looking for a way to contribute to their community, an opportunity to learn some new skills, and/or to join a dedicated group of public servants, contact one of the following volunteer fire officials in your community:

- Alcona Township: Chad Kamischke --alconatwpfire-

@gmail.com

- Barton City: Rodney Cordes -- cordesr60@gmail.com
- Curran: Mike Lay -- cur-ranfd@yahoo.com
- Curtis Township: Tony Barnes -- slagrock74@yahoo.com
- Greenbush Township: Steve Franks -- chief10@charter.net
- Harrisville: Dan Klukowski -- dklukowski194@gmail.com
- Hubbard Lake: Mike Eller -- hlfd1946@gmail.com
- Lincoln: Billy Cordes -- billycordes2008@gmail.com
- Mikado: Wayne Odell -- mikadotwpf@gmail.com
- South Shore: Carl Smith -- chief2smith@gmail.com
- Alcona Fire Association: Jo Allen -- joallentcs@yahoo.com.



In the spirit of cooperation between fire departments in Alcona County, Alcona Township Fire Chief Ralph Klotz (right) exchanges keys for \$1.00 with Harrisville Fire Chief Dan Klukowski. The transaction was for a rig no longer needed in Alcona Township, but could still be of service to Harrisville. *Courtesy photo.*

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN BUDGET HEARING

BUDGET HEARING 2023

The Village of Lincoln Council met on Monday March 6, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. for their annual Budget hearing. The purpose of the meeting was to hear public comment regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance included President Phillips, Treasurer Mahalak, Clerk Somers, and Council Members Durham, Gauthier, Lucas, Schick, and Wambold. Council Member Werth was absent. There was no public discussion. Treasurer Mahalak stated that the proposed revenues should be adequate to support the proposed budgets. A motion was made by Schick with support from Wambold to increase the pay for the President, Treasurer and Clerk to \$700 monthly and to increase the pay for Council Members and Planning Commission Members to \$80 per meeting and Zoning Administrator to \$200. Motion carried. A motion was made Wambold with support from Durham to adopt the budgets for 2023-2024. Budget hearing was closed at 7:00. Following are the budgets: A motion to close the budget hearing was made by Schick with support from Wambold. Carried. Following are the budgets for 2023-2024

General Fund Budget

Income	
Property Taxes	\$90,000.00
State Constitutional Tax	\$33,000.00
Administrative income	\$40,000.00
Payroll Reimbursement	\$12,000.00
Grant Income	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Dept. Other Revenue	\$ 4,000.00
Fire Contracts	\$59,616.87
Village Contribution to FD	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$253,616.87
Expense	
Zoning Board	\$ 6,240.00
Salary Council	\$ 6,720.00
Legal & Accounting	\$12,000.00
DDA Payment	\$42,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00

Telephone	\$ 1,000.00
Printing	\$ 1,600.00
Insurance/General	\$ 6,500.00
Web Site	\$ 2,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,400.00
Salary President	\$ 8,400.00
Salary Clerk	\$ 8,400.00
Salary Treasurer	\$ 8,400.00
Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
Utilities gas/electric	\$ 8,500.00
Maintenance/general	\$ 5,250.00
FD Salaries	\$ 13,000.00
FD Maintenance/Supp.	\$ 5,000.00
FD Gasoline	\$ 1,000.00
FD Utilities	\$ 2,500.00
FD Insurance	\$ 12,000.00
FD Other Expense	\$ 6,000.00
FD Excess to Savings	\$4,000.00
FD Equip.Fund Sav	\$26,000.00
Med. First Resp. Salary	\$ 5,000.00
Med. First Resp Other	\$ 500.00
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$14,000.00
Public Works Equip Rent	\$6,000.00
Public Works Salaries	\$4,500.00
Parks & Rec Equip Rent	\$7,000.00
Parks & Rec Salaries	\$ 6,000.00
Street Lights	\$ 9,000.00
Recreational Improve.	\$2,500.00
Payroll Expense	\$ 6,000.00
Railroad Park	\$ 789.75
Beautification Project	\$ 120.00
Total Expenses	\$254,619.75
Equipment Rental Budget	
Income	
Equip. Rental Income	\$31,000.00
Total	\$31,000.00
Expense	
Salaries	\$ 4,500.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 400.00
Repair/Maintenance	\$16,000.00
Gasoline	\$ 4,000.00
Utilities	\$ 4,000.00
Insurance	\$ 2,100.00
Total	\$31,000.00
Sewer Budget	
Income	
Charges for Services	\$ 14,391.00
Total	\$ 14,391.00
Expense	
Utilities	\$ 350.00
Salaries	\$ 2,000.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 400.00
Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00
Insurance	\$ 1,200.00
Administrative Fee	\$ 2,700.00

Equipment Rental	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 14,650.00
Local Streets	
Income	
State Revenue	\$ 24,000.00
Total	\$ 24,000.00
Expense	
Salaries RM	\$ 2,500.00
Equip. Rental RM	\$ 2,000.00
Salaries WM	\$ 2,000.00
Equip. Rental WM	\$ 4,350.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 350.00
Administration	\$ 300.00
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$ 6,000.00
Construction	\$ 6,000.00
Insurance	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 24,000.00
Major Streets	
State Revenue	\$72,000.00
Total	\$72,000.00
Expense	
Salaries RM	\$ 3,000.00
Equip. Rental RM	\$ 5,000.00
Salaries WM	\$ 3,000.00
Equip. Rental WM	\$ 8,000.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 600.00
Administration	\$ 900.00
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$ 10,000.00
Construction	\$ 40,000.00
Insurance	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 72,000.00
Village Raised Street Fund	
Income	
Village Raised Taxes	\$ 44,000.00
Total	\$ 44,000.00
Expense	
DDA Payment	\$ 22,000.00
Total	\$ 22,000.00
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Village Clerk Administration	

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 To apply and for a full job description, please visit our website at: <https://nssccorp.com>. Go to: work for National/ Available positions.

Harrisville State Park is looking for employees for the summer season! Duties include customer service, revenue handling, general maintenance, mowing, landscaping and janitorial work. Please contact the park at (989)724-5126 or stop by the Park Headquarters between 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday for an application. Must be 18 years of age by date of hire. Please apply by March 27 to be considered for our first round of interviews.

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 Ask for Craig or Tamara

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- 2 part time openings are available; up to 24 hours per week @ \$11.50/hr.
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