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Alcona's Class of 2020 to hold commencement Friday

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

After a very trying year for Alcona High School's Class of 2020, a commencement ceremony will take place Friday, July 24, but it will be unlike any preceding graduation ceremony.

Due to executive order restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, commencement will take place outdoors on the football field with two by-invitation-only ceremonies.

Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor explained the statistics. "We divided the senior graduating class in half, one half will have their ceremony at 7 p.m. the other at 8:30 p.m. Each graduate is limited to just three guests so that we don't go over the 100-person maximum cap according to the state restrictions. We will have four chairs per graduate socially distanced between the next set of four chairs and the graduates will sit with

their three guests."

O'Connor said he talked with the health department which advised that in addition to social distancing the families, all attendees will be required to wear masks at the ceremony per executive or-

"We tried very hard to do the best we could for the graduates and we will be operating the ceremony as traditionally as possible," O'Connor said. This year three valedictorians; Madison Donovan, Brett Nelson, and Rose Schopfer and class president, Ben Thomas will speak at both ceremonies.

For family and friends still wishing to observe the ceremony, a live feed will take place on the school's Facebook page. Once the ceremonies are completed it will be upload onto the school's YouTube page.

O'Connor asked the public to please abide by the rules and don't just show up on campus that day hoping to

see the ceremony. "We are trying to abide by all the rules and regulations and we understand that is extremely frustrating for everyone who wants to be involved. No teachers will be at the ceremony and only one school board member will be there to pass out the diplomas. We are trying our best to minimize risk and follow all the guidelines.

"My heart breaks for the class of 2020 due to the number of experiences and activities they missed out on for the last three months of the school year. We are trying to make this graduation experience as positive as possible to celebrate their accomplishments as safely as possible," O'Connor said. "I admire the class of 2020 for the toughness and fortitude they've shown trying to navigate through an experience no other graduating class has gone through before and, hopefully, no other class will have to go through again."



When a life-changing event put them on a journey along the Appalachian Trail, Mark and Linda Stender of Harrisville adjusted their view on life. For the story, see page 9. Photo courtesy of Linda Stender.

Township millages plentiful in August 4 primary election (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable

By Cheryl Peterson

Editor

Alcona County voters in eight townships will have millage considerations when they go to the polls on Tuesday, Aug. 4 for the primary election - where voters chose to cast their ballot as Democrat or Republican.

One township also has a contested race for every posi-

The following will be on the ballot for townships:

Alcona Township

- Supervisor Marlena M. MacNeill (D)
- Clerk Dawn M. LaLonde
- Treasurer Tina Gauthier
- Trustee (two seats) -James D. Bouchard (R) and James L. Mead (R)

• Road Millage Renewal -1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2020-2023) for road maintenance and improvements. If approved, an estimated \$104,474 will be raised

in the first year. • Fire Millage Renewal — 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2020-2023) for fire pro-

tection. If approved, an estimated \$104,474 will be raised in the first year.

Caledonia Township

- Supervisor Cyndi Apsey (R) and Kathy Vichunas (R)
- Clerk Kerry Scott (Ŕ) and Cindy K. Smith (Ŕ)
- Treasurer Sarah Roe (R) and Susan Hogan (R)
- Trustee (two seats) -Randy L. Werth (R), Thomas E. Tice (R), Anthony Sobeck (R), and Adam Thompson (R)

Curtis Township

- Clerk Jennifer Petty (R) • Treasurer - Kathryn Bonner (R)
- Trustee Sherry L. Clouse
- Park Commissioner (five seats) - Steve Sytek (R), Jim LaFond (R), Jerome Orefice (R), Ronald J. Sortor (R), and Paul Grabstanowicz (R)

Greenbush Township

- Supervisor Charles Lee Major Jr. (R)
- Clerk Shannon Story
- Treasurer Patricia Dailey
- Trustee (two seats) Steve Franks (R) and Mark Parent
- Constable William Beatty (R) Road Improvement Mill-

age Increase - 1.25 mills

in the first year. Continued on page 4

value) levied for 10 years

(2020-2029) to be added to

the existing 0.75 mills previ-

ously approved for 2018 through 2021 for the purpose

of road improvement, con-

struction and maintenance.

If approved, in addition to the

existing road millage, an estimated \$127,463 will be raised

Fire Department Mill-

age Increase — 0.90 mills (\$0.90 per \$1,000 of taxable

value) levied for 10 years (2020-2029) to be added to

the existing 0.50 mills previ-

ously approved for 2018

through 2021 for the purpose

of fire protection, purchase of

replacement fire protection

vehicles and equipment, pur-

chase of heating equipment

for fire hall and operation and

repair of fire related equip-

ment and fire hall. If ap-

proved, in addition to the ex-

isting fire millage, an esti-

mated \$91.773 will be raised

in the first year.

Grants available for small businesses

A second round of grant funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is good news for small businesses in Alcona County that might have been hard hit by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Earlier this year some \$300,000 was allocated to Alcona County through the Small Business Relief Program (SBRF), a funding mechanism implemented by the MEDC in response to the disruption of business caused by Governor Whitmer's executive order to stay at home and for business shutdowns.

The State of Michigan has recently appropriated \$100 million of federal CARES Act

funding through SB 690. signed into law by the governor. The appropriation is being made to the SBRF to support Michigan's small businesses that are reopening and have experienced a loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

Similar to the first-round grant funding, the second round is aimed at businesses employing 50 employees, or less. This time, however, the amount earmarked for the five-county group comprising Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Iosco, and Presque Isle counties is a much larger amount and could mean as much as \$350,000 for Alcona County alone. The program is again being administered locally by Target Alpena, the local Economic Development Organization (EDO). Maximum grant amount requests are \$20,000.

The Michigan Small Business Restart Program application is available at: michiganbusiness.org/restart and will run through Wednesday, August 5. Grant funds can be used as working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses or other business expenses.

To qualify for the grant, businesses must meet the following criteria, based on statutory requirements for the program:

• A business or nonprofit

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Grants

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can demonstrate it is affected by the COVID-19 emergency.

• Needs working capital to support eligible expenses.

• Demonstrates an income loss as result of the COVID-19 emergency.

Businesses that received grant funds in the first round are eligible to apply in this second round, but the amount received prior will be deducted from whatever amount might be granted this time.

As in the first round, the completed applications will be scored by a two-person selection committee in each county based on criteria and a rating system provided by the MEDC.

Also new in this round is that 30 percent of the funding must be allocated to minority, women, or veteranowned businesses. It is imperative that this requirement is met and business owners meeting these qualifications are being sought and encouraged to apply.

"While in the first round of grants the \$21,000 Alcona County received was granted to five business across the county in the amount of \$4,200 each, this will be a far better shot in the arm for Alcona's small businesses," said Alcona County Board of Commissioners Chairman Craig Johnston. "We should be able to make a more meaningful impact with this larger allocation."

The MEDC anticipates there will be more interest in this grant opportunity; however, applicants are reminded that this is not a first-come, first-served situation and not to stress if the application site is seemingly overwhelmed at first.

"The period for receiving applications is a much longer window of time than in the first round," said Mike Mahler of Target Alpena. "And that should allow plenty of time for interested businesses to get their applications submitted."

Questions about the program can be directed to Mike Mahler, director of economic development for the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce at (989) 354-4181.

Peoplegettheir cats in many ways: shelters, rescues, breeders, gifts and over 52 percent say one of their current cats was a stray.



Memorial Service



Marielle Alger

There will be a memorial service for Marielle Alger on Saturday, Aug. 1 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Visitation will be held from noon until the service at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Alger died on April 8, 2020.

Obituaries



Steven J. Trumph

Steven J. Trumph, 69, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born April 8, 1951 to Elmer and Violet (Jackson) Trumph in Detroit, Mich. He was raised in Berkley, Mich. Mr. Trumph worked as a mechanic in the automotive

industry.

He moved to Harrisville in 1982. He enjoyed bowling, classic cars, and tinkering in his garage. He was an avid

fisherman, and liked spending time with his family, especially playing cards and dominoes.

Mr. Trumph is survived by one daughter, Tina Fistler; three grandchildren, Cassandra Fistler, Shelby Fistler and Keith Fistler; two brothers, Skip (Heather) Trumph and

Thomas (Sandy) Trumph; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Vickie West and Beverly Fisher and one brother, Jimmy Trumph.

Private services have been held. Burial was in St. Raphael Catholic Cemetery, Mikado.

James F. Larson

James F. Larson, 56, of Spruce, died on Sunday, July 12, 2020.

He was born June 17, 1964 to Jerome and Glenda (Jackson) Larson in Monticello, Minn., where he was raised.

He served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. National Guard. On December 19, 1987, he married Christine Brady in Berlamont, Mich. They moved to Spruce in 1997.

Mr. Larson was a voice for local veterans, doing anything he was able to do to help.

He enjoyed farming, especially helping his daughter with her chickens.

Mr. Larson is survived by his wife, Christine; one daughter, Anna Larson; one son, Jay Larson; his father, Jerome Larson; one sister, Mary Zellar; and four brothers, John Larson, Neal Larson, Mark Larson, and Paul Larson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Glenda Larson. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A celebration of life service will be held Sunday, Aug. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Shin-Ga-Ba Shores park in Ossineke.

Craig "Bear" M. Martin

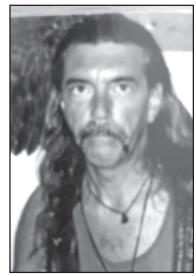
Craig "Bear" M. Martin, 61, of Lincoln died on Sunday, July 12, 2020 in at Lincoln Haven Nursing Home in Lincoln

He was born February 2, 1959 in Detroit, Mich. to John J. and Evelyn (Tylenda) Martin. He was raised in Allen Park, Mich.

On May 16, 1980 he married Mary Ellrige in Allen Park, Mich.

He loved the out of doors and especially enjoyed hunting, fishing and canoeing.

Mr. Martin is survived by his mother, Evelyn, of Belleville, Mich., one brother, Jay (Kathy) Martin of Belleville, Mich. and one nephew, Dylan Martin of Rockford, Ill.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, in 1990 and his father, John, in 2020. Cremation has taken place.

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Calendar of Events



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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Enjoy a virtual learning event with Animals Reaching Kids (ARK) Animal Encounters via the Alcona County Library. To access the exclusive one-time only link, visit the library's Facebook page or website (http://www-.alcona.lib.mi.us) on July 22 at 1:30 p.m. from home, or by using the Wi-Fi at any branch in Harrisville, Lincoln, Caledonia, or Mikado. Sponsored by a Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs mini grant administered by Art in the Loft. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-

The Alcona County Library Board will meet via Zoom, and Facebook Live at the Harrisville branch at 4 pm. The link will be posted on the library's website (http:// www.alcona.lib.mi.us) and Facebook page.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks are required.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush

Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks are required.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry (for Alcona County residents only) will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. (or until food is gone) at the following locations: Lott Baptist Church, (4257 M-65) Glennie; South Shore Fire Hall, (367 W. Mt. Maria) Spruce; Smokies Bar parking lot (5982 N. Hubbard Lake Road) Spruce; Alcona Township Hall, (5576 US-23) Black River, Barton City Fire Hall (1868 W. Trask Lake Road) Barton City; Mikado Fire Hall (2226 S. F-41) Mikado; Greenbush Fire Hall (5063 Campbell Street) Greenbush; and Alcona Elementary School (181 N. Barlow Road) Lincoln. Drive through only pickup. Limited supplies. First come, first served.

NOTICE

New Alcona County Building Hours Due to reduced hours the building will be open as follows:

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Local Notes



Library Crafts "To Go"

Alcona County Library is offering "Grab & Go" crafts for children and "Take & Make" crafts for adults. The crafts for children are available at the Harrisville and Lincoln branches. The kits include directions and supplies for a simple craft that families can do together. During Library hours stop by and "grab" a bag with supplies to make a bubble wand (bubbles included) and "go." No registration is required. There will be more crafts available when this round of craft bags are gone. Check back to see what the next craft will be.

Adults can "Take & Make" a craft kit by calling the library's main branch. The craft is a Book Page Wreath. All supplies and instructions are included. Call the Harrisville branch (989) 724-6796 to register and a craft bag will be reserved and waiting for pick up. Supplies are limited. This craft is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs mini grant program, administered by the Art in the Loft. For more information about crafts offered, call (989) 724-6796.

Away at School

Hailey G. Ames of Harrisville was named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the spring semester. Each school and college at Boston University has its own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

Exhibition on Display

The Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library is hosting a new popup exhibition from the National Archives, "Rightfully Hers," which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. This exhibition explores the history of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, women's voting rights before and after, and its impact to-

"The ratification of the 19th Amendment was a landmark moment in American history that dramatically changed the electorate, and although it enshrined in the U.S. Constitution fuller citizenship for women many remained unable to vote," said "Rightfully Hers" co-curator Jennifer N. Johnson.

"We are excited to have this quality display from the National Archives at the Alcona County Library. The ratification of the 19th Amendment is truly a pivotal moment in American history. This exhibit also explains the times various women were allowed to vote through the 20th century. 'Rightfully Hers' is a well done tribute to the people in history who struggled to make this a part of the U.S. Constitution" said Denise Bearre, Alcona County Library director.

This exhibit will be on display through August 31 in Harrisville and in September. "Rightfully Hers" may be viewed at the Lincoln branch. For information on viewing this exhibition, call the Harrisville branch at (989) 724-6796.

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Gustin Township

- Supervisor Pamela Ashford (R)
- Clerk-Renee K. LaVergne
- Treasurer Cindy Leeseberg (R)
- Trustee (two seats) -Candace Fulsher (R) and Muriel Goddard (R)
- Road Millage Renewal - 1.9946 mills (\$1.9946 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2020-2023) for road construction and maintenance. If approved, in addition to the existing road millage, an estimated \$76,307 will be raised in the first year.
- Fire Millage Renewal 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years

(2020-2023) for fire protection. If approved, an estimated \$38,257 will be raised in the first year, of which a portion will be disbursed to the Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Authority.

Harrisville Township

- Supervisor Charles Spitzenagel (R)
- Clerk Kaylie Landrum
- Treasurer Carla R. Harvey (R)
- Trustee (two seats) Gordon Johnston (R) and Steven M. Healy (R)

Hawes Township

• Supervisor – Rodney L. Cordes (R)

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

- Clerk Janette Richardson-Stover (R)
- Treasurer Esther Effrick (R) Budreau (R)
- Trustee (two positions) Eveyln M. Gladhill (R) and Patrick T. Smylie (R)
- Road Millage Renewal 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2020-2023) for road maintenance. If approved, an estimated \$76,798 will be raised in the first year.
- Fire Millage Renewal -1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2020-2023) for fire department operation. If approved, an estimated \$115,197 will be raised in the first year.

Haynes Township

- Supervisor James
- Clerk Sharon Schefferly
- Treasurer Ginger Campbell (R)
- Trustee (two positions) -James V. Quick (R) and Jesse Campbell (R)
- Road Millage Renewal 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2021-2024) for road construction, maintenance and improvements. If approved, an estimated \$53,479 will be raised in the first year.

Mikado Township

- Supervisor Michael Corn
- Clerk Koni Henry (R) • Treasurer – Ruth K. Travis
- Trustee (two positions) -Carrie A. Mullins (R) and Va-
- Fire Millage Renewal 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2020-2023) for maintaining and operating the fire department. If approved, an estimated \$30,460 will be raised in the first year.

Millen Township

- Supervisor R. Dennis Smith (R)
- Clerk Catherine A. Ostrander (R)
- Treasurer Barbara Bartlett (D)
- Trustee (two positions) -James L. Dorr (D), Katrina J. Boyat (D) and Jeffery R. Somers (R)
- Road Millage Renewal -1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2020-2023) for road maintenance. If approved, an estimated \$24,000 will be raised in the first year.
- Fire Millage Renewal -1.5 mill (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2020-2023) for fire department operation. If approved, an estimated \$42,000 will be raised in the first year.

Mitchell Township

- Supervisor Carla Brimm
- Clerk Donita Charron
- Treasurer Kevin Small
- Trustee (two positions) -Mike Lay (R) and Paula Taylor
- Road Millage Renewal .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2020-2023) for road maintenance and improvements. If approved, an estimated \$36,000 will be raised in the first year.
- Fire Millage Renewal .8 mill (\$.80 per \$1,000 of taxable value) levied for four years (2020-2023) for fire protection and repair of equipment and fire hall. If approved, an estimated \$51,000 will be raised in the first year.
- Fairview School Millage - 19.8023 mills (\$19.8023 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five years (2020 to 2024) to provide funds for operating purposes. This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 1.8023 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction. If approved, an estimated \$2,007,534 will be levied in the first year.

City of Harrisville

- Mayor Jeffrey P. Gehring
- Clerk Barbara A. Pierce (D)
- Treasurer Barbara Luenberger (R) and Joseph Thomas (D)
- Alderman Ward II James E. Kaiser (R)

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ALCONA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, AUGUST 4, 2020. the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the following polling locations.

Alcona Township Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River Caledonia Township Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce Curtis Township Fire Hall, 5019 Bamfield Road, Glennie Greenbush Township Township Hall, 5039 E. Campbell Street, Greenbush Gustin Township Township Hall, 113 S. 2nd Street, Lincoln Harrisville Township Township Hall 114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville Hawes Township VFW Hall, 2120 W. Trask Lake Road, Barton City Haynes Township Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Road, Lincoln Township Hall, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado MikadoTownship Township Office, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City Millen Township MitchellTownship Township Hall, 6849 W. Tower Road, Curran City of Harrisville City Hall, 200 N. 5th Street, Harrisville

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Alcona County residents will be nominating or electing candidates for the following offices and to vote on the following proposals:

Congressional: U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress-1st District Legislative: Representative in State Legislature-106th District

Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of County: Deeds, Road Commissioner and Commissioner Districts 1-5

Township: Supervisors, Clerks, Treasurers, Trustees, Constable, Curtis Township Park Board and Precinct Delegates

Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, Alderman-Wards 1, 2 and 3 and City:

Precinct Delegates

School Proposals: Alcona Community Schools Operating Millage

Renewal Proposal

Alcona Community Schools Sinking Fund Millage Proposal County Proposals: Michigan State University Extension/4-H Millage Renewal

Veterans Millage

Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Millage Proposal

Township Proposals:

Road Millage Renewal and Fire Millage Renewal Alcona Township: Greenbush Township:Road Improvement Millage Increase and Fire Depart

ment Millage Increase

Gustin Township: Road Millage Renewal and Fire Millage Renewal

Hawes Township: Road Millage Renewal and Fire Millage Havnes Township: Road Millage Renewal

Mikado Township: Fire Millage Renewal

Road Millage Renewal and Fire Millage Millen Township:

Fire Department Millage Renewal and Road Millage Mitchell Township:

Full text of the ballot proposals and sample ballots may be obtained from the County, City or Township Clerk. Sample ballots may also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Registered electors may apply for an absentee ballot with the City or Township clerk where they are registered.

All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities and voting instructions are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille. Arrangements for obtaining instructions for these alternative formats

can be made by contacting the City or Township clerk in advance of the election.

Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk





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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Stretching tips to help seniors gain flexibility and reduce pain

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you offer some good stretching tips for seniors who are staying home during the pandemic? I've gotten so stiff and achy in recent years that I have a hard time doing basic activities like bending over to tie my shoes.

Stiff as a Board

Dear Stiff,

Of all possible exercises, stretching tends to be the most neglected, yet nothing is more vital to keeping an aging body limber and injury free.

As we age, our muscles naturally lose their elasticity if you're not active, which can make common day-today activities like reaching down to tie your shoes or looking over your shoulder to back your car out of the driveway, difficult.

But the good news is, by incorporating some simple stretching exercises into your routine (at least three times a week) you can greatly imas enhance your balance, posture and circulation, relieve pain and stress, and prevent injuries. In addition, stretching is also important as a warm-up and cool-down for more vigorous activities, and leg stretching is an excellent way to prevent nighttime leg cramps too.

Simple Stretches

Stretching exercises should focus on the muscles in your neck, shoulders, arms, chest, back, hips, thighs, hamstrings and calves. If you've had hip or back surgery, you should talk to your doctor before doing lower-back flexibility exer-

While stretching, it's very important to listen to your body. You want to stretch each muscle group to the point where the muscle feels tight. If it hurts, you've gone too far. Back off to the point where you don't feel any pain, then hold the stretch for 10

prove your flexibility, as well to 20 seconds. Relax, then repeat it three to five times, trying to stretch a little farther, but don't bounce. Bouncing greatly increases your chance of injury.

> It's also a good idea to warm up a little before vou start stretching by walking in place and pumping your arms. And remember to breathe when vou stretch. Also, keep in mind that muscles that have not been stretched in a while take time to regain their flexibility. So be patient and go

> If you don't have much experience with stretching, the National Institute on Aging offers a free guide that provides illustrated examples of flexibility exercises to help you get started. Go to order.nia.nih.gov, and type in "Exercise & Physical Activity: Your Everyday Guide from The National Institute on Aging" to view it online.

There are also senior fitness programs, like Silver-Sneakers (silversneakers-



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.com) and Silver&Fit (silverandfit.com), that are currently offering online flexibility and balance videos that can guide you through a series of stretching exercises you can do at home during the pandemic.

There are also a wide variety of stretching exercise DVDs or videos you could purchase at sites like CollageVideo.com or Amazon-

Yoga and Tai Chi

Another great way to improve your flexibility is through gentle yoga or chair yoga. In chair yoga you replace the yoga mat with a chair where most poses can be duplicated. This is much easier on tight, inflexible muscles. Tai chi and qi gong are also great exercise options for improving balance and flexibility.

To get started, there are many DVDs and videos that offer instructions and routines for seniors you can do at home. The YMCA has also launched a new series of free, online health and fitness videos at YMCA360.org that includes gentle yoga, chair yoga and tai chi videos.

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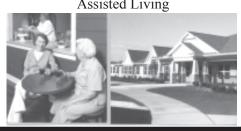
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Two contested county seats and three county, two school millage requests

By Cheryl Peterson *Editor*

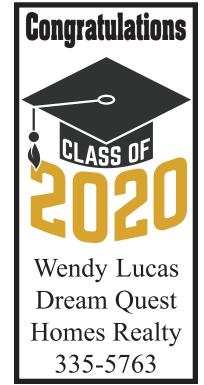
The August 4 primary election – where voters cast their ballot for either Democrat or Republican – have two contested races at the county level, three county millages and two Alcona school district millages to decide on.

One of the contested races involves an **Alcona County Road Commission** seat with Harry L. Harvey (incumbent) and John F. Oliver running for it on the Republican ticket.

The second involves the **Alcona County Board of Commissioners** seat in District 2 – Harrisville Township and the City of Harrisville – with Craig Johnston (incumbent) and William Thompson running as Republican.

The following individuals are running unopposed for county positions:

- Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas Jay Weichel (R)
- Alcona County Sheriff –
 Scott Stephenson (R)
- Alcona County Clerk -Stephany Eller (R)



• Alcona County Treasurer - Cheryl L. Franks (R)

- Alcona County Register of Deeds Melissa A. Cordes
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- Alcona County Commissioner, District 3 Carolyn N. Brummund (R)
- Alcona County Commissioner, District 4 Adam Brege (R)
- Alcona County Commissioner, District 5 John Terry Small (R) and Kevin K. Boyat Sr. (D)

Alcona County millage requests

• Emergency Medical Services (EMS) (Renewal) — 0.50 mill of equalized state taxable value (\$.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) to be levied for four years (2020-2023) for the purpose of acquiring and maintaining emergency medical service vehicles, equipment, existing buildings and structures, medical supplies and inventory. If approved, the estimated revenue collected in the first year will be \$388,331.

 Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) -0.14 mill of equalized state taxable value (\$.14 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) to be levied for four years (2020-2023) for the purpose of sustaining 4-H youth development, agriculture and agribusiness, health and nutrition, horticulture and other community education programs and costs of operating Michigan State University Extension services in Alcona County. If approved, the estimated revenue collected in the first year will be \$106,354.

• Alcona County Veterans Affairs (VA) – 0.20 mill of equalized state taxable value (\$.20 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) to be levied for eight years starting with the levy made December 1, 2020

for the purpose of funding Alcona County's obligation to provide financial relief and services for Alcona County Veterans, including the payment of eligible indigent veteran claims, and to fund the administration of the Alcona County Department of Veterans Affairs. If approved, the estimated revenue collected in the first year will be \$155,332.73.

Alcona Community Schools millage requests • Operating Millage Re-

newal — 20.5 mills of equalized state taxable value (\$20.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of five years (2021 to 2025) to provide funds for operating purposes. This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate, not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 2.5 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction. If approved, the estimated revenue collected in the first year will be \$5,011,276.

• **Sinking Fund** – 1 mill of equalized state taxable value (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five years (2021 to 2025) to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law. If approved, the estimated revenue collected in the first year will be \$513,941.



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

- Hope Kathleen Crowder, 63, of Barton City was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,840 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Jeremiah Alfred Scheffler, 35, of Hale was sentenced to fines and costs of \$715 for no insurance.
- Tanner Racy Lee Calkins, 25, of Curran was sentenced to fines and costs of \$400 for driving while unlicensed.
- William Scott Pettit, 70, of Harrisville was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and costs of \$590 for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.
- Billie Joe Cronkright, 70, of Oscoda was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,840mfor operating while visibly impaired.
- Chauncey Edward Schmidt, 84, of Saginaw, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail and \$1,840 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.
- Christopher Jason Wise, 42, of Flint, Mich. was sentenced to \$200 in fines and costs for no valid license in possession.
- Justin Andrew Stacey, 35, of South Branch was sentenced to 15 days in jail, two years of probation and \$1,445 in fines and costs for domestic violence.



Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of July 13-19, 2020

101 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 3 Citations Issued.

| Complaint Statistics | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|--|--|
| Car/Deer Accidents | 4 | Traffic/Traffic Stop | 21 | | |
| Medical | 17 | Assist | 4 | | |
| Animal/Dog | 3 | Miscellaneous | 4 | | |
| Well Being Check/Message | 3 | 911 Hang Up | 1 | | |
| Suspicous Event/Noise | 8 | Malicious Destr. of Property | 2 | | |
| Abandoned Vehicle | 2 | Found Property | 2 | | |
| Threats/Harassment | 2 | Civil | 1 | | |
| Burglary | 1 | Fire/Power Lines Down | 26 | | |

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

| Alcona | 7 | Caledonia | 7 | | Curtis | 21 |
|------------------|----|----------------|------|---|-------------|----|
| Greenbush | 8 | Gustin | 7 | | Harrisville | 12 |
| Hawes | 13 | Haynes | 5 | | Mikado | 11 |
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| Harrisville City | 8 | Village of Lin | coln | 4 | | |

A simple method for summer lake fishing

Sometimes fishermen enjoy getting out on the water, but they just don't want to expend a lot of energy – especially if it's too hot to work hard at it. All that is needed for an uncomplicated, laidback way to cover water and find fish that might otherwise be missed is basic fishing tackle and a watercraft. Even a rented rowboat, paddle boat or canoe can work.

Rig a fishing rod with light line (4 to 8-pound test), tie a small hook on the end of the line (No. 4 or smaller), and add a split shot or two about a foot above the hook. Favorite baits for this method include half a nightcrawler or a baby crawler, leeches or even some of the heavily scented artificial leeches or small plastic worms. Hook the bait in the center of one end so it doesn't spin when gently pulled it through the water.

Position the boat so the prevailing breeze will carry it along a drop-off or across any area with water depths of at least 12 to 20 feet. Let out enough line, or adjust the amount of weight on the line, so the bait will stay about 12 to 20 feet deep no matter how deep the water is. Then set the rod down against the side of the boat, relax and watch the tip of the rod for a bite.

When there is a bite, drop the rod tip and count to three before reeling in and setting the hook with a firm pull.

Many fish, such as bass, walleye, yellow perch, crappie and larger bluegill will move into deeper water and suspend at their preferred cooler temperature during the hot summer months. Slowly drifting a larger, natural bait

Black-eyed

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(rudbeckia hirta)

Northeast Michigan



at these deeper depths often will pan out.

Northeast Lower Peninsula July 15

- Cheboygan: Had no reports; however, those looking for salmon and trout will want to target Lafayette Point off Bois Blanc Island when trolling spoons, spin-glos and meat rigs as shallow as 60 to 90 feet or as deep as 100 to 140 feet.
- Cheboygan River: Had little fishing pressure. Anglers did catch smallmouth bass and a couple walleye when drifting worms. Boat anglers trolling a crawler harness caught smallmouth bass.
- Rogers City: Colder water will be much deeper now. Hopefully, the winds will switch again to a more southerly or easterly direction and bring the thermocline back up. For now, go deep and find structure. Those using spoons did well on lake trout, steelhead, pink salmon and the occasional Chinook in 80 to 150 feet.

Use downriggers deep or copper and lead core covering the mid and upper sections. Hot colors were green, black and white, orange and green, orange and silver, green/blue combination, and glow early and late. Anglers

"Black-Eyed Susan"

"O Susan, Susan, lovely dear,

We only part to meet again."

- John Gay (1685-1732)

Source: www.bartleby.com

My vows shall ever true remain; Let me kiss off that falling tear,

...When black-ey'd Susan came aboard. "Oh! where shall I my true love find!

Tell me, ye jovial sailors, tell me true,

If my sweet William sails among the crew."

Soon as her well-known voice he heard...

quick as lightning, on the deck he stands.

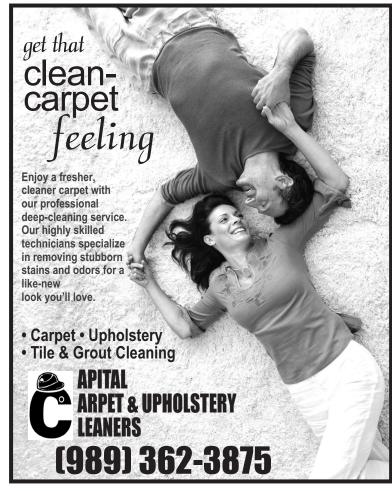
caught a couple walleye as well.

- Presque Isle: Anglers trolling spoons caught trout and salmon. Try 80 to 150 feet and run lines throughout the water column for best results.
- Alpena: Those trolling spoons and spin-glos in 60 to 140 feet found lake trout, coho, pink salmon, steelhead and walleye. Most were found in the upper 60 feet with a few near the bottom. Those trolling a crawler harness in 15 to 40 feet caught walleye, pike and freshwater drum. The walleye bite was best after dark.
- Thunder Bay River: Those floating or drifting crawlers caught smallmouth bass, rock bass, freshwater drum and the occasional walleye or channel cat.
- Hubbard Lake: Walleye fishing was slow, but anglers were getting panfish.
- Oscoda: Trout, salmon and walleye were caught by those trolling spoons or flies and dodgers with spin-glos between AuSable Point and Three Mile Park in 70 to 140

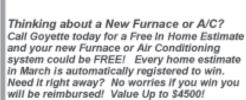
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Valedictorians speak about graduating in 2020

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

Alcona High School graduating class of 2020 will finally have its ceremony on Friday where three valedictorians will be speaking to their peers and by-invitation-only guests.

Madison Donovan of Spruce/Black River, Brett Nelson of Haynes Township and Rose Schopfer of Mikado Township will be speaking during two ceremonies, one at 7 p.m. and one at 8:30 p.m.

Madison Donovan, the daughter of Cari Souva and Randy Donovan, said it feels great to finally be graduating and to be speaking with two other valedictorians who are her friends. She will be using her time at the podium to thank everyone involved in her school career. "I'm thankful to everyone at Alcona for everything they have done for us. I'm thanking the teachers, staff, my parents and the class of 2020 itself," she said.

She explained the year ended abruptly when the



Madison Donovan

schools in Michigan were shut down by executive order to help stop the spread of COVID-19. She felt her graduating class lost out on going to the prom, having Decision day, and spring sports including track which she was looking forward to competing

"It stinks that we didn't get to live the senior year that everyone always talks about. Everyone said this would be the best year of our life, and then it just got cut short with no notice," Donovan said.

Still, she feels her peers have been using this extra time wisely. "Some just took a break, but a lot of people have been working. It wasn't a waste, just unexpected," she said.

Donovan will be attending Ferris State University on a Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) scholarship and will be studying pre-pharmacy. From there she plans to spend four years at graduate school to be a pharmacist. "This pandemic made me think we could use a few more people in medicine," Donovan said.

Brett Nelson, the son of Patrick and Tamyra Nelson, will speak about the differences the class of 2020 had over the years and how they worked through it together. "I brought up that we need to look forward to all the positive things coming for us and not look at the negatives we just experienced. We have a great chance to be successful if we keep working towards the goals we've set," he said.

He explained although he and his class missed out on a lot, the experience has made him appreciate what he has. "In a blink of an eye, the whole world can change. Cherish what you have when you have it. I believe our class has handled the situation pretty well. A lot of us went out and made the most of this time preparing for the next chapter," Nelson said.



Brett Nelson

Nelson reflected on a classmate who will not be attending graduation with them, Teresa Bernard. When the class of 2020 was in the second grade, Bernard died in a tragic house fire which also claimed the lives of her family. "Even though she was not with us physically during our high school journey, she was watching over us and protecting us during this time," he said.

Nelson plans on attending Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering and would like to return to the Alcona/Alpena area to start his career.



Rose Schopfer

Rose Schopfer, the daughter of Richard and Bonnie Schopfer, said she was sad that their graduation ceremony was by invitation only and each graduate was limited to just three family members. "I'm glad we are having it and I know they put a lot of effort into making it safe. I'm glad my family that can't attend will be able to watch it online and I still get to have that moment with my friends even though it is split in half. Our graduation is way different than what we thought it would be," she said.

Schopfer will be reaching out to classmates in her speech to extend some words of wisdom. She will also be addressing her family and the school to thank them for all they have done for her and how they have impacted her life.

"Alcona (schools) helped to mold me. I was talking to Mr. (Erich) Carlson, the art teacher, at the school before the closure and we were saying we didn't know how the virus would affect us. Just a few days later school was canceled. Afterward, I saw him again and I left the school crying. I realized I was leaving the people who raised me ever since I was a kid.

"It's hard. I always knew school was my safe place to go to. There was always someone there to help when things were going bad, someone to pick me up when I was down. It's bittersweet to be leaving, but I know they all want to see us succeed and go to great places, so that's what I'll do. I'll make them proud," she said

Schopfer said the experience through COVID-19 closures has made her class stronger and ready to take on life's challenges. "We learned you can't wait to do something you want to do. You have to just go for it. You can't wait to be great. If you want to make changes, you have to do it. I think this has made us all stronger," she said.

Schopfer will be attending Northern Michigan University and is contemplating a double major in physics and either math or engineering. Her dream is to work for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) or one of the privately-owned space industries.

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Appalachian Trail adventure leads to Harrisville resident's first book

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

An idea formed while walking to strengthen a back injury turned into an adventure that changed the life of a budding new local author.

Linda Stender's book, "The Trail Within - Adventures that led us to the Appalachian Trail," takes readers through the daily challenges she and her husband, Mark, faced,

heart and dream bigger.

Linda and Mark have been married for 35 years, and like many adults in their 50s, had raised their children and settled into life. They both worked for the hospital in Alpena, she on days, Mark on nights and would literally wave to each other on the road as he was coming home and she was going in.

Linda had always been one

her life in Alcona County and Alpena and had never spent more than two weeks at a time out of Michigan before their hiking journey.

Except for a nagging back problem that Linda, an occupational therapist, was battling by walking to keep in shape, life was comfortable for the Stenders.

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not just on the trail, but what it took to start and how life has changed since the day they had to abruptly stop. The book, disguised as a

how-to quest to break out of a rut, shares the couple's resilience and their capacity of love for each other, their fellow man, for life and their love of God. It also reaches out to readers with encouragement to find their own inner strength, to follow their who craved security. Never having a sense of adventure, she was contented living in one home, working one job for 25 years. Walking the Appalachian Trail, a hiking trail extending from Georgia to Maine, was never on her

Linda grew up spending her first 13 years of life downstate until her father moved his family of four girls to Harrisville. She has lived most of



Rock formations keep the hiking interesting and challenging. Courtesy photo.



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Even as we stand on uncertain ground. The earth beneath us moves, quiet

Its boundaries shifting, its muscles wavering.

The dream of sky is indifferent to all

Impervious to borders, fences, reservations.

The sky is our common home, the place we all live.

There we are in the world together.

The dream of sky requires no passport. Blue will not be fenced.

Blue will not be a crime.

Look up. Stay awhile.

Let your breathing slow.

Know that you always have a home

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Fishing

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feet. Fish were suspended in the top 60 feet or near the bottom. Purple, red, white, orange and blue were good colors. A couple walleye were suspended in 50 to 70 feet. Pier anglers caught smallmouth, freshwater drum, channel cats and the occasional walleye.

• AuSable River: Anglers floating crawlers at the mouth caught freshwater drum, channel cats, smallmouth bass and rock bass. A couple smallmouth and pike were caught by those casting crankbaits. The occasional walleye was caught, but most of the fish were undersize.

Small perch were caught in Alcona Pond.

- Higgins Lake: Trolling for lake trout has been good in 100 feet using cowbells and body baits. Rock bass fishing has been good along the drop-
- Houghton Lake: Walleye fishing was hit or miss when trolling crankbaits or a crawler harness. Panfish were caught on slip bobbers and leeches.
- Lake St. Helen: Panfish and bass were caught along the weed beds.
- Tawas: A good number of walleyes, including some limits, were caught straight off the point with crawlers, spoons and crank baits in 50 to 70 feet. Brown trout and steelhead were caught a bit deeper in 80 feet or more with spoons.
- Tawas River: Those fishing at Gateway Park caught a few catfish, freshwater drum and rock bass on crawlers and various lures.
- AuGres: Continues to have good walleye fishing in 30 to 40 feet with crawlers, spoons and crankbaits. Fish have been found north of the Charity Islands and as far south as the Pinconning area.

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Buggy Rides

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Two barges sink off Black River

Come to Grief Sunday During High Wind and Heavy Sea

July 22, 1920 ~ The barges Blodgett and Mystic were sunk Sunday night in an accident 20 miles off Sturgeon Point towards Alpena.

The barges were in tow of the steamer Claries H. Bradley, and were carrying salt from Buffalo to Duluth. 1,350 tons of salt went down with the two barges.

The Sturgeon Point crew put out in response to distress signals but their gasoline launch became disabled and the trip was abandoned. No attempt was made to launch the life boat, owing to an insufficient crew to man the oars.

The story of the wreck is told by Monday's Alpena News: The accident occurred at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, while the Str. Bradley, towing the two barges, was passing Sturgeon Point. The high waves and lashing wind arrested the progress of the boat and it was decided to halt for the night.

Crews on the barges found it impossible to control their boats in the stormy waters. During the tossing, the prow of the barge Blodgett crashed into the stern of the St. Bradley. Large holes were ripped in each boat. Water poured into each at an alarming rate. All pumps were set to work, but they failed to keep pace with the flow on the barge.

Rockets were sent up from the Str. Bradley by Captain John Jordan, and wireless distress calls were also sent out. The Str. Huron was first to pick up the distress message, changed its course, and hurried to render assistance. It arrived in time to render valuable aid.

At 11 o'clock, last night, the tug Owen was dispatched to the scene to tow the barges. Upon arrival, Captain Peppier, in charge of the tug, found the lake was running unusually high and decided to have the Huron tow the barges and the Owen guide them. Before arrangements could be completed, the first barge went down.

Shortly afterwards, the Owen sprang a leak of such a serious character that Capt. Peppier was compelled to hurry for shore. On the way in, the water rose in the boat despite the feverish activities of the crew and all the pumps. For a time it appeared the tug was hopelessly lost.

Capt. Peppier was ready to give the order to abandon the craft. At this critical moment, a strange transformation came about. The water ceased to flow so freely into the bottom of the tug. It was this strange incident that saved the Owen. Just what happened has not yet been ascertained, but it is believed that a part of the shattered bot-

tom was jammed into the gap, cutting down the inflow of water and permitting the tug to steam into Thunder Bay river. This morning the crew began repairing the tug and

ready for service. Capt. Jordan brought the Bradley into Thunder Bay at 6 o'clock this morning and dropped anchor near the foot of Chisholm street. He went directly to the telegraph office to notify the owners of the accident and await instruc-

succeeded in stopping the

leak. By 9 o'clock it was again

Captain McNeil was in charge of the barges. The crew comprised Ted Callender H. N. Woods, John Decker and Dick Cleary. They were rescued by the Huron and set on ground at the Huron Portland Cement Co.'s dock.

The lifesaving crew from Thunder Bay Island reached the scene shortly after the rockets had been sent up. They rendered what assistance they could. This morning the crew returned to the spot with Captain McNeil, who wished to recover some personal effects from the barge, which had not yet disappeared. They estimated at 9 o'clock that it could not stay afloat over two more hours.

Jamieson Nursing Home adds a place for peace and 4,600 square feet

July 26, 1995 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

The noise of a power drill is muffled by the closed door and Big Band music playing faintly throughout the build-

Residents sit in chairs at the entrance, in visiting rooms and walk up and down the hallways greeting visitors.

The construction going on behind closed doors at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville doesn't seem to affect residents, but it will have a direct effect on their lives, once it is complete.

The construction, which started in June, is that of a 4,600 square foot addition that will consist of eight private rooms, a chapel and a large commons area.

Mary Kay Lee, a social worker that has been with the nursing home for seven years, said the addition will provide two things residents don't have when living at a nursing home - peace and privacy.

The addition of eight beds, Lee said, will not increase the capacity resident Jamieson.

It will allow 16 residents to have private rooms. "We will move eight residents that were in two person rooms into the new rooms, leaving the other eight with private rooms too,"

She said the addition of

residents the privacy and quiet they need to make living a more positive experi-

The large commons room, positioned out behind the original structure and new wing, will give residents a large, open space to gather with guests and when there are special events scheduled like Christmas or July Fourth parties.

The pride and joy of the addition, Lee said, is something that owner and administrator Sally Smith has wanted for the residents for several years — a chapel.

"She wanted a quiet spot where residents can go," Lee said. "Spiritual well being is important to our residents' health. Sally felt it was important to create an atmosphere where they can go to pray or just have quiet.

"We just needed to have the right atmosphere where even the most confused of

private rooms will give some our residents would have peace," she said.

Lee explained that local churches help provide spiritual atmosphere, but residents needed someplace to go to have peace.

Providing that peaceful atmosphere was not easy, and Lee said, it presented quite a challenge - at least until a trip to Wisconsin.

The perfect item that would give the chapel what it needed was found by chance by Sally and her husband Jim, also a Jamieson owner, while they were on vacation.

After hours of packing for transport, days of waiting to be placed and reconstruction of the wall - a stained glass window dated back to the 1800s was placed in the chapel Tuesday morning.

"It's not something we detailed, and it was quite a challenge to get it here, but it's perfect," Lee said.



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| Weekly Total | 0.81 | 0.15 | 0.70 | | |
| July to Date | 0.88 | 0.38 | 1.75 | | |
| Year to Date | 11.05 | 13.22 | 14.24 | | |

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. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which U.S. highway is known by the nickname "the Mother Road"?
- 2. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of cocktail contains ginger beer, lime juice and vodka?
- 3. SCIENCE: What kind of cloud produces thunderstorms?
- **4. MUSIC:** How many musicians play in a quartet?
- 5. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the seven continents is the driest?
- **6. MOVIES:** What word is on Austin Powers' license plate in "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery"?
- 7. HISTORY: What was the ancient Sumerian form of writing called?
- **8. TELEVISION:** What is the name of Bert's roommate on the children's show "Sesame Street"?
- 9. ANATOMY: How many lobes is the human brain divided into?
- 10. MEASUREMENTS: How much liquid does a standard jigger hold?

Answers: 1. Route 66; 2. Moscow Mule; 3. Cumulonimbus; 4. Four; 5. Antarctica; 6. Swinger; 7. Cuneiform; 8. Ernie; 9. Four; 10. 1.5 ounces (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

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- On July 20, 1865, Pierre Lallement, a Frenchman, arrives in the United States carrying the plans and components for the first modern bicycle. Although he built and patented the first bicycle, Lallement received no recognition and failed to acquire enough funds to open a factory. He sold the rights to the patent in 1868 and moved back to France.
- On July 23, 1888, Raymond Chandler, creator of detective Philip Marlowe, is born in Chicago. During the Depression, Chandler began writing to support himself. He published "The Big Sleep" in 1939, followed by "Farewell My Lovely" and "The Long Goodbye."
- On July 25, 1898, during the Spanish-American War, U.S. forces launch their invasion of the island of Puerto Rico. With only seven deaths, U.S. troops under Gen. Nelson Miles were able to secure the island by mid-August.
- On July 24, 1911, American archeologist Hiram Bingham gets his first look at Machu Picchu, an ancient Inca settlement in Peru. Machu Picchu is believed to have been a summer retreat for Inca leaders.
- On July 22, 1934, outside Chicago's Biograph Theatre, notorious criminal John Dillinger -- America's "Public Enemy No. 1" -- is killed by federal agents. In a year-long bankrobbing spree, Dillinger and his associates robbed 11 banks for more than \$300,000, broke jail and narrowly escaped capture multiple times, and killed seven police officers and three federal agents.
- On July 26, 1943, Rolling Stones front man Mick Jagger is born in Dartford, Kent, England. Michael Philip Jagger attended the London School of Economics but left without graduating in order to pursue a career in music.
- On July 21, 1973, "Soul Makossa" is the first disco record to make the Top 40. It is now best remembered as the source of the rhythmic chant that appears in Michael Jackson's "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" in 1982.

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

- As Shakespeare said, what's in a name? A duck is called a duck because it ducks its head under the water to feed. The animal was named after the verb, not the other way around.
- In the era of TV dinners, it wasn't enough that you ATE your veggies. No, etiquette experts still found time to make some interesting rules about HOW you consumed them as well. According to one guide, asparagus should be cut in half in order to avoid "the ungraceful appearance of a bent stalk ... falling limply into someone's mouth."
- What's in a name? Part 2: The French name for cotton candy is "Barbe a papa," or "dad's beard."
- Mary Babnik Brown generously donated 34 inches of her natural golden locks to the United States military during World War II after they determined that blond hair that had never been treated or exposed to heat was the most resilient material to use as the crosshairs in bombsights.
- A 7-year-old boy had long complained about his swollen and aching jaw, and small wonder: Surgeons at the Saveetha Dental College and Hospital in Chennai, India, found 526 teeth crammed inside his mouth! After removing a seven-ounce, "well-defined bag-like mass" from his jaw containing hundreds of miniature teeth, it took the team five hours to carefully search for and count all of them. The hospital asserted that it was "the first ever case to be documented worldwide, where so many minute teeth were found in a single individual."
- Led Zeppelin let Ben Affleck use their song "When the Levee Breaks" in the movie "Argo" on one condition -- that they digitally alter the record player's needle drop to the correct spot on the vinyl.

Thought for the Day: "The greatest weapon against stress is our ability to choose one thought over another." -- William James

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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.

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Clue: N equals L

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art of the Attention homeowner: If you are a mili-

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on July 13 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Gehring, treasurer Luenberger, clerk Pierce, council members, Peterson, Kaiser, Ferguson, Schwanz, attorney Cook and guests. Mayor Gehring presented letter of intent to fill a vacancy of Alderman in Ward III by Thomas Mason. He recommended the appointment of Thomas Mason to fill the vacancy of Alderman Ward III. Motion by Kaiser, support by Ferguson, to appoint Thomas Mason to fill a vacancy of Alderman Ward III. Motion carried: 4-

Mayor Gerhing presented letter of intent from Michael Bean to fill a vacancy of Alderman Ward I. Mayor Gehring recommended the appointment of Michael Bean to fill the vacancy of Alderman Ward I. Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz, to appoint Michael Bean to fill a vacancy of Alderman Ward I. Motion carried: 4-0.

The Oath of Office was given to Michael Bean and Thomas Mason as newly appointed city council members by Clerk Pierce. They took their seats at council table.

Alderman Ferguson tendered his resignation as Alderman Ward I, effective immediately. Motion by Kaiser, support by Schwanz, to accept the resignation of James Ferguson, Alderman Ward I, with regret. Motion carried: 5-0.

A letter of resignation by Thomas Mason from the tax board of review was read by Mayor Gehring. Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson, to accept resignation of Thomas Mason from

the tax board of review. Motion carried: 5-0. Michael Bean tendered his resignation from the planning commission, effective immediately. Motion by Peterson, support by Schwanz, to accept resignation of Michael Bean from planning commission. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz, to approve the minutes of June 8, 2020. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser, to pay the bills in the amount of \$30,615.15 Motion carried: 5-0. Comments received about Fourth of July weekend were all positive and everyone appreciates all the hard work the volunteers put forth to make a very successful celebration. The fireworks were spectacular!

On Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m. the city will hold a public hearing on the proposed wastewater system project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons at the city offices, 200 N. Fifth Street. Questions may be directed to the city at (989) 724-6666. Mayor Gehring updated council on the Japanese Knotweed treatment in the city. Huron Pines will return in September for a second treatment. Superintendent of Alcona Community Schools, Dan O'Connor, presented a review of the upcoming school millage proposals on the August 4 primary election.

Reports: Mayor Gehring discussed Ken Lind Ins. would like to present his findings and proposals of insurance costs to city for the August city council meeting. The Playground Project is on hold because of the current health crisis. Harrisville Arts council has cancelled the 56th Harmony Festival for this Labor Day Weekend 2020. This includes the

annual Labor Day parade.

Clerk Pierce reported there will be a tax board of review meeting on Tuesday, July 21 at 9 a.m. The state and local primary election will take place on Tuesday, August 4. Polls will open at 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for in person voting. Per Gov. Whitmer's executive order No. 2020-147, face masks or coverings are required to enter any business establishment. The city will be adhering to this requirement.

The clerk's office will be open Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for anyone wishing to apply for an absent voter ballot prior to the August 4 election. This is the last date absent voter ballots will be available. Call the city office at (989) 724-6666 for any additional information. Attorney Cook reported that the empty building at the end of 3rd Street is still on contingency options for a final sale. Harbor Commission plans for the final phase of the dock project is at a stand-still because of state funding availability

The planning commission will meet Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Comment Cards: Sharon Geotz had

comment Cards: Sharon Geotz had concerns about the removal of the out-dated "No Parking" signs at the end of Dock Street.

Council's Last Comments: Alderman Kaiser expressed concern about the abandoned car issue in the city. Zoning ordinance Administrator Somers has addressed the issue. Mayor Gehring moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:49

Next City Council meeting is Monday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. at city hall. Published prior to council approval.

Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Eye chart

There doesn't seem to be any type of antique that isn't sold at auctions, flea markets or shops. We were surprised years ago at a flea market when a dealer was offering a wooden artificial leg. It was sold an hour after we saw it. He said it went to a woman who wanted to make a statue, and she had wondered if he had any more. We have seen many sets of false eyes sold, samples of what surgeons would use to replace a missing eye. And bottles of cures too strange to describe.

This is a 19th-century optician's eye test chart made of black painted wood from Andrew Spindler Antiques & Design, a shop in Essex, Massachusetts. It has a metal lamp visor and a linen scroll with letters of different sizes. It was purchased at an antiques show in New York City about 18 years ago for about \$1,800. It has since been rewired and the scroll restored, and it was priced at \$2,200. Keep your eyes open at antiques shops and you may find another eye test chart. It will certainly be a rare antique. Wonder what the prescribed glasses looked like? Lots of collectors can show you their favorite odd antique. Sometimes those are the most

Q: Do you know who made the first commercial ice cream scoop or dipper, and what it looked like? Any other interesting information about serving ice cream in a soda shop would help me with a school paper.

A: We are told George Washington liked ice cream made from ice cut from a frozen river. Without refrigeration, ice was a luxury, so ice cream was for the very rich. The first U.S. ice cream factory was started in Philadelphia in 1851. The first ice cream scoop was made in Pennsylvania in 1876 by George William Clewell. It was shaped like a tin cone with an attached handle. The knob



This 1880s optician's eye test chart was made by Globe Optical Co. of Boston and was for sale in a Massachusetts antiques shop for \$2,200. It's painted wood with a metal lamp visor and has a linen scroll with rows of letters in graduated sizes.

on top was turned to move a metal strip that scraped the lump of ice cream from the scoop. Later, scoops were made in fancy shapes. The most famous is the heartshaped scoop made in 1925. There were also heart-shaped dishes to hold the ice cream and toppings for a sundae. The few heart-shaped scoops known today have sold for over \$1,000 each. You might learn more from The Ice Screamers (www.icescreamers.com).

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Roasted peanut warmer, Ko-Pak-Ta, children, dancing, jumping, sunset, trees, 17 inches, \$120.

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Loetz, crete pampas, green iridescent, squat base, baluster mouth, signed, 1899, 8 1/2 inches, \$415.

Copper, figurine, lobster, jointed limbs, hammered plates, signed, Japan, 7 1/2 inches, \$550.

TIP: Look for vintage light fixtures and lamps at flea markets and thrift stores. Paint or polishing can often restore them.

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP **MINUTES**

Board meeting was opened with four board members and deputy clerk Kaylie Landrum online. Absent: Trustee Mike Johnston. Healy/Harvey: Approve the clerk's minutes from May 8 and May 12. Roll call vote: four ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried. Treasurer's report given and placed on file, pending audit. Also reconciled with the clerk's office. Supervisor informed the board that the Michigan Township As-

The June 9 Harrisville Township

sociation (MTA) said that townships cold lose 25 percent of their revenue sharing income. Jamieson/Healy: To allow clerk to pay dust control bills up to the 20th of each month. Roll call vote: four ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

Harvey/Healy: Pay the bill from Greenbush Golf Course for the hall mowing when due. Roll call vote: four ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried. Harvey/ Healy: Pay the bills. Four ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:19 p.m. Roger Jamieson

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board met July 8. All board members were present. Motion to approve the agenda; July minutes; bills; CPA bids; move contingency money; appointed alternate N. Bauer to board of review; rescind Henry Street, motion failed.

Motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. This synopsis published prior to board approval. The next regular township meet-

ing is August 12. Kerry Scott Clerk

The July 14 meeting of the Harrisville Township Board was opened with a "Pledge of Allegiance." The full board, deputy clerk Kavlie Landrum and Nicholas Cordes from Alcona Community Schools were in attendance. Cordes gave a good presentation of the need for the renewal of the two proposals which will allow the school district to keep up with repairs and other important

Harvey/Jamieson: That your township board goes on record as supporting these school renewals. Carried unanimously. Healy/Harvey: Approve the clerk's June 9 minutes. Carried. Treasurer's report given and reconciled with the clerk's office.

Committees gave their reports. Discussed a road millage to be put on the November ballot. Johnston/Healy: Move ahead with the road millage. Carried. Harvey/Johnston: Pay the bills. Carried. Talked about the Harrisville Township Recreation Area (HTRA) site going to the city. Also, clerk publish these minutes in the Review.

Adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Roger Jamieson Clerk

ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's July board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, Gauthier, Mead, and Bouchard; excused LaLonde.

Motions to approve the previous month's minutes; pay bills as presented, but to hold road commission down payment contingent on time when project is to and to retain attorney Wilson for 2020/2021 year. All motions passed.

This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Dawn LaLonde,

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Then Mark had a heart attack -- which changed the direction of their life.

"The doctor told me his heart attack was very close to being sudden death. That was the trigger that flipped the switch for me. I needed things to change. Not just physical things. You just never know what is going to happen. There has to be more," Linda said.

The couple sold most of their possessions and did whatever was necessary to begin their adventure. Before they knew it Linda and Mark were carrying 30-pound packs on a trip of a lifetime.

While on the trail, Linda kept a daily blog about their adventures, which she used as the outline to write the book. She blogged about challenging rain storms, sleeping in a shelter and falling. Linda fell 14 times along their 101day journey. The last fall injured her knee and the pain from it kept her from carrying her pack.

They ended their hiking adventure after covering 1,278.1 of the 2,200-mile trail.

They were sad their journey ended early, but Linda said it wasn't until she was writing the book, something she got direction on through Inspiration Alcona's Author Group, did she realize the goal wasn't in finishing the

Just three weeks after the book was released, Mark was diagnosed with cancer.

He is fighting three different cancers, but Linda feels his prognosis is good and she has the utmost confidence he will beat it.

'God's timing is interesting. It took the COVID-19 shutdowns to keep me from working, which helped me to finish the book. Then just a few weeks later, Mark is going to chemotherapy," she said.

The book has kept her spirits up, though, as people reading about the adventure love



Linda Stender at home in Harrisville. Photo by Mary Weber.

trail, there is never anything to lean back against. You're just sitting on a log or on the ground. Before the hike, I didn't realize how wonderful it feels to lean back in a chair. We learned to appreciate small things like running water and a hot shower, creature comforts we just took for granted. I think more about the people who don't have



Thirty five years of marriage, a heart attack and 101 days on the Appalachian Trail have helped prepare the Stenders for future challenges and adventures. Courtesy photo. to talk to her about it and she

"Mostly they want to know

about what it was like. They

want to know how I could lay

in a shelter and have a mouse

crawl across my forehead and not go screaming and run-

ning for home. I found out I

was capable of handling so

much more than I thought. I

didn't know what I could do.

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An Open Letter to the Residents of Caledonia Township, Alcona

County from Caledonia Township Supervisor Cyndi Apsey:

During this campaign season, I have enjoyed meeting with you - my constituents; answering your questions, listening to your concerns and sharing with you my ideas for Township improvements and plans for the next four years. But I have been concerned by a lot of misinformation being posted on Websites, social media and being passed at gatherings and even Township meetings during my tenure as Supervisor and especially during the last few weeks. Thus, I would like to address one of the many unjust accusations and incorrect information, informing you instead of the truths about how the Board and myself have conducted Township business.

It has been reported that under my leadership, the Township Board has wasted taxpayer money; the truth is that we reduced the amount of extra dollars being paid to board members for mileage, per diem and other employee expenses that were present in the previous Township budget under Kathy Vichunas. This amounts to a savings of

As Supervisor, I take no pay to reimburse for mileage and other expenses other than my monthly salary. A comparison: In July 2018, Kathy Vichunas' monthly expenses above salary totaled \$385.61; in July 2020, my monthly expenses above salary were zero. Over the course of an entire year, that would amount to a huge savings!

The Township Board carefully considers all expenses above normal monthly operating expenses that are proposed. Members strive to save taxpayer money while spending money in ways that will benefit the public and will provide for projects that will be used by the public and enhance the life and experiences of the Caledonia residents.

To the claim that I and the Board have wasted taxpayer dollars, consider this fact: During the same time frame while I was Supervisor, the previous Supervisor, Kathy Vichunas, spent \$66,000 more than the Board under my leadership.

I would be happy to answer your questions and/or address your concerns. Please contact me at 989-335-3018 or visit https://www.facebook.com/reelectcyndiapsey

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those things," she said.

Acts of kindness along the journey also brought them comfort, faith in God and their fellow man. They met people along the way who shared their stories of life challenges, who faced death and won life.

"There is no guarantee there will be a tomorrow," Linda said, "We began each day with a prayer. We prayed for people we knew and that gave us strength. People who couldn't walk, we walked for them. God was in the center of our journey. I don't know how many people want to hear that, but he absolutely was in the center of it all.

This was the hardest thing we have ever done, but by far the greatest experience. It taught me to not let go of dreams. I want others to put their dreams in front of them, work toward them every day and be thankful for each day. I'm wondering what is next for us after Mark recovers. I hope we get to finish the trail."

'The Trail Within – Adventures that led us to the Appalachian Trail" is available on Amazon.com for \$9.99 paperback and \$7.99 for the ebook. For an autographed copy of the book, call or text Linda at (989) 464-8446.