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Be counted: Census drives community funding

By **Mary Weber**
Staff Writer

By just answering nine short census questions, citizens can help to bring important funding to their community and the process to submit the census has never been easier.

The United States has been conducting a census every 10 years since 1790 and it is part of the constitution. The census mission is to serve as a leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy and collects the data every 10 years.

By now, almost everyone in Alcona County and across the nation has received their 2020 census questionnaire in the mail. This year the ability to file census data via the Internet is offering a quick and confidential way to submit the information and many have already filled their answers either through that option, by mail or by phone.

Despite the ease and process, some rural northeast Michigan folks fail to comply at all, even though it is the law for every person across the nation and five U.S. territories to be counted.

"The results of census data hugely affect our community. It is so important to make sure everyone is counted," said Alcona County Treasurer Cheryl Franks.

She explained how the data not only has an impact on funding but also for representation on state, county and township levels.

Residents use the data to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality of life and consumer advocacy. Businesses use the data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, creating jobs. Real estate developers and city planners use it to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods. Local governments use the data to ensure public safety, plan new schools and hospitals.

The census impacts a lot and by not having every person counted, northeast Michigan could lose out on \$44.5 million annually for the next decade. "Every person not counted equals about \$1,800 per year lost," said Alcona County Commissioner Carolyn Brummund.

Census data provides critical funding for housing, food stamps, Medicare and Medicaid, hospitals, firemen and infrastructure such as rural water and waste disposal, highways, roads, and bridges.

The data also provides a majority of school funding according to Alcona Community School Superintendent

Dan O'Connor. "It's vital. If we have inaccurate data regionally and are undercounted it will negatively impact our funding of many of our programs," he said.

The programs affected by census data he is most concerned about include nutrition through the free lunch and breakfast program, Head Start for preschool children, special education programs, Title One, Two, Four and Five programs and the eligibility for grants.

"The most important thing on the census is to be accurate, especially in rural areas where the resources are limited. We need to fight for all the funding we can. I'm not one to turn away any additional support. Filling out the census is an easy way to potentially increase resources," O'Connor said.

Census data funds programs our community de-

pends on such as foster care, childcare, juvenile housing and Section 8 housing and food for low-income adults and children.

"It impacts our libraries a lot," Franks said. She explained each year the county law library receives about \$2,500, the Curtis Township Library receives about \$9,000 and the Alcona County Library receives about \$65,000 per year which is distributed through funding by census data.

Recently, funding via census data helped to purchase forecasting software and maintenance fees for the county which saved them \$3,000.

Census data also affects how emergency management funds for disaster relief are distributed, something which may come into play during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It affects funds to rede-

velop brownfields such as the one in Harrisville which is being worked on and a handful of others which have been cleared and given a clean bill of health throughout the county.

The census data makes sure we are represented in Washington and according to literature by becounted-mi2020.com, Michigan could lose another congressional

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Avoiding Census fraud, scams

The U.S. Census Bureau is committed to making the 2020 Census quick, easy, and safe for all participants and is sharing the following information:

- Avoid scams online: Phishing is a criminal act in which someone tries to get personal information by pretending to be a trusted entity. Phishing emails often direct an individual to a website that looks real but is fake—and may be infected with malware.

It is important to know that the Census Bureau will not send unsolicited emails to request participation in the 2020 Census.

Further, during the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask for:

- A Social Security number.
- A bank account or credit card numbers.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Or for money or donations.

In addition, the Census Bureau will not contact anyone on behalf of a political party.

Staying Safe at Home
The Census Bureau will not send anyone door-to-door to collect responses during executive orders to stay home in the effort to abate COVID-19.

Once the ban is lifted by the state, if someone visits a home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, the resident can do the following to verify their identity:

- First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- Call 844-330-2020 to speak with a Census Bureau representative and check the identity of the Census worker. If it is determined that the visitor who came to the door does not work for the Census Bureau, contact the local police department.

School closure brings plans into place

By **Mary Weber**
Staff Writer

By the time Michigan's Governor finished her press conference last Thursday announcing her executive order to close schools for the remainder of the year, Alcona Community Schools was already fully invested in putting plans in place for the rest of the year with students at home.

Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor seemed unrattled by the news of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive order to close schools to subdue the outbreak of COVID-19.

"It will be a challenge, but we are up to it. We could see the writing on the wall and knew this would be a good possibility. Now it's time to wrap it up together and do the best we can for the kids," O'Connor said.

He explained the governor's order was explicit in that students and families may not be penalized by the inability to participate in a learning plan, but O'Connor said learning will continue for students through the remainder of the year.

"We don't want to overwhelm parents and families. We have students whose parents are still working and trying to work out childcare issues, families who have lost their jobs in recent weeks and trying to deal with a di-

sastrous situation. How the students are educated will be an evolving situation, this is new to everyone," O'Connor said.

Before the closure, staff members had called every student's home to find out if they had Internet access. They also turned over chrome books to students before the closure and let students into the building to retrieve belongings.

"By finding out who has Internet access and who doesn't, the school has a better understanding of existing barriers. We will be working with families to allow them to choose what is best for their student, whether it be online education or through a correspondence style classroom, pencil and paper style, with work packets being dropped off door to door for students once or twice a week," O'Connor said.

O'Connor felt flexibility would be necessary and plans may change as the year proceeds following social distance guidelines.

He said most teachers are worried about their students and want to make sure they have what they need. Many have already reached out to students over the past three weeks, via letters, phone calls or by reading a book on social media. Teachers want to ease fears, if possible, and let stu-

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Sheriff discusses objectives during COVID-19 crisis

By **Mary Weber**
Staff Writer

During an Alcona County Commission meeting last week, the Alcona County Sheriff talked about concerns and objectives his department had during the COVID-19 crisis.

Sheriff Scott Stephenson explained he had three major objectives during the governor's executive order: To protect the safety, security and health of the community at large, to protect the health and safety of his staff and to protect the health and security of the inmates at the jail.

Stephenson told commissioners an employee did come into work sick and they were concerned. During a subsequent interview last Saturday, Stephenson said the employee's illness was not COVID related. "It turned out to be nothing. Our staff is healthy and the inmates are healthy," he said.

Stephenson announced

Alcona County patrols are intact and out to serve the community. "I want people to know the jail is still operating. We are still making arrests as needed. If someone is violating the law, they will be taken to task on it. We are still writing citations. Violating the law will not be tolerated. We are taking complaints and enforcing law and order. Road patrols have been increased by choice," Stephenson said.

He explained to commissioners with school not in session, deputy Jason Dellar, the Alcona Community School liaison officer, is out

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Calendar of Events

• **Call ahead before any scheduled event to make sure it is still being held.**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Clients must remain in vehicle for curbside pick-up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

The Alcona Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23).

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Individuals whose lives are affected by depression or another mental health condition are welcome to attend Fresh Hope, a Christian-based support group for those with mental health challenges. Loved ones are also welcome. Meetings are from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church on the corner of Shaw and Poor Farm roads, Harrisville. For more information, contact Claire at (989) 724-6665.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

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From the Editor's Desk

Our world as a community newspaper has turned gray lately. This is evidenced by the lack of photographs in these pages. While we continue to do our best to provide the most relevant coverage of what is happening in and around Alcona County as we can with the resources we have available, the constraints we are abiding by is putting a considerable damper on how we normally conduct business. However, we continue to do what we can – like millions of other businesses across the nation.

While these gray times will give way to the inevitable lift of government directives and resurgence of operating as usual – like the pessimistic daffodil and persistent tulip whose green sprouts are already peeking through the brown groundcover – it will take a long time to shake off what is still unfolding across our nation and throughout the world.

It is a challenging and unsettling time. Our way of life was changed overnight and as this situation unfolds, more change is bound to come. There is quite a bit that is uncertain and that breeds fear which devolves into negatively.

However, it is by no means time to give up. This is a time to double down and renew our resolve to work together to stay at home and shelter in place.

In times of crisis many Americans want to DO something. It goes against most of our citizenry to go inside and stay there. It is contrary to what we know and how we live. Doing “nothing” is a foreign concept for many people.

Short of sounding like all the national ad campaigns and catch phrases that have been popping up anywhere we tune in – staying home is saving lives.

Our hearts go out to every 2020 high school and college senior that will not get a chance to celebrate their achievements like they want to with family and friends.

Our prayers are going up for everyone who is home alone and all that are afraid.

Our admiration and support go to every doctor, nurse, paramedic, first responder, trucker, clerk, stock person, business owner and so many more unsung individuals who are keeping us healthy, fed and in our homes with heat and running water.

We have an amazing community that has come together from the school district, the senior center and other agencies that are helping as many people in need as they can.

Our gratitude and admiration go to each person who is working beyond their fear and uncertain situation to help others.

Our utmost appreciation goes to every person who is doing the only thing they can do to save lives – everyone who is staying home and staying away from others. This is no small accomplishment.

We need to keep working together by staying away from each other. We are truly and ultimately in this together. Let's not let any fear or seemingly cavalier behavior turn us against each other.

Be kind. Be patient. Help wherever you can.

~ Cheryl Peterson,
Editor & Publisher

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
There are “Shelter in Place” directives all across our country right now due to COVID-19 Virus. I do not understand why you snowbirds and summer residents do not believe they apply to you.

Shame on all of you. It takes a pretty selfish individual to be so inconsiderate of others lives as you have show by disobeying orders.

Gina Broadwood
Harrisville

Census

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seat and a reduction in the number of electoral college votes, should census data be lower in the state.

“On a county level, it impacts the distribution of apportionment of commissioners to their districts (townships). Those are redefined every 10 years according to census data,” Franks said.

Data collected on the census is confidential and federal law protects census responses. The census will not share information with any law or immigration enforcement agency and will not determine eligibility for government benefits.

Alcona Township Supervisor Marlena MacNeill took part in a workshop last month led by state demographer and liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau for the State of Michigan, Eric Guthrie.

MacNeill said he emphasized the importance of local communities to get the most accurate count of population to ensure rightful consideration for funding services.

“He also explained how easy it is to respond to the census and how secure and confidential the information is,” MacNeill said.

“My advice is don't put it off. Do it for the good of the community you live in. If you know of people who might not have gotten notice, remind them to participate. Remember, even Joseph and Mary respected the importance of the census traveling by donkey to another city while Mary was nine months pregnant. If there was ever a good excuse, they had it, but they went to be counted.”

• Due to COVID-19, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted operations and extended the self-response phase deadline from July 31 to August 14.

The Census Bureau estimates 16.3 percent of people in Michigan did not self-respond to the 2010 census representing the “hard to count” populations. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, hard to count groups tend to be children younger than 5, immigrants, racial and ethnic minorities, rural residents, low-income people, homeless and Native Americans.

Many programs are in place to help all people be counted. The 2020 census can be found by visiting 2020Census.gov. or by calling (844) 330-2020.

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Americanisms



“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”
— Audrey Hepburn

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on road patrol.

Stephenson was glad about the technology in place in the patrol vehicles which has allowed his staff a more efficient way to do their jobs while social distancing.

"It's difficult for our deputies to maintain social distancing at times, especially in situations where they are arresting someone, but we've been doing this for quite some time with aids, hepatitis, swine flu and MERSA. Our guys are versed in this just like emergency medical service (EMS) staff. This isn't our first rodeo dealing with communicable diseases. This one (COVID-19) is more vicious, so we have had to step up things more than we have in the past," Stephenson said.

He explained to commissioners there have been several modifications as to how staff can access the building and that it is closed to the public. They have also modified face-to-face minor contacts they would have had in the past with phone calls.

He told commissioners the number of inmates right now

is low and they have social distancing practices in place. Clerical staff has been altering their days to do essential work.

They have suspended visits to inmates from family and clergy and suspended inmate programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, General Education Diploma (GED), and the prisoner work-release programs.

Stephenson explained they worked closely with Alcona County's Information Technology (IT) director, John Hartley, so inmates could have the ability to receive video calls with family and clergy. "They are part of the vulnerable population who cannot defend themselves against the virus. They rely on us for everything including their mental health, so we felt we had to do something to maintain that," Stephenson said. He commended Hartley for his efforts.

Additionally, during a subsequent interview, Stephenson discussed policing social distance executive orders. He said for the well-being of the

community the orders must be adhered to, but it was difficult to police.

"There are things that are questionable, obviously if a bunch of people are out on a pontoon party boat drinking, that is probably a violation of the Governor's executive orders, but if a parent is out fishing with the child they live with, that is probably okay. It is okay to take a walk in the woods or on the beach with your family. I don't see any difference fishing," Stephenson said.

His bigger concern was if there was an accident and crews had to be dispatched, exposing them to the virus. "We had a car crash last week which involved someone who was operating under the influence. This person had no business being on the roadway and I will be asking those officers to write that up as a violation of the executive order. I don't think we will have time to track down all violators, but when they present, we will write it up as a violation," Stephenson said.



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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of March 20 - April 5, 2020

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Medical	14	Property Damage Accident	1
Personal Injury Accident	2	Fraud	1
Dog/Animal	6	Miscellaneous/Fire	8
Well Being Check	1	Suspicious Event	1
Civil	3	Gun Shots	3
Alarm	2	Domestic	2
Larceny	1	Littering	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	0	Caledonia	7	Curtis	6
Greenbush	6	Gustin	2	Harrisville	10
Hawes	3	Haynes	3	Mikado	8
Millen	1	Mitchell	1		
Harrisville City	2	Village of Lincoln	5		

Class of 2020 Spotlight

Give a 2020 Senior the recognition they deserve for their hard work and dedication throughout their high school or college career.



**Purchase space for \$75
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Local Notes




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Recycle Alcona County will not have the April drop off day due to the Stay at Home Order. We will try next month. Check out the web page "thearasite" for future information.
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The coronavirus has dealt this country a hammer-like blow; from folks being laid off and losing income to the spinoff effects of this disease and its impact on the economy – not to mention the human toll.

As a result, our two remaining scheduled fund-raisers (White Cane Week and the Duck Race) have been put on hold until 2021. The White Cane funds eyeglasses and the Duck Race funds the remainder of our projects. Simply put, it is unlikely that those who support us so generously will be likely to do so this year because they will be needing to put their resources directly in their grocery bag, utility payments and other expenses

It is important that each of you know how much we appreciate your support each year and that this loss in income will hurt us deeply, but it is the right thing to do at this time.

Please... stay safe; practice safe distancing and STAY HOME!

John Rizzarda, President

Correction

The Alcona County Register of Deeds office is staffed Monday through Friday during the normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office staff is assisting individuals and businesses by answering phone calls, responding to emails and recording of documents. Documents may be sent to the office for recording by United States Postal Service, UPS, FedEx or eRecording. Anyone who has questions regarding the recording of documents is encouraged to call (989) 724-9450.

Scholarship Opportunities

- The Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 has applications for its 2020 Community College Scholarship, which is open to any high school senior from the following high schools: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac Eastern, AuGres Sims, Hale, Oscoda, Standish-Sterling, Tawas, Whittemore-Prescott, and the Alternative Education Academy of Iosco County.

The student must be attending one of the following community colleges during the 2020-21 academic school year: Alpena Community College, Delta Community College, and Kirtland Community College. One thousand dollar scholarships will be awarded to the top two applicants, but additional scholarships may be awarded at the time of judging.

The scholarship application can be downloaded from the Tawas Area Elks Lodge website at <http://www.elks.org/lodges/LodgePages.cfm?LodgeNumber=2525&ID=15006>. The deadline for submitting completed applications is April 30, 2020. Contact Brad Saegesser, scholarship chairperson, at (989) 820-7171, with any questions.

- The Development Council of the MidMichigan Health Foundation serving Alpena is offering scholarship opportunities for second-year students enrolled in the field of health care. Scholarships are available to students whose primary residency is in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties. The application deadline is June 1, 2020, and applicants will be notified at the end of June.

- * Dr. Peter Aliferis Memorial Scholarship - This \$1,000 scholarship is for a second-year student enrolled in clinical laboratory curriculum of study at an accredited school or medical school.

- * William E. & Mary C. DesOrmeau Scholarship - This \$1,000 scholarship is for a second-year student enrolled in a nursing program.

- * Gerald L. Kramer Scholarship - This \$500 scholarship is for students enrolled in the field of nursing or direct patient care.

Anyone interested in completing an application may visit www.midmichigan.org/scholarships. Those with ad-

ditional questions may contact Ann Diamond, director, MidMichigan Health Foundation at (989) 356-7738.

Social Security Benefits

According to Andrew Saul, commissioner of Social Security, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payments will continue to be paid on time during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He also reminded everyone to be aware of scammers who try to take advantage of the pandemic to trick people into providing personal information or payment via retail gift cards, wire transfers, internet currency, or by mailing cash, to maintain Social Security benefit payments or receive economic impact payments from the Department of the Treasury.

The Department of the Treasury will soon provide information about economic impact payments under the recently enacted law, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act. Treasury, not Social Security, will be making direct payments to eligible people. Do not call Social Security about these payments as the agency does not have information to share.

The hours to call the Social Security agency is from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. local time. It is experiencing longer than normal wait times on the 800 number and asks the public to remain patient, use its online services at www.social-security.gov, or call the local office.

Visit the agency's COVID-19 web page at www.social-security.gov/coronavirus/ for important information and updates.

Tawas Point Migration

With the potential of the impact of COVID-19 likely to stretch on for many more weeks than anticipated, the AuSable Valley Audubon Migration team does not feel confident that it could deliver the kind of quality experience that has become a quality birding event in Michigan.

Therefore, AuSable Valley Audubon (AVA) has decided to cancel the Tawas Point Migration 2020.

"We've pondered these thoughts for several weeks, but the extension of our quarantine safety timeline now makes it too short to wait any longer. Please be assured that the AVA membership and the migration committee are extremely grateful to all of the volunteers, partners, and sponsors who put so much time and energy into preparations for the event this year," said Ruth Golm, AVA president. "Although plans for next year are uncertain, we look forward to seeing you at future events."

Volunteers Needed

For northeast Michigan residents, navigating Medi-

care can be a very complicated and daunting task. Medicare is the national health insurance program first established in 1966 and administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that provides health insurance to more than 52 million people age 65 and older and about eight million younger people under age 65 with a disability.

In Michigan, Medicare navigators are known as MMAP counselors (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program). MMAP is a free and confidential health-benefit counseling service made available through NEMCSA Region 9 Area Agency on Aging and locally through Councils/Commissions on Aging, Senior Services Agencies, local senior centers and other similar organizations located throughout northeast Michigan in Alcona, Arenac, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon counties.

MMAP counselors are highly trained and certified specialists proficient in Medicare and Medicaid law and regulations, health insurance counseling and relevant insurance products. MMAP counselors are not connected with any insurance company, nor are they licensed to sell insurance. Their purpose is to provide objective, unbiased and impartial information to help beneficiaries make informed decisions about their prescription and healthcare coverage. MMAP counselors act as guides through the Medicare and Medicaid programs, bringing peace of mind to those who are often confused when they deal with unfamiliar, difficult government systems.

MMAP training for new counselors is scheduled for July 29-31 in Alpena. For more information call your local Council/Commission on Aging (Senior Center) or Kitty Glomski (989) 358-4612.

Donations Doubled

The DTE Foundation has offered to double the donation of any gift made to the Michigan Community Action Emergency Needs Fund between March 30 and midnight Thursday April 16.

Community Action Agencies are key to ensuring that vulnerable and under-resourced people are helped during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the aftermath of this unprecedented blow to the nation and the state's economic stability. The dedication of the members of the CAA network to implement federal, state, and local guidance will slow down the spread of the COVID-19 disease and will be a key component of our state strategy to keep Michiganders safe and connect them to needed resources, especially staffing and supplies connected to emergency food and housing assistance.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Medicare expands telehealth services to help keep seniors safe at home

Dear Savvy Senior,
Does Medicare cover telehealth services? My 71-year-old mother has chronic type 2 diabetes but is very concerned about going to the doctor for fear of exposing herself to coronavirus. What can you tell us?

Avoiding the Doctor

Dear Avoiding,
Yes! Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Medicare recently announced that it will be expanding coverage for telehealth services to help keep vulnerable seniors safe at home.

Here's what you and your mom should know.

Telehealth Services

If you're not familiar with telehealth or telemedicine services, they are full visits with a health care provider who isn't at your location using telephone or video technology device - i.e. smart phone, tablet or computer.

Telehealth services allow Medicare beneficiaries to take care of ongoing medical prob-

lems as well as new concerns, while following public health advice to stay home during the coronavirus outbreak.

Medicare patients with chronic health conditions now don't have to postpone a regular follow-up visit with the doctor to keep safe. They can do it via Skype or FaceTime. And people concerned they may have the virus could see their doctor or nurse practitioner virtually to find out how to get tested. Nursing home residents will also be able to have telehealth consultations with their doctors.

If your mom isn't familiar or comfortable with technology, you or another relative or friend can assist her. You may need to go over to her house to help her do this. Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop - but remember, don't visit if you're feeling sick.

Risk of serious illness from the coronavirus is much greater for older people and those with underlying health problems such as lung conditions, diabetes or heart

problems. Many seniors are also managing chronic health issues that put them at heightened risk.

Until recently, telehealth coverage under original Medicare has been limited to beneficiaries only in rural areas, and patients often need to go to specially designated sites for their visits.

The expanded telehealth coverage, which will remain in effect during the coronavirus outbreak, now allows doctors and hospitals to bill Medicare for visits via telemedicine that previously had to take place in person, at a medical office or facility.

If your mom happens to get her Medicare benefits through a private Medicare Advantage plan, they will also be expanding their telehealth services. For coverage details, contact her plan directly.

Other Medicare Coverage

In addition to the expanded telehealth services, Medicare will also be covering all coronavirus testing costs to see your mom has been infected,



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and medically necessary hospitalizations, so if her doctor recommends that she remain in quarantine at the hospital rather than self-isolating at home, she will not have to pay for these costs.

And if your mom has a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, it will cover the coronavirus vaccine when it becomes available and will waive prescription refill limits so she can have extra medication on hand during the pandemic.

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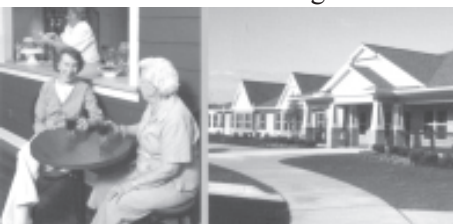
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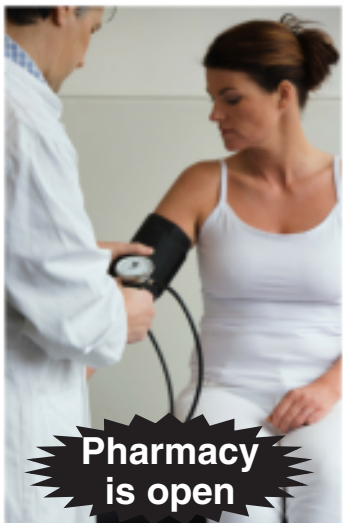
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dents know they have not been forgotten.

"There are many innovative things the staff here is trying to do. My son got a book and a letter in the mail from his kindergarten teacher. I think personal contact is going to be the most crucial part of what we do educationally, whether that is through email, phone calls or whatever mode of communication they find. We want to check in on the students and their well-being while doing the best we can to support them educationally," O'Connor said.

O'Connor felt the decision to close schools was made with the best intentions but left parents with a ton of questions across the state. He hopes to answer questions parents have in the Alcona district and work with them.

He explained the suspension of face-to-face instruction for all public schools across the state is unprecedented and something he never anticipated in his career. "There was never a class on long-distance school closure. I think it's important for educators, superintendents and parents to network together and talk through the situations so we can make the best decisions possible," he said.

O'Connor has been in contact with other surrounding school districts and the Alpena, Montmorency, Alcona Education School District (AMAESD) almost daily to try and stay on the same page as much as possible knowing they have similar demographics and the same questions.

Many questions students and parents have surrounded graduating seniors, as this is usually a very busy time of year for seniors with many events such as senior award night, prom and graduation. All of which will be postponed this year.

"The hope is sometime during the summer or maybe even over winter break next year, if the seniors can be gathered, we may do something then. We are currently working on options to award

senior scholarships possibly through Zoom or Facebook Live," O'Connor said.

Seniors on track to graduate this year will receive diplomas as long as they complete any necessary coursework. Those off-track will still have the ability to finish.

O'Connor said any testing for college focused students who did not take the SAT or PSAT may do so in the fall.

The Read by Grade Three law will not be enforced this year. The law required third graders who were behind in reading to be retained in third grade.

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Dan O'Connor
Superintendent
Alcona Community Schools

All students, kindergarten through eleventh grade, will advance to the next grade at the beginning of the next school year assuming the school district determined they were on pace to advance before the shutdown.

O'Connor was worried about lower grade elementary students. "From February to May is normally a learning explosion time for those students. They will be missing a large chunk of time they normally blossom and start to build on concepts they learned at the beginning of the year. I'm very concerned about that element and one of our biggest priorities is to try and support those foundational skills which are huge," he said.

At-risk students will not be forgotten either and O'Connor is looking into directing staff to spark and engage them and their families over the next nine or 10 weeks and may even carry that through the summer.

"There will be some relationship building through different modes of technology. That's a tricky element for high school students who see

a lot of different teachers in a day. We will be involving teachers and target where our support needs to go to in the upcoming few weeks. We want to help all 692 of our students' progress.

"This is a very traumatic time for students, parents and teachers. It was a very abrupt way to end school essentially. Our plan will start simple, we want kids to have access to books, access to core foundation math principals and scale up from there. The biggest piece is to maintain contact and get started," he said.

Students will continue to

receive food for the week which is being provided on Mondays through a Grab and Go program where students can come to the school between 4 and 6:30 p.m. to get breakfast and lunch for the week. If meals are left over, they will be offered on Tuesday. School busses to deliver food has been stopped.

The district is working on an alternative plan for kindergarten roundup. If families have a student entering kindergarten in the fall they should call (989) 736-8146 for more information.

The district will continue to offer mental health services to students, such as Teletherapy with Alcona Health Center clients.

O'Connor explained the community can help neighboring students they know by abiding by the social distancing guidelines and calling them to ask them about a book they read or a subject they are interested in.

"Just simple things like that make a difference. I believe in that adage - it takes a village. During this crisis, it will take a village, not just educationally. It will take all of us banding together.

"It's an awkward time trying to navigate the social distancing protocols while helping. Our families have been amazing as well as the teachers here. It's been emotional to watch the staff pull together and so willing to volunteer. They have been going above and beyond to help get students food, calm fears and engage learning. I'm proud of them and this community," O'Connor said.

Currently, the start date for the next school year is August 31. O'Connor was unsure if that would be revised. For additional information call (989) 736-6212.

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Local hospitals preparing for COVID-19 seek donations

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

While hospitals downstate are currently experiencing a prevalent amount of confirmed COVID-19 cases, northern Michigan hospitals have had few to zero. That doesn't mean; however, they aren't preparing for the worst scenario by making sure they have enough supplies on hand.

Chuck Sherwin, president of Mid-Michigan Alpena said currently their supply is sufficient, but if an outbreak should occur and last over a month, those supplies will dwindle.

He is asking for any business or individual who may have a supply of N-95 masks or other personal protection equipment (PPE) such as protective clothing that can be donated to please contact the hospital and they will arrange for pick-up of the items or give drop off instructions.

Ascension St. Joseph in Tawas is also requesting PPE equipment and both hospitals are graciously accepting home-sewn fabric masks, although the N-95 masks provide their staff a much safer alternative.

Sherwin said during an interview last Friday, there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in four of the counties Mid-Michigan Alpena services, Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle. He said earlier last week a news item was released saying Presque Isle had a positive case, but it was later denied by the health department who said the test showed negative.

The hospital believes the virus is still spreading rapidly and they are preparing for an outbreak to happen. Sherwin speculated in northern Michigan a surge outbreak is likely to happen in the first few weeks of May.

He believes in rural areas, COVID-19 is not hitting as hard, most likely because rural areas are already somewhat socially isolated. He used caution with stating amounts of confirmed cases saying there is also not as much testing in rural areas, so COVID-19 could be here in greater amounts, but just hasn't been tested.

Sherwin felt the hospital stopping elective procedures when it did, helped their efforts to maintain enough ventilators and supplies. The community has also done a wonderful job of finding PPE items for the hospital, according to Sherwin, who said

they recently received a nice supply of N-95 masks and PPE equipment from Home Depot and the LaFarge Alpena Cement Plant.

"We have enough today, but if we do have a surge that lasts over a month, we will have shortages, just like everyone else. Staff uses a lot of personal protective equipment. Keeping them safe is a priority. The very best thing people can do is just stay home," Sherwin said.

Mid-Michigan Alpena is not currently seeing a significant number of people in emergency with flu-like symptoms. Sherwin attributed the low numbers to stopping public gatherings, closing schools, having people stay home, and following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines like washing hands in hot soapy water for 20 seconds, which he felt has helped significantly with keeping the virus at bay.

Unfortunately, the isolation of rural areas like northeastern Michigan, the beauty of its nature and fun things to do such as beach walks, biking and four-wheeling is a draw to many people who live in areas where the virus is spreading rapidly.

Sherwin explained due to the asymptomatic nature of the virus, with some people showing no symptoms for a number of days to weeks, many unknowingly may be bringing the virus north.

"It's just a matter of time, no question about that. It will be in our communities. At this point, we are as prepared as we can be, but we don't know what a surge (of virus outbreaks) will look like. We are doing some modeling based on our population and what they are saying downstate," Sherwin said.

He was concerned with the demographics of our area and having a high population of older citizens who may already have compromised health issues. "People with comorbidities such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity will also have a higher risk for complications related to the virus," Sherwin said

He hoped the surge never comes and asked people to continue CDC guidelines including if they do come here from another area, staying self-quarantined for 14 days.

He asked people to follow healthy guidelines while they are home such as eating healthy foods, getting proper amounts of sleep and exercise, including deep breathing exercises, so if they do

come into contact with the virus their system has a better chance of fighting it off. "Slumping yourself on the couch for two weeks eating potato chips isn't helping your body stay as healthy as it can," Sherwin said.

As for the general public wearing masks into public places and grocery stores,

Sherwin said people may do so if they wish, but there is debate on whether it will protect them or not. People who wear the masks may cross-contaminate because they are actually touching their faces more while re-adjusting the mask into position.

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The Coronavirus has presented people around the world with scenarios that require extreme measures. As a larger community, individuals are doing their part to help curtail its effects by working and learning remotely, staying home and, when a trip outside the home is required, practicing social distancing. While a drive to do what's necessary to physically limit contact is a clear focus, that same sense of purpose can be employed to stay connected to each other in new ways to secure mental health and emotional wellness.

"Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. If you are feeling afraid, sad or lonely, those feelings are normal given the circumstances," said Cami Misiak, nurse manager of behavioral health services at MidMichigan Medical Center

Alpena. "If your emotions become unmanageable and lead to loss of sleep, nonstop worry, and depression, we are here to help."

MidMichigan Medical Center - Alpena's Behavioral Health Services remains open, delivering care via telephone and virtual visits.

Access to local resources within communities is key to maintaining strong mental health, according to Misiak. "Human beings are, by nature, social creatures. Many of us are facing isolation and loneliness because the necessary precaution to keep everyone safe has required stringent separation," Misiak said.

She explained that now, more than ever, supporting one other in any way possible is vital. Reaching out to family, friends and neighbors with a phone call, a text message of encouraging words, a card

or letter can have a huge impact. Using the technology available to video chat with children, friends or join groups online can help one's sense of connectedness. Offering support to others almost always benefits both parties.

"Loneliness can affect your physical and mental health, so it is important to reach out if you need the support of a friend or loved one," added Misiak. "Don't wait for someone to call you. It's okay to be proactive and let someone know you are lonely and need to make a connection."

According to Misiak, during this time in which uncertainty is a constant, it can be difficult to stay in tune with a sense of security and joy. Making best efforts to take charge of what is controllable becomes paramount for overall mental health and well-being.

Tips to help in these days of social distancing:

- Limit your exposure to the news.
- If you're not using the latest technology, ask someone to walk you through it remotely.
- Watch videos online: crafting how-to's, virtual tours of zoos and museums, Broadway shows and much more are readily available.
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- Keep your mind sharp by doing puzzles, crosswords and playing card games.
- Go for a walk and look for signs of spring, keeping six feet from others.
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- Remember that you have

gotten through tough times in the past, and you will again

"Our behavioral health services program is going to be a critical component of health care services available to members of our community as this pandemic draws closer to home," said Misiak "We want residents to know that we are here and will be here as long as we are able."

- Additional resources:
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 • Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.



Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



News of men and women in service

April 12, 1945 ~ Mikado— Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Lavine of Rochester, N. Y., visited his sister, Mrs. Gerson Kahn and family last week, while on furlough from overseas service.

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Sgt. Arnold Freer writes home folks that he recently met Oliver Smith somewhere in New Guinea.

Another chance meeting took place in the European

Resigns as Hawes Township Supervisor

April 9, 1970 ~ Clarence Travis, Supervisor of Hawes Township, Alcona County for the past fourteen years, has resigned that position because of ill health.

Mr. Travis is a resort operator and a Real Estate dealer at South End Hubbard Lake.

As chairman of the Building Committee, of the County Board of Supervisors, he served when the new jail building was constructed, and was at one time a member of the Equalization Committee and the Health Committee.

In January 1954, Travis was named President of the Michigan State Association of Supervisors, and had served as a member of the Board of Directors, and was vice president for two years.

Appointed to finish the unexpired term of Hawes Township Supervisor was Delbert Apsey, Jr., of Lincoln.

Elect new assessor in city election

April 9, 1970 ~ Eighty Harrisville residents exercised their rights as voters at the City Election held Monday, April 7.

The only contest was for the City Assessor, with Forrest Potter, a write-in candidate receiving 34 votes, to 28 Votes cast for Joseph Matuzak, whose name appeared on the ballot. Mr. Matuzak has been Assessor for nine years.

Incumbent officers re-elected were:

- Mayor— John R. Foster
- Clerk— Vera Klein
- Treasurer— Alice M. Teeple
- Aldermen—
- Ward I— Kenneth Bundy
- Ward II— Henry Gauthier
- Ward III— James Olson

Ralph Sloan was elected Constable of the Second Ward, and Leon Northrup in the Third Ward. No votes were cast for Constable in the First Ward.

War Theatre on March 21, when T-5 John Ross and his brother-in-law, T-5 Edward Freer, both of Harrisville, met. Freer, while on convoy duty through a small German village spotted Ross during a short stop-over, he has also met Fred Beede, a former Harrisville boy, whose family now live at Battle Creek.

Cpl. Manuel Slater, wife and daughter, visited Harrisville relatives a few days last week, returning Monday to Saginaw. Cpl. Slater was wounded in action in Luxembourg on Christmas Day, and was confined to a hospital in England for some time prior to returning to the States and to a hospital in Indiana. He will return to the hospital Friday.

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Following are parts of two letters received by Mrs. Dallus Ford of Glennie, from her son Harvey, who is with the Seventh Army, now in Germany: Germany, March 13th.

Dear Mom, Dad and Rest: Have a few minutes to spare so I'll jot you down a few lines. Was looking forward to a letter from you today but no such luck, maybe I'll get it tomorrow. Maybe I'll get the package, too. Hope so!

Remember how I used to do the "Cookin" once in awhile at home. I thought maybe I might be slipping a little bit but I tried my luck tonight and it worked O.K.

About 100 yards from the house there's a pit full of spuds, carrots, beets, turnips, onions, apples and all kinds of canned goods. So tonight I threw a bunch of this stuff together and made soup. Also made a batch of French Fries. Then I opened up a couple cans of pickles (dill, garlic)* and some cherries. Made some coffee and called in our section. We sure had a feast. One of the boys bought some eggs and steak this afternoon as tomorrow we hope to have another feast. Not bragging any but it sure beat the hash that the cooks had for us tonight.

Boy, I sure was scared for a few minutes today. About 3:30 this afternoon a shell burst about 200 yards on the left of us and we all thought for sure that we were being shelled but later we found out it was some GI's blowing up Duds. Boy it sure was a relief to us when we found out what it was.

(He closed in saying: "Incidentally, this is German paper I'm writing on and also German ink.")

(In his next letter he wrote:) I'm sitting upstairs in a house and writing this on a nice glass topped table. No people live here as we have the house all to ourselves. It sure was a nice house. A shell hit in the roof about 10 feet from this room and it sure made a mess of things up

here. There are very few houses around here that haven't been hit. I'm looking out the window and here's what's going on: Our Section is having a "Fire Mission." They just rammed the shell, - just a matter of time now.

Did YOU hear it? Gee, you must be deaf. It shook the whole house. Whoops, they just rammed another one. There it goes! Hope it lands right in some Heinie's lap! Gee, he'll have a lap full won't he?

I washed my tractor this morning and I no sooner had it cleaned than the Sgt. said, "Hey, Ford, bring that tractor over. We want you to winch the trails of the Howitzer over." Boy, talk about somebody being mad, It sure was me! But out in the mud I goes and gets the tractor all dirty again.

Sure wish that box you sent Jan. 8th. would hurry up and get here.

Lincoln couple celebrates 50th anniversary

April 12, 1995 ~ Ralph and Marion Mills of Lincoln celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 2.

More than 120 family members and friends, including Marita Pippinskild Suhonen of Helsinki, Finland, attended a party at Wiltse's Banquet Room in Oscoda.

The party was hosted by the Mills' children, Rich of Harrisville, and Janice Heyd of Kennesaw, Georgia.

The Mills were married on March 29, 1945 in Fort George Meade, Maryland. They owned and operated Mills 5 cent to \$1 Store in Lincoln for 33 years, retiring in 1979.

Music students win honors

April 12, 1995 ~ The Junior High Solo and Ensemble Festival was held Saturday, April 8, at Farwell, with the following Alcona students taking first place, second place, or honorable mention:

First Place: Jodi Wissmiller, flute solo; Natasha Tudor, piano solo; and Erryn Jenks/Jodi Wissmiller, flute duet.

Second Place: Jamie Dellar; Renee Jagellewski, flute solo; Angela Franklin, clarinet solo; Jessica Carroll, alto saxophone solo; Rachelle Wnuk, flute solo; Candace Thuss, flute solo; Sarah Kruttlin, trombone solo; and Erryn Jenks, piano solo;

Honorable Mention: Julie Wright, clarinet solo; and Amanda VonFintel and Julie Wright, clarinet duet.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020						
Weekly Report						
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
March 29	49	36	0.56	4.5	27	SW
March 30	40	36	0.00	2.9	22	NNE
March 31	37	33	0.01	6.4	21	NNE
April 1	39	33	0.00	5.8	20	NNE
April 2	39	31	0.00	4.9	19	NE
April 3	40	28	0.00	5.4	16	NE
April 4	40	27	0.02	2.7	15	NW
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
2019-2020 Season						
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content			
Weekly Total	0.59	0.0	0.52			
Month of March	1.30	1.9	2.13			
April to Date	0.02	0.0	0.28			
Year/Season to Date	3.18	54.0	5.52			

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** Which 1980s hit movie was originally titled "When I Grow Up"?
2. **BIBLE:** Which book of the Bible has the most chapters?
3. **MYTHOLOGY:** What were the original names of our moon, according to the Romans and Greeks?
4. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the president in the TV drama "The West Wing"?
5. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president and first lady hosted the first Easter egg roll on the White House lawn?
6. **GEOLOGY:** What is the most common volcanic rock?
7. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which range of mountains provides a boundary between the continents of Europe and Asia?
8. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a baby swan called?
9. **LITERATURE:** In which 20th-century novel does the character of Nick Carraway appear?
10. **HISTORY:** Which treaty ended World War I?

Answers: 1. "Big"; 2. Psalms, 150; 3. Luna to Romans, and Selene to Greeks; 4. Josiah Bartlet; 5. Rutherford and Lucy Hayes; 6. Basalt; 7. Ural Mountains; 8. A cygnet; 9. "The Great Gatsby"; 10. The Treaty of Versailles (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On April 14, 1818, Noah Webster, a Yale-educated lawyer with an avid interest in language and education, publishes his American Dictionary of the English Language. Webster's dictionary was one of the first to include distinctly American words, introducing more than 10,000 "Americanisms."
 - On April 13, 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art is officially incorporated in New York City. The city stipulated that the collection be kept open to the public year-round and free of charge. The first object the Met acquired was a Roman sarcophagus.
 - On April 16, 1881, on the streets of Dodge City, famous Western lawman and gunfighter Bat Masterson fights his last gun battle. He would live another 40 years. Masterson had his first shootout in 1876 in Texas over the affections of a dance hall girl named Molly Brennan.
 - On April 19, 1897, John J. McDermott of New York wins the first Boston Marathon, a measured distance of 24.5 miles from the Irvington Oval in Boston to Metcalf's Mill in Ashland. The marathon's distance was changed in 1908 to its current length of 26 miles 385 yards.
 - On April 17, 1945, U.S. Lt. Col. Boris T. Pash commanders over half a ton of uranium at Strassfurt, Germany, in an effort to prevent the Soviets from developing an A-bomb. Pash headed a group searching for German scientists to prevent the Soviets from capturing them.
 - On April 15, 1959, new Cuban leader Fidel Castro visits the United States. President Dwight Eisenhower, however, had no intention of meeting with the communist revolutionary and instead went to the golf course.
 - On April 18, 1983, the U.S. embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, is almost completely destroyed by a suicide car-bomb explosion that kills 63 people, including 17 Americans. The terrorist attack was carried out in protest of the U.S. military presence in Lebanon.
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THE THIN, THE FLAT, AND THE ROUND

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS
1 Reddish-brown pigment
7 Nitpicky know-it-all
13 Fleet leader
20 Instead (of)
21 Win over
22 Bishop's district
23 User's storage component
25 Gives approval
26 Rock's Brian
27 "My true love — see" ("Oh! Susanna" lyric)
28 Without, to Jean-Luc
30 Shrubby expenses
31 Disorder
33 NBAer — Gasol
34 Occasion to say "King me"
36 Pasty luau food
38 Baseball card stat
40 — flight (go by jet)
41 Zing
42 Ship-deck diversion
48 Sauce giant
50 Brew source | 51 Hotsy- —
52 Crown
54 Diver's gear
59 "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"
heroine Salander
61 Prefix with dose or ton
62 Less lenient
64 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" dramatist Joe
65 Participant in the sport Ultimate
68 Yellow transport
69 Draw — on (take careful aim at)
71 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)
72 Hanoi's home, briefly
73 It enables a motorist to stop
76 Bog bird
78 Naive
79 Brazilian soccer star
80 Tending to wear away
82 "Hmm, let — ..." | 83 Former NBA star Ming
84 Spiro who served with Nixon
86 False tale
87 K-P hookup
91 45's place
94 "Mickey" singer Basil
98 Gives help
100 In the style of
101 "Try — might ..."
102 It includes the sacrum
106 Nellie of social reform
108 Film-rating org.
112 Paris' mother
113 Author Jaffe
114 He defeated Romney
116 Put- — (deceptions)
117 Like space debris
119 Commonality of seven answers in this puzzle
122 Turn loose
123 Gathering, as bees
124 Lie sheltered
125 Fair- — (blond)
126 Dictation-taking pros |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- A World War I homing pigeon saved 194 men by delivering a message despite losing a leg and an eye, and having been shot through the chest.
 - Before settling on the Seven Dwarfs we know today, Walt Disney also considered the names Chesty, Tubby, Burpy, Deafy, Hickey, Wheezy and Awful.
 - A study showed that customers in a bookstore were 3.48 times more likely to peruse romantic books if the store smelled of chocolate, and 5.93 times more likely to buy them!
 - Gaius Julius Caesar arrived in the world on July 13, 100 B.C., but contrary to popular belief, it's unlikely that the future Roman emperor was born by caesarean section. Although the procedure existed at the time, it was usually fatal to the mother and therefore only performed when a pregnant woman was dead or dying, in an effort to save the child. Caesar's mother, Aurelia, lived until 54 B.C. -- nearly half a century after her son's birth.
 - While the technique of flattening fabrics with hot pieces of metal was introduced in ancient China, the first actual ironing board (then called an ironing table) was not invented until 1858, in New York.
 - The Christmas song "Silver Bells" was originally called "Tinkle Bells" until co-composer Jay Livingston's wife informed him that "tinkle" had another meaning.
 - Future president Herbert Hoover was Stanford's football team manager -- a decision the school might have questioned when, at the first Stanford-Cal game in 1892, he forgot to bring the ball.
 - Martial arts legend Bruce Lee was a cha-cha dance champion, winning a competition in Hong Kong in 1958.
 - The lifespan of a taste bud is just 10 days.
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Thought for the Day: "Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower." -- Hans Christian Anderson

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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: **U** equals **T**

UX VXGN EIYYQVD LNXLJN, LANVV
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 IV EAQUNA'V ZJIGL.

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Kovals: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Advertising signs

Advertising signs with bold-colored graphics, interesting product names and pictures of Uncle Sam and other patriotic designs sell for high prices. They sell best in the size sometimes called a "sofa picture," since it's big enough to hang between the ceiling and the top of the sofa. Many collectors want advertising for the historic content and authentic pictures of costumes, rooms and occupations and as a way to date popular messages and sayings.

The large, cardboard American Family Soap poster offered at a Morford auction in upstate New York brought \$1,652. It was a bright-yellow "sofa-sized" picture of Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty with the slogan, "It is cheaper to buy good soap than new clothes. Every atom cleanses." American Family Soap was made by James Kirk & Co., a firm that started in 1839. It was purchased in 1930 by Proctor & Gamble, which made the American Family brand for the hard water of the Midwest. They also in-

cluded a coupon on the wrapper that could be used for gifts. An old wrapped bar of the soap to display with other country items is sometimes offered for sale online for \$10 to \$15.

Q: I have a Rudolph pianola with serial number 63034. It was reconditioned 25 years ago into a piano and no longer works as a pianola. It's in good condition and has been tuned regularly. What year was it made and what might it be worth?

A: Pianolas, or player pianos, were popular in the late 19th and early 20th century. The instrument works by pumping the foot pedals to operate bellows that make the keys play without being touched. The music is on a punched paper roll inserted in the upper part of the piano. Thousands of music rolls were made, and new ones are still made for people who own player pianos. After phonograph records became popular, player pianos became less popular. The Rudolph Piano Co. was founded in New York in 1903. The serial number

indicates that your pianola was made in 1925. Old pianos are hard to sell. Your piano might have some interest to a collector if it still operated as a player piano, but will have little value as is.

CURRENT PRICES

Corkscrew, bone, horse jockey, England, 1900s, 4 1/4 x 1 1/2 inches, \$45.

Vegetable bowl, Delft, shaped, handles, blue and white, ships and windmills, scalloped lid, loop handle, marked, c. 1905, 10 inches, \$285.

Lunchbox, Howdy Doody, Howdy holding frying pan, girl with dinner bell, chuck wagon, tin lithograph, 1954, \$675.

Nailsea fairy lamp, green, opal loops, satin finish, three-part construction, scalloped rim, c. 1875, 5 x 5 3/4 inches, \$810.

TIP: Never soak rhinestone jewelry in water. The moisture seeps behind the stones and will cause discoloration.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale (Alcona County)

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 22, 2020.

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 terms and conditions of a certain

mortgage made by Daniel F. Gonzalez and Denise R. Gonzalez, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, dated June 17, 2004, and recorded on June 28, 2004, in book 402, page 1,428, document number 200400002857, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was lastly assigned to and is now held by Northpointe Bank, a Michigan banking corporation by assignment of mortgage, recorded on August 29, 2019, Liber 553, page 771, instrument number 201900002863, Alcona County records, Michigan.

The sum claimed to be due and owing on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$116,782.77 with interest accruing at \$25.43 per diem. The mortgagee will apply the sales proceeds to the debt secured by the mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at a rate of interest equal to 7.950 percent per annum; all legal costs and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law; and also any amount paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The properties to be sold at foreclosure are all that real estate situated in the township of Mikado, county of Alcona, State of Michigan, described as follows: Parcel 7: A part of the west 1/2 of Section 24, T25N, R8E, being more particularly described as beginning at a point distant north 02 degrees 46 minutes 06 seconds east 1326.04 feet and north 87 degrees 17 minutes 35 seconds west 1200.00 feet from the south 1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence north 32 degrees 01 minute 44 seconds west 287.87 feet; thence north 37 degrees 17 minutes 48 seconds east 411.15; thence 78.37 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, radius 581.98 feet, central angle 7 degrees 42 minutes 58 seconds, chord bears south 37 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds east 78.32 feet; thence south 41 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds east 100.00 feet; thence south 25 degrees 51 minutes 33 seconds west 482.37 feet to the point of beginning.

Tax Parcel ID No.: 091-024-300-055-00. Commonly known as: 2649 Wildwood Trail Mikado,

Mich. 48745.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L. §600.3240(8). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, under M.C.L. §600.3278 the borrower(s) 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 March 18, 2020 Northpointe Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation. Kilpatrick & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Northpointe Bank, a Michigan banking corporation 903 N. Opdyke Road, Suite C Auburn Hills, Mich. 48326 (248) 377-0700 3-25, 4-1, 4-8, 4-15

HELP WANTED

Now hiring RNs, LPNs, CNAs and a cook. Apply at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. (989) 724-6889

Mikado Home Health seeking CNAs and HHAs, 36 hour shift and 24 hour shift. (989) 736-3202.

WANTED

Wanted aluminum canoe. I have a 11-foot rowboat to trade toward or sell \$150. Lincoln (989) 335-4080

BUYING TIMBER

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

FOR SALE

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

BINGO

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

FOR RENT

One bedroom, one bath, all utilities included, one car garage, one block from downtown Harrisville, \$650 per month, available April 4. (989) 362-4400.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Sharboneau & Sons

Excavating, Demolition, septic systems, topsoil, sand and gravel.

All excavating needs. Licensed & Insured (989) 736-8148

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Cut, trim, blow, spring clean-up, thatching, fertilizing, top soil and more. Call for free quote.

Call Nick (989) 335-5931

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of filing deadline: A candidate who wishes to seek an ISD board position for Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD that will be filled through the meeting process must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity with the Alpena County Clerk by 4 p.m. by Monday, May 4, 2020. The candidate may submit a \$100 nonrefundable filing fee in lieu of the petition. To be eligible, you must be a resident and a registered voter in the AMA school district area.

Classified Ad Deadline is Monday at 4 p.m. Call 724-6384

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 20-6074 DE

Estate of Douglas E. Larkins, deceased

Date of birth: October 25, 1939

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Douglas E. Larkins, died February 17, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Loren Larkins, personal representative,

or to both the probate court at County Building, Attention: Probate Division, Alcona County Trial Court, 106 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 30, 2020

Robert K. Myles, P.C.

Robert K. Myles P36055

109 South State Street

Oscoda, Mich. 48750

(989) 739-2871

Loren Larkins

49277 East Woods Drive

Shelby Township, Mich. 48317

(586) 884-6531

To all creditors:

Charles Richard Villalobos, date of birth March 24, 1969, settlor of the Charles Richard Villalobos Revocable Living Trust dated September 26, 2019, who lived at 5120 East Clark Road, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, died March 22, 2020. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Charles Richard Villalobos Revocable Living Trust dated September 26, 2019 will be forever

barred unless presented to Jose A. Villalobos, successor trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: April 3, 2020

Jose A. Villalobos,

Successor Trustee

8780 Rambling Way

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Lynn M. Maison (P49548)

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