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Governor signs stay home executive order

On Monday, March 23, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order (EO 2020-21), directing all Michigan businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life.

The order also directs Michiganders to stay in their homes unless they're a part of that critical infrastructure workforce, engaged in an outdoor activity, or performing tasks necessary to the health and safety of themselves or their family, like going to the hospital or grocery store.

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 24, for at least the

next three weeks, individuals may only leave their home or place of residence under very limited circumstances, and they must adhere to social distancing measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention when they do so, including remaining at least six feet from people from outside the individual's household to the extent feasible under the circumstances.

"In just 13 days, we've gone from 0 to over 1,000 COVID-19 cases," said Governor Whitmer. "This is an unprecedented crisis that requires all of us working together to protect our families and our communities. The most ef-



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer
fective way we can slow down the virus is to stay home. I know this will be hard, but it will be temporary. If we all come together, get serious, and do our part by staying

home, we can stay safe and save lives."

"Taking aggressive action to protect our communities is the most important thing we can do to mitigate further spread of COVID-19," said Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Chief Deputy for Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. "If we do this now, we can make sure our hospitals and healthcare workers are prepared to take care of the sickest people. It is crucial that people do the right thing by staying home and staying safe."

Executive Order 2020-21 prohibits all businesses and operations from requiring

workers to leave their homes, unless those workers are necessary to sustain or protect life or to conduct minimum basic operations. Businesses and operations are to designate the workers that meet those criteria, and must adopt social distancing practices and other mitigation measures to protect workers and patrons in the performance of that necessary in-person work.

Workers that are necessary to sustain or protect life include those in health care and public health, law enforcement and public safety, grocery store workers, and more.

Additionally, under Executive Order 2020-21, all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring among persons outside a single household are temporarily prohibited. People may leave the house to perform for limited, necessary purposes, and may engage in outdoor activities like walking, hiking, running, cycling, or any other recreational activity, consistent with remaining at least six feet from people from outside a person's household and with other restrictions imposed by prior executive orders.

Michigan is currently in the top five states in the nation in number of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

For those who have questions about the state's actions to mitigate the spread of coronavirus, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at (888) 535-6136 between 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. daily.

Michiganders can apply for unemployment benefits if they have left work or taken a leave of absence because of self-isolation or self-quarantine in response to elevated risk from COVID-19 due to being immunocompromised, displaying the symptoms of COVID-19, having contact in the last 14 days with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, the need to care for someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, or a family care responsibility as a result of a government directive.

ACCOA expands home delivery, seeks food distribution volunteers, donations

After Governor Whitmer's announcement on Monday, the Alcona County Commission on Aging has decided to cancel congregate meal drive-through.

All meals will be home delivered and all congregate meal drive-through participants should call to be placed on the meal routes.

Any senior 60 years or older who would like to be put on the home-delivered meal route should contact the ACCOA meal line at (989) 335-4035 and leave their name, phone number and mailing address. A return phone call will be given by ACCOA to do a prescreening interview to check if they qualify.

The ACCOA asks all home meal recipients to put a container or cooler outside the door for meal deliveries which will be made twice a week.

Additionally, a new program for wellness checks has been developed.

"We are instituting a new wellness check program that will coincide with our delivery program, said ACCOA Director Lenny Avery. "Since we are so rural and isolated, we are creating a color card chart for our participants. These cards will be placed on the window or on the door during the delivery times on Monday and Thursday for our drivers to see."

Green Card = All is fine within the home

Yellow Card = The participant is low on groceries and needs additional meals.

Red Card = The participant is in need of medical or other emergency assistance.



Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) volunteers (from left) Jim Doyle, Laura Thomas, Kathy Murray-Rice, Emily Decker, McKayla LaFave, Traci Brubaker, Lenny Avery, and Les Thomas prepare food tables to distribute food to over 300 families last Thursday. The pop-up pantry located at the Alcona Elementary School parking lot was available to all Alcona County families in need. An additional 30 boxes of food were delivered personally to residents of Lincoln Manor Apartments by Alcona County Emergency Director, Scott Rice. Another Pop-up pantry will be held Thursday, March 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

A drive through pop-up food pantry for any Alcona County family in need will be available Thursday, March 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the parking lot of Alcona Elementary School off Barlow Road and M-72. One box of food per vehicle is given, no exceptions and food will be distributed until it is gone. Dona-

tions are welcome during the distribution.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to distribute food may do so by answering a prescreening questionnaire or contact info@alconaseniors.org.

The March 26 Pop-Up Pantry food distribution and the pantry held the week prior

were done with federal funds. Avery was unsure if the funds would continue. Anyone interested in donating money for the ACCOA food distribution efforts to continue may do so at Paypal.me/ACCOA on the website www.alconaseniors.org. Donations large or small are appreciated.




Letters to the Editor


Dear Editor,
Please allow me to take a few moments of your time to convey my sincere gratitude to the people of Alcona County in general and one unnamed citizen in particular.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, March 18th, someone stopped by the EMS office in Harrisville and unexpectedly dropped off several bags of groceries stating she had purchased them for our paramedics and EMTs in appreciation of all they do for the community.

The food was then divided up and distributed between the very grateful crews our two stations located in Glen- nie and Harrisville.

In this crazy time of confusion and unknowns, such a gesture of recognition of the tireless and selfless dedication of the men and women who serve Alcona County in this manner becomes a beacon of inspiration to us all.

I am blessed to be a part of it.

Toni Rhoads
Assistant Director
Alcona County EMS

To the editor

On March 12 the Harrisville Township Board of Review met to hear property tax cases. Attending was Steve Arens representing the Alcona Brew Haus to challenge his property assessment. Steve has served his community by opening a restaurant, grocery, and laundromat.

I've heard some things about the at times contentious relationship between him and the township, and I wanted to hear his case. He has used social media as a way to alert people to his cause—and to his credit about 25 supporters came. For under-attended township meetings this was big.

Not knowing much about how assessments arise, I expected to be enlightened. Unfortunately, Steve misled me (and his supporters) by misrepresenting some things. Maybe he was just confused. You decide.

Example: commercial land is assessed on a per-foot frontage basis, not by acre. In recalculating by the acre, Steve's results varied wildly, seeming to make commercial assessments look arbitrary and unfair. In this there was an underlying accusation of incompetence directed at our assessor and board.

Also, equalization data and assessor data though similar, are not the same. From equalization cards, Steve said people were living in houses that were not being taxed – implying corruption, and that the assessor himself had set their taxable value at \$0. But that's not true. Properties ARE taxed. There are discrepancies between equalization and assessor data, and any conversation with one of those offices would explain the reason for that. Tellingly, he did not pull data from the assessor's office to correlate. Why not?

I got the impression that here was a man with an ax to grind. I saw the sparks of contempt for the board and our officials. This concerning approach probably won't accomplish much good, and more likely will serve to divide. It already has.

Andy Jamieson,
Harrisville

From the Editor's Desk

A lot has happened in a week. Unfortunately, instead of restrictions being lessened, they have become stricter and more wide ranging (see story on page 1).

Michigan Governor Whitmer has extended school closures until April 13 and, through the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive order effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, all Michigan businesses and operations are to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life — law enforcement, health care, grocery, pharmacy and several others.

We are sailing through uncharted waters, and it is extremely unnerving and very stressful. While this is a temporary situation to combat a viral pandemic that is spreading across the United States, we understand there are businesses in our county and region what will not make it through to the other side. Three weeks of closure or conducting limited business because employees cannot come to work seems like forever to the small business owners in the area and across the state.

Those businesses that remain open are adapting each day (restaurants providing takeout service only) and working to handle the demand (grocery stores and pharmacies). The Review is included as an essential business for several reasons, but this situation has already made in impact. We will remain open and produce a newspaper each week despite loss of revenue and a reduction in hours for a part-time staff for them to stay healthy and help our company cut back on expenses in an effort to make it through.

Hopefully, that will be enough.

We are using the Review as an example and can only imagine what other businesses are dealing with or what owners' frame of mind are who are closed completely. At least, by going to work each day we are doing something – trying to inform, share good news and trying to adapt for continued survival.

There have been several developments at the state and federal level that include financial relief for small businesses. While the details are still unfolding, Alcona County is working to be eligible for whatever unfolds for its businesses.

The Alcona Economic Development Commission, in conjunction with the Target Alpena Economic Development Commission, has applied for grant funding from the Michigan Small Business Relief Program. The grant has the potential of providing some relief to those businesses that are struggling because of the current government response for public safety concerning Covid-19. **Businesses are encouraged to go to the Alcona County website at alconacountymi.com** for more information and instructions about business information needed to administer the funding.

It is imperative that businesses, local government and residents work together to make it through this with the least amount of loss to our business community as possible. We encourage all businesses to get informed, take any action for available for relief and spread the word to other businesses. We are all in this together.

~ Cheryl Peterson
Editor & Publisher


Obituary


Edith P. Bobick

Edith P. Bobick, 91, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at home.

She was born September 8, 1928 in Mikado to George and Bessie (Nevins) Loyer; she was raised on a dairy farm in Alcona County.

Mrs. Bobick was a long-time resident of Bay City, Mich. where she worked in housekeeping at Bay Medical Center and as a caregiver at the Bay County Juvenile Home.

She loved to crochet, and enjoyed sewing, tending to her plants, cooking and canning.

She moved to Harrisville in 2004.

Mrs. Bobick is survived by three daughters, Rosalie (Paul) Lobodzinski, Judy (Alan) Dubie and Virginia (Roger) Nash; two sons, Larry (Merle "Buffy") Bobick and Stanley (Sandy) Bobick; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-



grandchildren; and one brother, George (Merry Lou) Loyer.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Jason Patrick Bobick; two sisters, Jennie Anderson and Florence "Honey" Manning; and by her former husband, Stanley Bobick.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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Calendar of Events



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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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 info., contact Claire at (989) 724-6665.

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

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 info., contact Claire at (989) 724-6665.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Join fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

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Local Notes

Alcona County Building

The Alcona County Courthouse (County Building) is closed to the public. Offices will remain staffed and available for phone calls, email, and faxes. Refer to the website www.alconacounty-mi.com for phone and email contacts or contact by phone at (989) 724-9400. This closure is being initiated in response to the Covid-19 virus and at the recommendation of the emergency management of Alcona County.

Courtroom Access

Access to Alcona County courtrooms and other spaces is now limited to no more than 10 persons, including staff, effective immediately. The court is closed to the general public except for essential functions involving health and safety and Constitutional rights.

"Courts statewide are taking this action in unison so that we send a clear message to the public that we are taking every possible step to stop the virus while continuing to provide essential services," said Presiding Judge Laura A. Frawley. "Our team is adjusting as quickly as possible to the crisis, and we appreciate the support of the public as we work to put more business online in the coming days."

Essential functions include arraignments for in-custody defendants, review and determination of requests for search warrants and personal protection orders, certain child protective proceedings, and critical issues regarding child support and child custody, among others specified in the order. The new order also provides courts with additional flexibility to conduct business using technology such as video and telephone conferencing. Visit the Judiciary Response to COVID-19 page or www.alconacounty-mi.com for additional information.

Alcona Road Commission

The Alcona County Road Commission office, 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, is closed to the public until further notice. Citizens may contact the office by phone (989)736-

8168, email to roads@alconarc.com, fax (989)736-6687, visiting the website to obtain permits online at www.alconarc.com, or via private message on the Alcona County Road Commission Facebook page.

Alcona Review

Alcona County Review is conducting business, as it is on the essential business list issued by the governor on March 23. "We are open and available to assist our loyal customers at this time," said Publisher Cheryl Peterson. "We encourage everyone to adhere to the 'stay at home' mandate however, we can help subscribers, advertisers and any of our other customers by telephone, email, fax or, if necessary, in person."

The Review's hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no closure during lunch hour). The phone number is (989) 724-6384 and toll free is (877) 873-8439; Fax is (989) 724-6655.

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- Subscriptions, classifieds, calendar announcements, general questions; subscribe@alconareview.com;
- Printing and advertising: comp@alconareview.com;
- Billing questions: billing@alconareview.com.

"We are limiting public contact for the safety of our employees so if anyone would like to drop off a payment, announcement or anything else at our office (111 N. Lake Street, Harrisville), our front door has a 'drop box' slot that can be used any time. We are also directing folks to our website at www.alconareview.com because this situation is fluid and information critical to residents and businesses can change quickly. Any announcement related to the coronavirus will be free to everyone. Business owners, especially, are encouraged to check into the Review's website," Peterson said.

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**MITCHELL TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Ballot Proposal for Road Millage on April 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. with regular meeting to follow at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 W. Tower Road, Curran, Michigan.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Mitchell Township Board by writing or by calling: Donita Charron, 2101 N Reeves Road, Curran, MI 48728 Telephone (989) 884-1354

**Request for Bids
LAWN MOWING**

Mitchell Township is requesting sealed bids for the mowing of the Mitchell Township Hall, Flynn Valley Cemetery, and the Curran Cemetery properties, from May 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020. This is a one (1) year contract. The cemeteries are to be mowed, trimmed and grass blown off headstones weekly. The mowing of the Township Hall and Fire Hall properties, along with the Township Park, shall be done on a regular, as needed, basis. The bid price is to be **per cutting, per property**.

Successful bidders will be required to provide proof of liability insurance and to sign a performance contract prior to commencing work.

Bids are to be **clearly identified** on the outside of the envelope and submitted by Friday, April 10, 2020 to:

Lawn Mowing Bid
Mitchell Township Clerk
2101 N Reeves Road
Curran, MI 48728
(989) 884-1354

The Mitchell Township Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities in bids and to accept any bids which, in the opinion of the Board, may be the most advantageous to the Board.

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Northland Drive-Thru

All Northland Area Federal Credit Union branch lobbies are closed, however, drive-throughs at each branch is open to serve members' needs. The Alpena lending office is closed to walk-in traffic. Members are encouraged to bank from home using mobile and home banking services for their day-to-day financial transactions. For loan requests, use the mobile app, or home banking on the website northlandcu.com or call the contact center at (989) 739-1401. Hours for each branch location may be found at northlandcu.com.

Local Grocery Shopping

Harrisville Harbor Grocery (HHG) and Sunrise Behavioral Health Clinic (SBHC) have joined resources to address the needs of Alcona's most vulnerable population, older adults and those with compromised health conditions. Mark Kovachevich and Steve Arens from HHG and Kerry Rastigue from SBHC have united to help provide vital resources to the community.

As a result of the Covid19 virus and the warnings from local, state and the federal government, Harrisville Harbor Grocery (HHG), located on Main Street in Harrisville

will accept phone orders for those who are elderly or at increased risk of the Covid19 virus.

Residents of Alcona County who self-identify as at risk may utilize these resources. HHG will take phone orders for all essentials. A personal shopper will gather grocery and other items, and contact patrons with the total of their purchase. Shoppers may pay over the phone or have a check available upon delivery. HHG will contact Sunrise Behavioral Health Clinic, also located on Main Street in Harrisville for delivery.

To minimize risk, shoppers are requested to either pay HHG via phone or may pay at the time of delivery. SBHC will contact residents within five minutes of their arrival time. Residents are requested to leave payment at a mutually agreed upon location where their items will also be delivered. No contact will be made to eliminate the possibility of risk to either the volunteers or the resident. Those interested, should contact Mark or Debbie at HHG at (989) 724-3301.

4-H Clubs Closed

The Alcona County Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) 4-H clubs will no longer be meeting face to face and clubs are encouraged to meet through virtual technology and conference calling. "As of right now, this is in effect until April 20. This could change," said Les Thomas, Alcona County 4-H director.

He said they were assisting club leaders with teleconference service if needed.

Thomas and a small group of 4-H volunteers were on hand last Thursday, during the Pop-Up Pantry food delivery which occurred on school grounds and gave away over 300 boxes of food to local families.

Animal Shelter is Open

Unless an executive order from the state occurs mandating its closing, the animal shelter for the Alcona Humane Society will remain open to the public under normal business hours, however, one of the main sources of revenue the Precious Paws Resale Shop in Harrisville is closed until April 13.

Shelter manager Jenna Richardson said adoptions are up at the shelter, so foster families are not needed at this time. However, volunteers are still needed and appreciated for animal socialization such as dog walking, cat cuddling, and for cleaning the shelter.

Dog walkers and cleaning volunteers may assist between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends.

Monetary donations are gladly accepted at any time but are especially needed now while the resale store is closed. The shelter is also requesting bleach and bleach products which they are having difficulty locating through

local vendors.

The shelter is located at 457 W. Traverse Bay Road, Lincoln, Mich., 48742 and is open for business 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Call (989) 736-7387 or check their website at alconahumanesociety.org for information on animal adoption or additional donation items needed.

Michigan Works Services

With many local businesses under mandatory shut down, there are a lot of people across Northeast Michigan without jobs right now. And Michigan Works! is doing everything we can to help. Michigan Works! is still open for business, but it has adapted how it is doing business. They've gone to an appointment only process.

In addition, all upcoming job fairs, workshops, and student events; including MiCareerQuest student career exploration event scheduled in May has been cancelled.

There are still opportunities for job seekers. Employers in grocery, direct-care, and others are needing additional staff immediately to help with stocking, sanitation, and more. Anyone filing for unemployment may do so online at Michigan.gov/UIA. The process takes 30-45 minutes online, while waiting for someone on the phone can take considerably longer. But remember, Michigan Works! does offer a UIA Hotline phone, which takes priority over other callers. Anyone who wants to try the hotline, just call one of the offices to schedule an appointment.

With the Governor's temporarily expanded eligibility for unemployment benefits the normal in-person registration at a Michigan Works! office and the work search requirements have been suspended. Filing can be done completely online.

All Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium offices will be open by appointment only, so call ahead: Alpena (989) 356-3339

- Alpena (989) 736-6082
- Cheboygan (231) 627-4303
- Gaylord (989) 732-3886
- Grayling (989) 348-8709
- Mio (989) 826-6107
- Onaway (989) 733-8548

MSU Extension Online

While Michigan grapples with social distancing, MSU Extension expands online to offer a wealth of digital resources, from educational activities for children to food budgeting resources. During unprecedented disruptions to daily life due to the novel coronavirus global pandemic, MSU Extension has created a suite of online resources and programming, available on demand through its new Remote Learning and Resources online space. For traditional in-person programming af-

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How to protect older citizens from coronavirus

Dear Savvy Senior,
I'm concerned about my 80-year-old mother who's at high risk for coronavirus. She lives on her own about 100 miles from me, and I've been keeping close tabs on her since this whole pandemic started. What tips can you offer long-distance family members?

Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,

Because the elderly and people with chronic medical conditions are the most vulnerable to the new coronavirus, following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guideline of social distancing and staying home is critically important.

Here are some additional tips and recommendations from the CDC and public health specialists that can help keep your elderly mother safe and healthy while she's hunkering down at home until the pandemic passes.

• Know and follow the other CDC recommendations: Make sure you and your mom

know and practice the CDC recommendations for older adults and those with compromised health conditions. Some of their guidelines – like washing your hands and avoid touching your face – you're probably already familiar with, but there are many other recommendations and they're constantly changing. For the complete list visit [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/older-adults-and-medical-conditions) – click on "Older Adults & Medical Conditions."

• Have supplies on hand: Start by contacting your mom's healthcare provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand for a prolonged period of time. If she cannot get extra medications, consider using mail-order for medications so she can avoid going into a pharmacy. Also be sure you have over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies to treat fever and other symptoms.

• She should also have enough groceries and household items on hand so that she can stay at home for an

extended period of time. If she needs to restock supplies, there's online grocery delivery options like Amazon Fresh, Instacart, Peapod, Target and Walmart, and a growing number of stores including Walmart, Target, Whole Foods, Dollar General and many other that are offering early dedicated shopping times to vulnerable seniors to reduce their risk of being exposed to the virus.

• There are also home delivery meal programs that can help homebound seniors – see [MealsOnWheelsAmerica.org](https://www.MealsOnWheelsAmerica.org) to locate one in your mom's area. Or, check out companies like Silver Cuisine ([SilverCuisine.com](https://www.SilverCuisine.com)) or Mom's Meals ([MomsMeals.com](https://www.MomsMeals.com)) that deliver nutritious precooked meals to seniors that can be heated up in the microwave.

• Use technology: For many seniors, social distancing can also lead to social isolation and loneliness, which is a common problem in the older population. If your mom has a computer, tablet or smart-



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phone, she can stay connected to friends and relatives via video calls through Skype, Zoom or FaceTime, which is a safe alternative.

• If your mom isn't familiar or comfortable with mainstream technology there are other solutions like the GrandPad ([GrandPad.net](https://www.GrandPad.net)), which is a simplified 4G tablet designed for seniors 75 and older that allows one-touch video calls, email and much more.

• And for peace of mind, there are also check-in services like Snug ([SnugSafe.com](https://www.SnugSafe.com)) that send free daily check-ins to your mom's phone to confirm she's okay. And, will let you know if she

doesn't respond.

• Skip nonessential doctor's appointments: Most public health experts are also recommending that seniors at risk cancel nonessential doctor's appointments. If your mom has a condition that she feels should not be put off, see if a telemedicine session, which is now covered by Medicare would be an option.

• Talk to caregivers: If your mom uses a home health or home care service, that means a number of different aides may be coming through her door.

• Be sure you talk to the

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Senior Savvy

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agency she uses or her aides about hygiene. They should all be reminded to wash their hands or use hand gel sanitizer frequently. And any equipment they bring into your mom's home should be wiped down with disinfectant.

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

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Hospitals across Michigan and much of the nation are currently changing policies and procedures to combat COVID-19.

To limit traffic at the hospital and keep their staff and patients as safe as possible, MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena will be limiting non-emergent and out-patient surgeries. Ascension Michigan St. Joseph in Tawas is also deferring all elective procedures.

Chuck Sherwin, President of MidMichigan Medical Center Alpena, explained phone calls will be going out to patients scheduled for such surgeries to advise them of the cancellation. Anyone not receiving a phone call prior to their surgery date should call the hospital prior to coming in.

Sherwin said during a phone interview last Saturday that in their service community, which includes Alcona County, there are no confirmed positive test cases of COVID-19 but in the health care realm, they all believe they will see cases at some point. "Just how quickly and how many, we don't know," he said.

Also, to reduce traffic, hospitals are limiting visitors. At MidMichigan Alpena, Sherwin said each patient could have one person with them as long as they are not showing flu-like symptoms.

The hospital is still operating and accepting urgent and trauma patients. Staff are also performing procedures to rule out something significant for patients. "Anyone who doesn't need to be in the hospital, however, we are trying to keep home," Sherwin said.

He cautioned people who feel they may have flu symptoms to call their physician's office or the emergency department -- a phone call

should be made instead for information on how they should proceed.

"Of course, if you are so sick you can't breathe, we want you to come in. Anyone else should call their primary health physician or the hospital first," Sherwin said. People with severe breathing issues should call 911 immediately.

ent than normal for this time of year, which is typically a high traffic time for flu anyway.

Currently, there are four viruses heavily occurring right now, Influenza A, Influenza B, Strep throat and COVID-19. Most people who have not traveled, have not come into contact with a COVID-19 infected person or

"Of course, if you are so sick you can't breathe, we want you to come in. Anyone else should call their primary health physician or the hospital first."

Chuck Sherwin,
President

Mid-Michigan Medical Center, Alpena

He explained a mobile unit is in place near where the ambulances come into the hospital to triage people suspected of viral illnesses. The unit is comfortable and has the capability for doctors to video assess patients. Sherwin said all patients coming to triage will see a doctor and an assessment will be made.

He dispelled gossip he has heard in the community the hospital is turning away patients. "We do that every day of the year. If someone comes in and they are not sick enough to be admitted, we send them home with recommendations on how to get and stay healthy. We are sending patients home appropriately who should be at home in self-quarantine if they are not sick enough to be admitted," Sherwin said.

He explained 90 percent of people who come into the emergency department are sent home normally and during this time there is no difference. However, if someone is sent home and in three or four days become significantly worse, they need to call and, more than likely, return to the hospital.

Sherwin said their census on patient traffic is no differ-

have not been in large groups of people do not have COVID-19 and if they are sick it is most likely another form of the flu.

According to Sherwin if the patient is suspected to have come into contact with COVID-19 or shows other symptoms of the virus they will get tested, but most are swabbed first to see if they have another strain of influenza first. "If they have Influenza A or B they most likely do not have COVID-19. Most people in our region today would not have COVID-19," he said.

He cautioned everyone to stay home, do not travel, practice social distancing and use good hand hygiene. If an alcohol-based soap is unavailable, hot water and regular soap will work.

As far as supplies and morale at the hospital he said everything was running well and they have everything necessary but added the caveat "at this time." He warned the longer the virus goes on the longer the supplies and the staff will get taxed.

"We have to make sure we are taking care of our employees. If staff gets sick and

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District provides student support

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Despite school being canceled by state mandate to combat COVID-19, Alcona Community Schools continues to reach out to students and families to offer support in any way possible.

In a live feed video last Friday, Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor addressed students and parents about concerns many of them had. The interactive feed allowed students and parents to send their questions to O'Connor.

Most were concerned about missing so much school and if the days will be excused by the state. Others wanted to know what students can do at home while they are off, what dual-enrolled students need to do and what gradua-

tion will look like this year. O'Connor said he appreciated all who were hanging in there throughout this ordeal, especially essential workers. "It's been tough especially for those who need to work and students who need to do things from home. I don't think anyone saw this coming as quickly as it did, but we will try and make the best of it. There is still a lot we don't know and some challenging days ahead," O'Connor said.

As of last Friday, O'Connor was not sure if the state will forgive the first two weeks of the mandatory shutdowns for the schools or if those days will be tacked on to the end of the school year. "We have no answers on that and will try to get the information to you as we know it. There are a lot of balls in the air right now and we will have to be patient with the state on that," O'Connor said.

He explained the district is doing everything it can to provide food to students and that last week nearly 7,300 meals were delivered to students. O'Connor felt the effort to get the food to them was an amazing accomplishment and he thanked Nick Cordes, the school's food service director/business manager and Sarah Roe, lead cook for the middle/high school.

"They and our food service department have put in an unbelievable amount of time in preparing meals and different things. They have gone above and beyond the call of duty," O'Connor said.

He also praised the bus drivers who were on spot delivering the meals to students at their bus stops and was very happy about the good communication with the parents who called to add people to bus routes.

Breakfasts and lunches were sent again on Monday and will go out again on Thursday, March 26 with pick up between 4 and 6 p.m. One additional delivery is planned during spring break next week.

O'Connor did ask parents

if they have signed up for student food to please make sure the student or someone is available to pick up the food during the delivery time, "We understand these are uncharted waters but do the best you can," O'Connor said. Leftover meals were offered through a grab and go on Friday at the school and were available to any family with children zero to 18, no questions asked.

He had no information on whether the closure may last longer than anticipated and said they would adjust food deliveries if necessary. "We have to see what happens. We want to protect the staff and volunteers who have participated. It is important to keep them safe too," O'Connor said.

He explained there has been a lot of communication from families wanting academic resources while the children are off school. Communication from both elementary principals, Tim Lee and middle/high school principal, Edwin Barber, went out as well on Friday giving resources and guidelines to students. Lee sent a letter out to families of elementary students giving suggested activities to work on with students by grade.

He explained the activities are not required to be completed and were just suggestions on how easy it is to incorporate learning into a child's daily schedule. "We do not expect families to take the place of our instruction, but want to provide these so students can still exercise their mind and to continue to grow while at home," Lee said. Barber explained they are trying to plan should the closure remain in effect longer than the anticipated return of students on April 6. Surveys have been sent to all middle and high school students asking about their accessibility to the internet to see if that could be a viable tool to keep students on course.

Prom, graduation, spring sports are all uncertain.

Dual-enrollment classes are ongoing through the internet which has not been canceled. Barber asked for any dual-enrolled student having trouble following their courses via the internet to reach out for assistance. Dual-enrollment students may call the Alpena Community College helpline at (989) 358-7374 or contact Barber either by phone or email.

He also said students taking on-line courses currently, either for first time credit or credit recovery, should continue to do so and deadlines for that have not been extended. "It's important to keep working on that course work. Now is a great time to get those courses completed and by doing so the less stress

you will have at the end of the year taking final exams.

"We are here to help and support in any way we can. The biggest thing is to let us know what you need help with as we progress through these next few days. Hopefully, we will see everyone after spring break," Barber said.

Lee, Barber and O'Connor expressed their concerns and wishes for everyone to stay safe and healthy, which they said is truly the most important matter at hand.

To reach a principal, contact Tim Lee by email at Leet@alconaschools.net or Edwin Barber at Barbere@alconaschools.net. Dan O'Connor may be reached at Oconnord@alconaschools.net or call the administration office at (989) 736-6212.

(Editor's Note: After this story was filed, Gov. Whitmer extended the school cancellation until April 13.)



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Commissioners discuss emergency management during live-stream meeting

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners met last Wednesday with new interest and interaction from a live audience streaming the meeting through Zoom from their homes.

Commission Chairperson Craig Johnston explained it was an effort to offer social distancing during large meetings to combat the COVID-19 virus.

Johnston was optimistic and said if the live feed worked well, they may continue to do more board meetings that way so people could have access without having to leave their homes.

Much of the meeting pertained to what the county has done to stop the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses.

Alcona County Emergency Management Coordinator/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Scott Rice was at the meeting to inform the county on emergency measures in place.

Rice reminded everyone to stay calm and vigilant. "Stay home unless it is necessary to travel. If you go to the grocery store, purchase only what is necessary, please don't hoard supplies. Look after your neighbors, the elderly who may not have transportation or the means to get to a grocery store," Rice said.

He explained to commissioner's that EMS workers are screening more and are now wearing N95 masks. The N95 masks are designed to achieve a very close facial fit and are an efficient filtration of 95 percent of airborne particles.

EMS workers are also wearing goggles and gloves for every patient they meet. "We are doing more supportive care and less invasive care than we have done in the past to minimize the spread of potential viruses," Rice said.

Rice asked people to not call 911 just because they don't feel good with normal flu/cold symptoms. "Hospitals have asked we not bring in every single patient who has a cough or flu-like symptoms," Rice said.

According to Rice, most hospitals have opened isolation areas, tents, or mobile units outside of the hospital emergency department. If a patient meets the suspected criteria, they are taken to the isolation area first where hos-



Scott Rice, Alcona Emergency Management coordinator and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) director. Photos by Mary Weber.

pital staff can decide to either isolate, quarantine, move the patient into general treatment rooms at the hospital or send the patient home to recover.

"The hospital wants advance notice. They prefer people not just show up at the emergency room. The public should also not show up at the Alcona Health Center or their primary care doctor's office unannounced if they have flu-like symptoms. Make phone calls in advance to explain your symptoms and they will direct you on how to proceed. We don't want contamination to spread," Rice said.

EMS is decontaminating its ambulances and the station every day and so far has a good supply of cleaning products on hand. Rice was hop-

with Rice he said as of Saturday, March 21, 787 people in the state of Michigan have tested positive for COVID-19 and eight people have died. There have been no positive test cases in Alcona County as of that date.

Sheriff Scott Stephenson reported the jail is closed to the public and no prisoners are going out on work release programs. He is working on seeking the ability for prisoners to video chat with visitors.

Lenny Avery director of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners (ACCOA) reported on the pop-up food distribution to be held March 19 and March 26. ACCOA is expanding home-delivered meals to any senior over 60 who meets the qualifications. They are



Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) Executive Director Lenny Avery.

ing to get in a large order of additional personal protection equipment (PPE) supplies from the state this week including gloves, gowns, booties, headcovers, eye protection and hand sanitizer.

He has also asked the state for eight new purified airpower devices that would provide more protection than N95 masks, should there be an outbreak of COVID-19 in the community. Rice was unsure when the supplies would come in.

Rice mentioned Governor Gretchen Whitmer's concern for Temporary Enhancements to Operational Capacity and Efficiency of Health Care Facilities (temporary health care facilities) should they be necessary. Dan O'Connor, Superintendent of Alcona Community Schools, has offered a school as a temporary site and plans are in place to move forward, if necessary.

In a follow up interview

also reaching out to the senior population by phone to check on their well-being.


Avery asked Rice about the N95 respirator masks for his employees. Rice said they might not be able to get them because the masks are fitted to each person.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not recommend the general public wear N95 respirators and said the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure to the virus and use preventative actions such as hand washing.

The county commission building is closed to the public, but staff is still working and so far have been able to meet people in the lobby or set up appointments for people to enter the building. Drop boxes are to be placed in the front door lobby between the double-glass door entry area for people to drop off

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Youth serves as election inspector

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of their right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they can do this is by not voting."

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

A Caledonia Township youth who has never voted in an election and won't be of age to vote for another year worked as an election inspector for Alcona Township during the Presidential primary on March 10.

Courtney Winter, the 17-year-old daughter of Cindy Smith and Wayne Winter, said she got interested in government after attending the Washington DC Close-up trip she took with peers from Alcona High School last summer.

Through the trip Winter learned how government politics work on a higher level but was curious how it operated on a smaller township level, so she began attending Caledonia Township meetings.

"I like how they talked and

voted on different proposals and what they wanted to do. It's interesting to listen to their conversations. I also like how they invite the public to talk at their meetings. The public gets a say on what happens," Winter said.

Before showing up at 6:30 a.m. on election day March 10, Winter received training held at Alpena Community College where she learned how the voting process works, how to use the programs in place and what ballots were available to give people.

Alcona Township Clerk Dawn LaLonde said her training was excellent and Winter was an asset to the township. "She did an amazing job. The other election inspectors had nothing but praise for her and many voters commented on how wonderful it was to see a young person interested in the voting process," LaLonde said.

LaLonde explained this was the first election since some new mandates passed which included registering people to vote while polls are open. The



Courtney Winter

process includes entering the voter into an electronic poll book before they could receive a ballot.

"Since this was something Courtney had just been trained to do, she had the utmost confidence in performing the procedure. An advantage of having a younger person as an inspector is they grew up with technology and have no fear of screwing something up," LaLonde said.

Winter felt a lot of youth her age are not aware of their eligibility to be an election inspector. According to Michigan Gov.org, the first three inspectors appointed to serve on a precinct board must be 18 years of age or older; but any additional precinct inspectors appointed to the board may be 16 or 17 years of age.

LaLonde said before Winter, the average age for election workers in her township was 68. "I'm really going to throw those numbers off," Winters said.

"Younger people working in an election can help dispel myths concerning the election process. Courtney witnessed how, through the process, nothing is connected to the internet, which keeps the process secure and eliminates the chance of being hacked. She also helped process the absent voter ballots allowing her to understand how no election inspector can see how a voter cast their ballot. She was able to see the checks and balances in place when the polls close and how every ballot cast must be accounted for and tallied," LaLonde said.

Winter said learning the process will help her when it is time for her to vote. "I'll know exactly how the process works and how votes are tabulated. It's cool to see the process on how this is done," Winter said.

Winter doesn't plan to go into politics but said the knowledge will be helpful as she wants to be a teacher someday and this will give her firsthand experience to teach others.

Winter will be graduating from Alcona High School this year and has signed a letter of intent to Cornerstone University, a private Christian College in Grand Rapids, Mich., for her pole-vaulting skills.

To attend as an election inspector, Winter first had to get permission from Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor to take a day off school. O'Connor said the district was happy to have her participate. "She's a special stu-

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FFA maple syrup available

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Even though students are not in school, sap still runs and Alcona High School's FFA advisor wasn't going to let that go to waste.

Connor Hubbard said he was deeply saddened that the high school's annual FFA Maple Syrup Festival, scheduled for last Saturday, had to be canceled due to efforts to abate COVID-19. However, as long as there was syrup to be made, he was going to see it got done, despite not having any of his high school FFA students to help.

Hubbard composed a small band of about 10 volunteers from the school and community willing to collect the sap. Together they made and bottled about 146 gallons of syrup. Connor said during a normal school year the goal is to hit 150 gallons.

Hubbard and the volunteers held a drive-thru sale last Saturday with good results selling about \$2,000 dollars' worth of syrup. "It went really well, we sold half of what is normally sold at the festival. We were surprised at the turnout.

"This year was certainly frustrating and a bit sad. I

really look forward to working with the kids on this each year. I enjoy teaching them about the syrup and they enjoy it too. It's especially sad for the seniors who were looking forward to their last maple syrup season," Hubbard said.

Even though the syrup season didn't go as planned, Hubbard was very impressed in the community and those who stepped up to help.

"I had former students who were home from college come and help and staff at the school pitched in. Since we hadn't made the whole 150 gallons, I asked the college students if they still wanted to make more syrup or if they were ready to quit? They responded they weren't quitters," Hubbard said.

Drive-thru events have been put on hold, however, anyone interested in reserving maple syrup is encouraged to email ffa@alcona-schools.net and can pick up their order once the mandated "Stay Home Stay Safe" order is lifted.

The Sugar Shack is located on the northwest corner of district grounds west off Barlow Road, north of M-72 in Lincoln.



Despite having to cancel the annual Alcona High School FFA Maple Syrup Festival, FFA Advisor Connor Hubbard and several volunteers saw to it the syrup -- 146 gallons -- was made and ready for sale. *Courtesy photo.*



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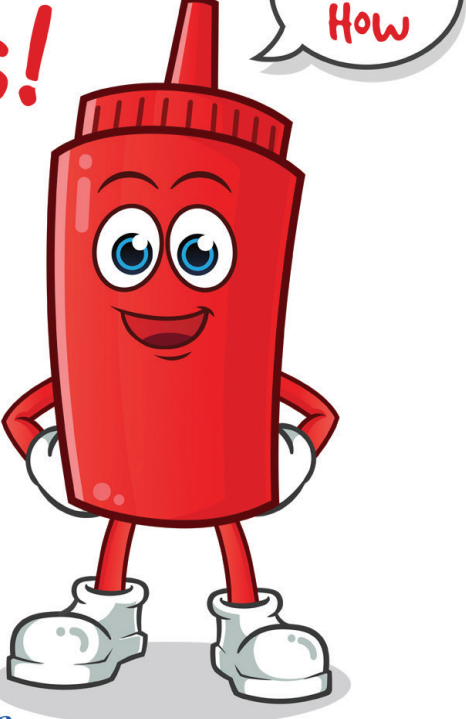
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Life and death go on amid COVID-19

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Life and death are certainties which go on every day, no matter what viruses are running amuck in society. The best anyone can do is try and stay as healthy as possible, avoid interaction with large groups of people and cope.

Nursing homes have closed their doors to the public to keep their already compromised residents safe. Hospitals are limiting visitors and allowing only one additional person to come in the hospital with an expectant mother while she is in labor and only one parent can stay with a sick child in the hospital.

For a few, however, coping brings on new dimensions of anguish when a loved one passes away. Families are left with big decisions on how their loved ones will be remembered if no one can or wants to attend a funeral because of

concerns about large crowds and possibly contracting COVID-19.

Sara Healy, owner of Gillies Funeral Home along with her husband, Aaron, said during this time they are leaving much of the matter of funerals up to the family's discretion, just like they always have.

"We haven't had to alter anything yet but we are in communication with our associations, the Michigan Funeral Director Association and the National Funeral Director Association, to prepare and possibly do live streaming of a funeral. We are not exempt from the Governors order of 50 people or less meeting, even if the funeral is held at a church," Healy said.

She explained churches were exempt from the 50 people or less meeting rule, but funerals do not count.

"We are prepared to keep funerals under 50 people and our chairs in the funeral home have been separated the recommended distance apart," Healy said.

She felt they were receiving excellent support from their national groups to provide support and said generally funeral directors are a tight group of professionals and all were working through the recommendations together.

Healy explained because currently most local commentaries are closed because the ground is frozen, many families this time of year opt for memorial or internment services to be held when weather improves. Still, they are willing to try and work around whatever instructions the departed left or the family wishes, while keeping within state mandates.

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can't work, it will impact our health system," Sherwin said.

"Everyone is a little nervous. This virus is more dangerous than the regular flu and incidents of death are higher, based on the strain. We are trying to remain calm. We see patients every day of the year with the flu. This is just a different strain. We are using precautions to keep our staff safe and healthy. So far we are doing okay."

Similar policies and procedures are being conducted at Ascension St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas. Visit a hospital website or call prior to visiting or having any procedure to find out possible cancellations or policies in place.

As of March 21, at 2:45 p.m. the Department of Health No. 2 reported Alcona County had five people tested for COVID-19; two tests showed negative results, three tests were pending. Iosco County tested 12, had

six negative tests and six pending. As of that day and time, no tests showed positive for COVID-19 in the four-county area.

For MidMichigan Medical Center call (989) 356-7390 or 356-7000. For Ascension St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas call (989) 362-9404. Alcona Health Center can be reached at (989) 736-8157.

Commissioners

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paperwork or checks.

To attend the commission meeting, which must be open to the public, people were asked to use the lower entry door to minimize foot traffic in the building and chairs were spaced apart in the meeting room. Additional cleaning and sanitizing of the building is being conducted.

Johnston said the commissioners have been neck-deep in measures to combat COVID-19 and they appreciate everyone's patience.

To get current accurate information on the virus, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus, CDC/Coronavirus or the Department of Health No. 2 at dhd2.org.

To stream the next commission meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, a link to download Zoom can be found on the county website alconacountymichigan.com. For county business, call (989) 724-9400.

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affected by social distancing recommendations, MSU Extension is modifying and transitioning this programming to a digital space. The Remote Learning and Resources online space is a one-stop-shop for MSU Extension's digital offerings and educational materials related to the current circumstances. Among the resources featured on the site are:

- A listing of all MSU Extension virtual events — from family yoga sessions to lunch-and-learns for equine enthusiasts.
- A collection of free educational resources for parents and caregivers to keep children engaged in learning throughout the school break.
- Online learning opportunities for adults who may want to continue their own lifelong learning.
- A series of resources to help individuals stay healthy and active during social distancing.
- A variety of educational articles related to topics such as dealing with family stress, talking to children about novel coronavirus and managing finances.

As the response to the novel coronavirus pandemic evolves, MSU Extension will continue to add and curate digital resources to support individuals, businesses, communities and families in these challenging times.

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Helen Burt celebrates 100th birthday

March 26, 1970 ~ By Alice Ann Sanders

Lincoln—Mrs. Helen Burt, 100 years old, Tuesday, March 31, is a member of one of the pioneer families of this area.

Living with a relative in Harrisville until five years ago, she now resides at the Lincoln Haven Rest Home, where she has lived since leaving Harrisville.

Her parents, the Robert Beevers, were married in England in 1844 where four of their 14 children were born.

In 1854 Beaver came to this country to establish a new home for his family, but before he could send for them in 1865, two of the children had died.

Beever, who lived with his family in West Bloomfield, New York, was one of the employees of Benjamin Harris, of that city, to accompany Harris to this area in Michigan, now known as Alcona County.

Harris, and his sons, Levi and Henry, all in the lumbering business, had previously purchased the Holden and Davidson power rights on a stream, later known as Mill Creek, which ran through what is now Harrisville.

When the Harris's, the Bea-

vers and other workman's families debarked in 1858 from the little steamer which had brought them up Lake Huron, they found nothing here but a vast cedar swamp.

The Harris men took over, the swamp was slashed, and a steam mill was built establishing the first large scale lumbering operations in this area.

When a post office, which was built mostly on a cedar swamp, became necessary, it was naturally called Harrisville with Levi Harris as postmaster.

The farm on which Mrs. Burt was born and on which she lived a great part of her life, was named a Centennial Farm about 10 years ago. It has since passed out of the family's hands.

Mrs. Burt's second husband, the late Probate Judge George W. Burt, died over 30 years ago.

Having no children, the couple raised a nephew, Jay Beever, son of Britt Beever.

Coming from a long lived family, Mrs. Burt's mother, who was known to everyone as Grandma Beever, lived to be 95.

A frail little English woman, she adapted to the rigors and hardships of the frontier life, and besides raising a large family of her own, assisted

Dr. Mitchell, pioneer physician, in the birth of many other children in the area.

Of this remarkable woman the editor of the Alcona County Herald wrote in January of 1942, "As a practical nurse she accompanied Dr. Mitchell on his trips into the woods, caring for his patients and often acting as unofficial physician, nurse and midwife."

"She continued her activities until long after she had reached the biblical span of three score years and ten, and many of the middle-aged residents of Harrisville and surrounding country were first spanked, bathed and rolled in a blanket by the efficient hands of Grandma Beever."

There was some confusion when it was discovered that Mrs. Burt's official birthday was March 31, as she had celebrated her birthday on July 23 for most of her life.

The confusion was cleared up when a daughter of a close friend of Mrs. Burt explained, "Oh yes, she knew she was born on March 31, but she just felt March was a cold, drab month in which to celebrate one's birthday, so she chose July 23, when, she said, 'it is warmer and much more pleasant.'"

Elmwood Inn to change hands on May 1st

March 22, 1945 ~ A deal was completed this week, where by the Elmwood Inn, owned and operated by John Haley, was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ritzenhein.

Mr. and Mrs. Ritzenhein have operated the Spruce Lodge on the East Bay of Hubbard Lake for the past three years, which they sold to Mr. and Mrs. Kriner in December. Before moving to Hubbard Lake, Mr. Ritzenhein owned and operated the Quality Commercial Printing Co. in Detroit, which he established himself in 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Ritzenhein have two children,

a daughter, who teaches in the Detroit schools, and a son, who is a lieutenant in the Navy.

Mr. Haley has owned the Elmwood Inn since 1936. In 1944 Mr. Haley started construction on a new building, and the basement was completed last fall. The building is 35 by 70, with a full sized basement.

Mr. Ritzenhein stated that he will complete the building at once, and will make it one of the finest and most modern bars in Northern Michigan.

He will take charge of the business on May 1st.

Weber elected village president at Lincoln

March 22, 1945 ~ Merrill Weber was officially determined winner in the Village election contest in Lincoln, Thursday, by the Board of Canvassers.

The election resulted in a tie-vote between Weber and Tom Wilhite, slip candidate. The report of the canvassers showed that two additional ballots were credited to Weber, that had been inadvertently misplaced, bringing the contest to a 65 - 63 vote.

Lease Greenbush Gravel Plant; begin operation

March 22, 1945 ~ J. H. Holmes of Lansing and Earl Lonsbury of East Tawas, have leased the Gravel Plant at Greenbush from the Michigan Gravel Company, and will begin operation of the plant this week under the name, Alcona Gravel and Supply Company.

Mr. Lonsbury is the proprietor of the Lonsbury Coal Co. in East Tawas. Mr. Holmes has resigned his positions Designing Engineer with the State Highway Department.

Now up to the voters of Harrisville city

Fish Hatchery Proposition to Be Determined at April Election

March 25, 1920 ~ The electors of Harrisville city will on April 5th take final steps in meeting the requirements of the Michigan Fish Commission to establish a state fish hatchery here. On that date they will vote to deed the city light plant lot and to pay for the deeding of the other lands wanted by Mrs. Stocking in exchange for her lands along Mill Creek, desired by the Fish Commission as a site for the hatchery.

Lest there are some who may not understand the situation thoroughly it may be well to state here that the \$701.06 to be paid Chris. Yockey for deeding certain lands to Mrs. Stocking, was paid out by him on behalf of the city to secure title to the lands wanted by Mrs. Stocking.

A good deal of machinery has to be put in motion to carry through a transfer of real estate when a municipality is one of the parties to the deal and the others are scattered to all parts of the country. It is now thought that all the necessary steps have been taken to place the matter properly and legally before the voters at the election to be held on April 5th.

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	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>		<u>Av. Wind Speed</u>	<u>High Speed</u>	
March 15	31	25	0.00	11.3	22	NE
March 16	35	28	0.00	9.5	23	SSW
March 17	44	26	0.00	3.2	21	N
March 18	34	24	0.00	4.8	22	S
March 19	37	27	0.21	3.3	18	NNE
March 20	42	21	0.13	4.3	26	N
March 21	23	15	0.00	8.4	31	NNE
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
2019-2020 Season						
	<u>Water Content</u>	<u>Snow Fall</u>	<u>Normal Water Content</u>			
Weekly Total	0.34	0.0	0.49			
March to Date	0.73	1.9	1.39			
Year/Season to Date	2.59	54.0	4.50			

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. **COMICS:** In which comic-book series was the character of Wendy the Good Little Witch introduced?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which is the flattest U.S. state?
3. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president installed the first telephone in the White House?
4. **LITERATURE:** Which attorney was introduced in the novel "The Case of the Velvet Claws"?
5. **HISTORY:** Who opened the first birth control clinic in the United States in 1916?
6. **SCIENCE:** Which element is graphite made entirely of?
7. **MOVIES:** Which movie featured the famous line, "I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse"?
8. **MUSIC:** Which two country stars released a 1978 song called "You're the Reason Our Kids Are Ugly"?
9. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the inn on the "Newhart" comedy series?
10. **MEASUREMENTS:** Ten inches of snow generally equal how many inches of rain?

Answers: 1. "Casper the Friendly Ghost"; 2. Florida; 3. Rutherford B. Hayes; 4. Perry Mason; 5. Margaret Sanger; 6. Carbon; 7. "The Godfather," Vito Corleone; 8. Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty; 9. The Stratford Inn; 10. 1 inch (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

LEGAL NOTICE

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 7.95 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

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

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.

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Larry H. Fisher and Janice L. Lincoln as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated November 14, 2007, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on November 20, 2007, in Liber 448 at pages 23-37, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$71,862.99, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

at 10 a.m., on 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.

The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Parcel of land in the northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at the northwest corner of the east 660 feet of the north 660 feet of said northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4, thence south 200 feet; thence east 200 feet; thence north 200 feet; thence west 200 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 4580 East Clark Road, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. Please be advised that the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 24, 2020 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street,
Bay City, Mich. 48708
(989) 893-9511
3-4, 3-11, 3-18, 3-25

Alcona County Circuit Court Case No. 19-3177-CH consolidated with Alcona County Circuit Court Case No. 18-3054-CH

Notice of Judicial Sale

The property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/deputy sheriff or county clerk/deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the Circuit Court for the County of Alcona, on the 29th of April, 2020, at 10 a.m., local time. On said day at said time, the following described property shall be sold: prop-

erty located in the township of Alcona, county of Alcona, State of Michigan, particularly described as Lots 18, 19 and 20 of Block 18, Lost Lake Woods. A recorded plat as found in Alcona County. More commonly known as: 4297 N. Poplar Road, Alcona Michigan.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of Notice: March 10, 2020
Published March 11, 2020 to March 16, 2020
Trott Law, P.C.
3-11, 3-18, 3-25, 4-1, 4-8, 4-15

Super Crossword

SOUL RESCUER

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Sop up</p> <p>7 Liquor</p> <p>14 Spins</p> <p>20 "Amen to that!"</p> <p>21 Actress Hudgens</p> <p>22 Abate</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>25 Batter's miss</p> <p>26 Do wrong</p> <p>27 Pol with a six-yr. post</p> <p>28 Me, to Michel</p> <p>29 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>31 Pinchpenny</p> <p>33 Sue Grafton's "— for Noose"</p> <p>35 Steak order</p> <p>36 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>42 Food holder</p> <p>46 Goddess with a cow's head</p> <p>47 McCartney of fashion</p> <p>48 Kailua Bay locale</p> <p>50 Scam</p> <p>51 Agree (with)</p> <p>54 "Yoo- —!" ("Hey!")</p> <p>55 Paintball need</p> <p>57 Circus clown — Kelly</p> <p>59 Riddle, part 4</p> | <p>63 Big-top star</p> <p>64 DiFranco of folk rock</p> <p>65 More spiteful</p> <p>66 "We need assistance!"</p> <p>69 Used a daggerlike weapon on</p> <p>73 B followers</p> <p>74 Wife of Mark Antony</p> <p>78 Consented to</p> <p>79 "Nick and —'s Infinite Playlist" (2008 film)</p> <p>83 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>89 Wasp variety</p> <p>90 Suffering</p> <p>91 Capote, to his buddies</p> <p>92 With 77-Down, does thorough research on</p> <p>94 Freezer trayful</p> <p>95 TV's Spelling</p> <p>97 Camera lens settings</p> <p>100 Exec's benefit</p> <p>101 Ohio tire city</p> <p>103 Riddle, part 6</p> <p>107 Sitarist Shankar</p> <p>109 Org. for teachers</p> <p>110 Coin toss call</p> | <p>111 End of the riddle</p> <p>115 Lucy of "Kill Bill: Vol. 1"</p> <p>118 — League college</p> <p>119 Toward a boat's back</p> <p>122 Makes glad</p> <p>123 Riddle's answer</p> <p>127 Declare under oath</p> <p>128 Source of licorice-flavored oil</p> <p>129 More prying</p> <p>130 Sports team letdowns</p> <p>131 Red — (many Republicans)</p> <p>132 Modus operandi</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 "Even — speak ..."</p> <p>2 Atom studier Niels</p> <p>3 Movie draw</p> <p>4 Meal leftover</p> <p>5 Putin's land</p> <p>6 Command</p> <p>7 "Law & Order: —"</p> <p>8 Hand part</p> <p>9 — -European languages</p> | <p>10 Another name for vitamin A</p> <p>11 Suffix with fool or owl</p> <p>12 Fearsome fly</p> <p>13 "Don't — didn't warn you!"</p> <p>14 Inventor Nikola</p> <p>15 Radiator hoses may lead to them</p> <p>16 Haifa's land</p> <p>17 Harness part</p> <p>18 Leia's twin</p> <p>19 Spurt out</p> <p>24 "No — to blame"</p> <p>30 "— little kindness"</p> <p>31 Capital of Oman</p> <p>32 Alternative to a 401(k) or a Keogh</p> <p>34 Envision</p> <p>36 [not my error]</p> <p>37 "Time — the essence"</p> <p>38 Rake part</p> <p>39 Inert element</p> <p>40 Pipe problem</p> <p>41 Ringing sound</p> <p>43 — acid (vinegar flavorer)</p> <p>44 Added (up)</p> <p>45 Not broken</p> | <p>49 Zeus' sister and wife</p> <p>52 Stage actress Hagen</p> <p>53 Pirate's quaff</p> <p>56 Syllabus segment</p> <p>58 Gym floor covering</p> <p>60 Put in a different sack</p> <p>61 Mortgage-issuing inst.</p> <p>62 Ewoks' forest moon</p> <p>66 "El Cid" co-star Loren</p> <p>67 Five — shadow</p> <p>68 Person eyeballing</p> <p>70 Pirate chant starter</p> <p>71 Artist Georgia</p> <p>72 Ultimately reach</p> <p>75 Author Rand</p> <p>76 From Hanoi</p> <p>77 See 92-Across</p> <p>80 Lightning —</p> <p>81 Heady drink</p> <p>82 "We need assistance!"</p> <p>84 Small branch</p> <p>85 Ending for major</p> | <p>86 Yankees slugger, to fans</p> <p>87 It's often preheated</p> <p>88 Nonflowering plant</p> <p>93 Sun setting</p> <p>96 Sortie, say</p> <p>98 Most musty</p> <p>99 Fishtank pest</p> <p>102 Speaks bombastically</p> <p>104 Recite ritually, as a spell</p> <p>105 Large sofas</p> <p>106 Air Force pilot, in slang</p> <p>108 Three-piece pieces</p> <p>111 Ringing sound</p> <p>112 Choir range</p> <p>113 Slum vermin</p> <p>114 "Pretty — pretty does"</p> <p>116 Notion, to Jean-Luc</p> <p>117 "Deutschland — alles"</p> <p>119 Landed (on)</p> <p>120 Cut and run</p> <p>121 Time in office</p> <p>124 By the agency of</p> <p>125 Football field units: Abbr.</p> <p>126 Letter for Superman</p> |
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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02

Blight Ordinance Township of Caledonia, County of Alcona, State of Michigan Ordains:

Ordinance No.: 2020-02
Adopted: March 11, 2020
Effective: April 24, 2020

An ordinance to prevent, reduce or eliminate blight or potential blight in the township; to provide penalties for the violation of said ordinance; to provide for assessment of the cost of said eliminating or remediating such blight; and to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith, including without limitation Ordinance 2005 - 001.

Section I - Purpose

Consistent with the letter and spirit of Act No. 344 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1945 (MCLA §§ 125.71 et seq.), as amended, and Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1949 (MCLA §§ 125.941 et seq.), as amended, it is the purpose of this article to prevent, reduce or eliminate blight or potential blight in the township by the prevention or elimination of certain environmental causes of blight or blighting factors which exist or which may in the future exist in the township, and to rehabilitate already blighted areas in the township.

Section II - Causes of blight or blighting factors

It is hereby determined that the following uses, structures, conditions and activities are causes of blight, or blighting factors which, if allowed to exist, will tend to result in blighting and undesirable neighborhoods, and which if alleviated or remedied will tend to rehabilitate already blighted areas. No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of these causes of blight or blighting upon any premises in the township owned, leased, rented or occupied by any such person:

1. In any area other than those having a valid junk yard permit or used car license, the storage upon any premises of junk automobiles is prohibited. For the purposes of this article, the term "junk automobiles" shall include any motor vehicle which is not licensed for use upon the high-

ways for a period in excess of 30 days, or which does not have license plates attached thereto, and shall also include, whether so licensed or not any motor vehicle that is inoperative for any reason for a period in excess of 30 days. "Junk automobiles" shall not include (i) motor homes, not to exceed one (1) per residence, if operable and registered within one (1) year of being brought upon the premises, and (2) race cars which are operable and used for recreational race purposes, and which are enclosed or otherwise shielded from view from any adjacent street within a garage or other enclosure, or under a tarp or similar cover.

2. In any area zoned for residential purposes, the storage upon any premises of any building materials or construction upon such premises and such materials are intended for use in connection with such construction. Building materials shall include but shall not be limited to lumber, bricks, concrete or cinder blocks, plumbing materials, electrical wiring or equipment, shingles, mortar, concrete or cement, nails, screws, fence posts and fencing material of either wood or metal or any other materials used in constructing any structure or fence.

3. In any area other than those having a valid junk yard permit, the storage or accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish or refuse of any kind, except domestic refuse stored in such manner as not to create a nuisance for a period not to exceed 15 days. The term "junk" shall include but shall not be limited to, parts of machinery or parts of motor vehicles, unused stoves or other appliances stored in the open, remnants of wood, metal or any other material or other cast-off material of any kind whatsoever whether or not the same could be put to any reasonable use.

4. In any area, the existence of any structure or part of a structure which because of fire, wind or other natural disaster, or physical deterioration is no longer habitable as a dwelling, nor useful for any other purpose for which it may have been intended.

5. In any area, the existence of any vacant dwelling, commercial

building, garage or other outbuilding unless the same are kept securely locked, with windows kept glazed or neatly boarded up, and otherwise protected to prevent entrance thereto by vandals or unauthorized members of the public. Provided, however, that the existence of any vacant boarded up building for a period in excess of six months shall be deemed to be a cause of blight or a blighting factor.

6. In any area, the existence of any partially completed structure unless such structure is in the course of construction in accordance with a valid and subsisting building permit issued by the Township, and unless such construction is completed within a reasonable time.

Section III - Enforcement and Violations

1. This article shall be enforced by the township zoning administrator, supervisor or by such other person as may be designated by the township board of trustees.

2. The owner, if known, and the occupant of any premises upon which any one or more of the causes of blight or blighting factors set forth in hereinabove is found to exist shall be notified in writing to remove and eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors from such premises within ten days after service of notice upon him. Such notice may be served personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the owner at the address shown on the latest township tax rolls, and to the occupant at the address of the premises involved. If the owner or occupant cannot be served personally or by certified mail, a copy of the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises and published once in the official newspaper of the township. Additional time may be granted by the enforcement officer where in his/her opinion bona fide efforts to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors are being made.

3. Failure of the owner and/or occupants to comply with such notice within the time set forth in the notice shall constitute a civil infraction, and shall be enforced, prosecuted and punishable in ac-

cordance with the Township Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance. 4. In the event the owner/occupant shall fail to comply with such notice aforesaid, and in addition to all other remedies provided herein or otherwise available at law or equity, the township may undertake the remediation of any or all of such blight or blighting factors, and the costs thereof shall constitute a lien on the subject real premises, which shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as other ad valorem taxes and assessments.

Section IV - Severability

The various parts, sections and clauses of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section V - Repealer

Any other township ordinance or provision thereof inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section VII - Effective date

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication. Following a public reading of the ordinance, and at a regular meeting of the board of trustees of the Township of Caledonia held on the 11th day of March, 2020, adopting of the foregoing Ordinance was moved by _____ and supported by _____.

Yes: No:

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2020-02 which was enacted by the board of trustees of the Township of Caledonia, Alcona County, at a regular/special meeting held on the 11th day of March, 2020. A copy or notice of same was published in the Alcona County Review on March 25, 2020. Ordinance can be viewed on the Caledonia Township website at www.caledoniatwp.net or by contacting the township clerk Kerry Scott at (989) 471-5377.

Kerry Scott, Clerk

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 ATT: Chad or
 P.O. BOX 130, Lincoln, MI 48742

ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Alcona Township's March board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Mead, and Bouchard. Motions to approve bills as presented; to approve the minutes from the previous meetings; to approve financial report; to close regular meeting and open budget hearing; to accept the 2020-2021 budget and to include the Truth in Taxation to collect the maximum allowed by the Headlee Amendment; to approve the 2020 General Appropriations Act Resolution; to close budget hearing and resume regular board meeting; to approve the purchase of Zoll Auto Pulse; to accept bid from Goyette for furnace at East Bay; to accept James Bolanowski, Joshua Geierbach and Amanda Geiersbach to the Alcona Township Fire Department; to continue with Stout Lawn Service for 2020; and to place fire and road renewal proposals on the primary ballot. All motions passed.

This synopsis published prior to board approval.
 Dawn LaLonde, Clerk

CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on March 9 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, Kaiser, Schwanz, Peterson, and Ferguson; city attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of February 10. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Peterson, support by Schwanz, to pay the bills in the amount of \$137,789.97. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Gehring updated council as to progress of playground project. In new business, mayor Gehring presented to council the request from Melrose Pyrotechnics to approve the request for a fireworks display permit for the Fourth of July fireworks to take place on Saturday, July 4 at the Harbor. Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson, to approve the request of Melrose Pyro-

technics for the state of Michigan fireworks display permit at the harbor on Saturday, July 4 and to authorize the mayor to sign the permit request. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring opened the general fund budget, 2020-2021 Truth and Taxation Hearing at 7:15 p.m. The treasurer and finance committee members reviewed the general fund budget, fire, liquor, equipment pool, major, minor streets with council for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Mayor Gehring announced, as part of the Truth and Taxation requirement, that the City of Harrisville would collect the maximum millage of 6.0032 mills for the general fund, as required by law. The meeting was opened to the public with no comments. The meeting was closed at 7:20 p.m. Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser, to approve the new general fund, fire, equipment pool, liquor, major and minor budgets, as presented to council, for fiscal year 2020-2021. Motion carried: 4-0. Mayor Gehring addressed the

balance of \$2,000 to Alcona Motors for the 2020 city truck. Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson, to pay Alcona Motors the additional sum of \$2,000 on the balance of the 2020 city truck. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed the current work being done on the bathroom in the fire hall. Mayor Gehring recommended to council the approval of Lane Schwanz to fill a vacancy on the planning commission. Motion by Schwanz, support by Ferguson, to approve Lane Schwanz as a member of the planning commission. Motion carried: 4-0.

Reports: Mayor Gehring has been in touch with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concerning the breakwall at the harbor. There are several ways to approach the repairs to the breakwall. One option would be to use matching funds with the Army Corps for work, another to get engineering protocols from the federal government for funding. The Corps will not be able to address the repairs to the breakwall until 2023

at the earliest.

Clerk Pierce reported the Presidential Primary is Tuesday, March 10. Poll hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Harbor commission report from Alderman Ferguson indicated that the ice is out of the harbor and the crew of the commercial fishing boat, the Norseman, is loading nets this week. Ferguson also reported on questions about the funding of the harbor. The harbor is self-funding and generates all its own revenue. All the work being done at the harbor for the past three years haQs come from state grants. A loan from the city of \$5,000 is used as startup money for the season and is paid back in a timely manner.

Airport Assistant Manager Higgins reported the state of Michigan will be conducting an airport obstruction report this October. This report is required for airport certification to remain open, free of obstructions. There will be no cost to the airport. Fire Department Assistant Chief

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

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

**Civil Infractions
Township of Caledonia
County of Alcona
State of Michigan
Ordains:**

**Ordinance No.:2020-1
Adopted: March 11, 2020
Effective: April 24, 2020**

An ordinance providing for the establishment of municipal civil infractions in the township of Caledonia, and for the process by which same will be administered and enforced; and amending various other township ordinances to render a violation thereof a civil infraction hereunder.

Section 1. Definitions:

a. Act means Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended by Act No. 12 of the Public Acts of 1994, being MCLA § 600.8701, et seq.

b. Authorized township official means the zoning administrator, any code enforcement officer, supervisor, township attorney, or other personnel or agent of the township (including without limitation officers of the Alcona County Sheriff's Office) authorized by this or any other township ordinance to issue municipal civil infraction citations or municipal civil infraction violation notices.

c. Bureau or Township Ordinance Violations Bureau means the municipal ordinance violations bureau established by this ordinance.

d. Municipal civil infraction means a violation of a provision of this or any other township ordinance for which the remedy and/or penalty is prescribed to be a civil fine, or other sanction other than a criminal penalty. A municipal civil infraction is not a lesser included offense of either a criminal offense or an ordinance violation that is not a civil infraction.

e. Municipal civil infraction citation means a written complaint or notice prepared by an authorized township official or court of proper jurisdiction directing a person to appear in said court regarding the alleged occurrence or existence of a municipal civil infraction violation by that person.

f. Municipal civil infraction determination means a determination that an individual accused of a civil infraction is responsible for a municipal civil infraction by one of the following:

- (1) An admission of responsibility for the municipal civil infraction.
- (2) An admission of responsibility for the municipal civil infraction, "with explanation."
- (3) A preponderance of the evidence at an informal hearing or formal hearing.
- (4) A default judgment for failing to appear at a scheduled appearance.

g. Municipal civil infraction violation notice means a written notice prepared by an authorized township official, directing a person to appear at the Township Ordinance Violations Bureau for the purpose of paying a civil fine and/or costs for a violation which is prescribed to be a municipal civil infraction.

h. Repeat offense means a determination of responsibility for a second or any subsequent municipal civil infraction with regard to the same ordinance provision, committed by the same person within any three-year period, unless some other period is specifically provided hereinbelow and/or with regard to a specific provision of a separate ordinance.

i. Responsible or responsibility means either an admission or a determination entered by a court or magistrate that a person is in violation of a provision of this or any other township ordinance prescribed to be a municipal civil infraction.

j. Violation means any act which is prohibited or made or declared to be unlawful or an offense under this or any other township ordinance, including affirmative acts as well as omissions and/or failures to act where the act is required by this or any other township ordinance.

Section 2. Commencement of municipal civil infraction action:

(a) Municipal civil infraction action may be commenced upon the issuance by an authorized township official, or a court official, of either of the following:

(1) A municipal civil infraction notice directing the alleged violator to appear at the Township Ordinance Violations Bureau.

(2) A municipal civil infraction citation directing the person alleged to be responsible to appear in court, either on a specified date or one to be noticed by the court.

Section 3. Issuance of Municipal Civil Infraction Citation; Contents; Service:

(a) Municipal civil infraction citations shall be issued and served by authorized township officials and/or the 81st District Court for the County of Alcona (or in the event of certain violations involving minors, the Alcona County Probate Court), substantially as follows:

(1) The time for appearance specified in a citation shall be within a reasonable time after the citation is issued.

(2) The place for appearance, whether the Township Ordinance Violations Bureau or 81st District Court, shall be specified in the citation and/or accompanying documentation.

(3) Each citation shall be numbered consecutively and shall be in a form approved by the state court administrator and in accordance with state law (See, MCLA § 600.8709). The original citation shall be filed with the appropriate district or probate court. Copies of the citations shall be retained by the township and issued to the alleged violator as provided by the act.

(4) A citation for a municipal civil infraction signed by an authorized township official shall be treated as made under oath if the violation alleged in the citation occurred in the presence of the official signing the same and if the citation contains the following statement immediately above the date and signature of the official: "I declare under the penalties of perjury that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief."

(5) An authorized township official who witnesses a person commit a municipal civil infraction shall prepare and subscribe, as soon as possible and as completely as possible, an original and required copies of a citation.

(b) The basis for issuance of a municipal civil infraction citation or notice shall be as set forth below:

(1) An authorized township official witnesses a person violate an ordinance, the violation of which is a municipal civil infraction.

(2) An authorized township official may issue a citation or notice to a person if, based upon investigation, the official has reasonable cause to believe that a person is responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

(3) An authorized township official may issue a citation or notice to a person if, based upon investigation of a complaint by someone who allegedly witnessed the person violate an ordinance, the official has reasonable cause to believe that the person is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and if the attorney for the township approves in writing the issuance of the citation or notice.

(c) A municipal ordinance citation and/or accompanying documentation shall contain the following:

- (1) the name and address of the alleged violator;
- (2) each municipal civil infraction alleged to have been violated;
- (3) the date, time and place when and where the alleged violator shall appear in court;
- (4) the telephone number of the court;
- (5) notice that the alleged violator may do one of the following:

(A) Admit responsibility for the municipal civil infraction by mail, in person, or by representation, on or before the time and at the place specified for appearance.

(B) Admit responsibility for the municipal civil infraction "with explanation" by mail, in person or by representation within the time and at the place specified for appearance.

(C) Deny responsibility for the municipal civil infraction by doing either of the following:

- (i) Appearing in person for an informal hearing before a judge or district court magistrate, without the opportunity of being represented by an attorney, unless a formal hearing before a judge is requested by the township or the alleged violator.
- (ii) Appearing in court for a formal hearing before a judge, with the opportunity of being represented by an attorney.

(6) further notice to the alleged violator of all of the following:

(A) That if the alleged violator desires to admit responsibility "with explanation" in person or by representation, the alleged violator must apply to the court in person, by mail, by telephone, or by

representation within the time specified for appearance and obtain a scheduled date and time for an appearance.

(B) That if the alleged violator desires to deny responsibility, the alleged violator must apply to the court in person, by mail, by telephone, or by representation within the time specified for appearance and obtain a scheduled date and time to appear for a hearing, unless a hearing date is specified on the citation.

(C) That a hearing shall be an informal hearing unless a formal hearing is requested by the alleged violator or the township.

(D) That at an informal hearing the alleged violator must appear in person before a judge or district court magistrate, without the opportunity of being represented by an attorney.

(E) That at a formal hearing the alleged violator must appear in person before a judge with the opportunity of being represented by an attorney.

(7) Further notice in boldfaced type that the failure of the alleged violator to appear within the time specified in the citation or at the time scheduled for a hearing or appearance is a misdemeanor and will result in entry of a default judgment against the alleged violator on the municipal civil infraction.

(d) Municipal civil infraction citations or notices shall be served in the following manner:

(1) Except as otherwise provided below, the authorized official shall personally serve a copy of the citation or notice upon the alleged violator.

(2) In a municipal civil infraction action involving the use or occupancy of land or a building or other structure, a copy of the citation or notice shall be personally served upon the alleged violator but may be served upon an owner or occupant of the land, building or structure by conspicuously posting the copy on the land or attaching the copy to the building or structure. In addition, a copy of the citation or notice shall be sent by first class mail to the owner of the land, building or structure at the owner's last known address as determined by the township tax rolls.

(3) A citation or notice served as provided in paragraph (2), above, for a violation involving the use or occupancy of land or a building or other structure, shall be processed in the same manner as a citation or notice served personally upon a defendant.

(4) If the municipal civil infraction action involves the use of a motor vehicle, boat or snowmobile, a copy of the citation does not need to be personally served upon the alleged violator, but may be served by attaching the copy to the motor vehicle, boat or snowmobile. In addition, a copy of the citation shall be sent by first-class mail to the registered owner of the motor vehicle, boat or snowmobile at the owner's last known address.

Section 4. Civil Infraction Violation Notice; Contents; Service; Failure to Admit Responsibility:

Unless the circumstances render it impracticable or futile, a civil infraction violation notice shall be issued and serve prior to issuance of a citation.

(a) Municipal civil infractions violation notices shall be issued by authorized township official(s), and upon the same grounds applicable to civil infraction citations under section 3 (b), above. (b) A municipal civil infraction violation notice shall be on a form approved by the state court administrator, if any, and shall contain the following:

- (1) the name and address of the alleged violator.
- (2) a statement of each alleged violation.
- (3) the date on or before which the alleged violator must appear at or contact the bureau for purposes of admitting or denying responsibility.
- (4) The amount of scheduled fines/costs for each alleged violation.
- (5) The address, telephone number and hours of operation of the bureau.
- (6) Notice that the alleged violator may do one of the following:

(A) Admit responsibility for the municipal civil infraction by mail, in person, or by representation, on or before the time specified for appearance as aforesaid.

(B) Admit responsibility for the municipal civil infraction "with explanation" by mail, in person, or by representation by the time specified for appearance as aforesaid.

(C) Deny responsibility for the municipal civil infraction by mail, in person, or by representation by the time specified for

appearance as aforesaid.

(c) A civil infraction violation notice shall be served in accordance with section 3 (d), above. (d) In the event the alleged violator served with a civil infraction violation notice shall fail to admit responsibility without explanation and/or pay the required fines/costs within the time set forth within the notice, the authorized township official shall cause a civil infraction citation to issue and proceed with judicial process pursuant to the act and section 3, above.

Section 5. Authorized Township Official:

(a) The township zoning administrator, supervisor and township attorney are authorized township officials. The township board of trustees (hereinafter "board" or "township board") is hereby authorized to appoint by motion or resolution any person or persons as authorized township official(s) for and upon such term or terms as may be designated in the motion or resolution for purposes of carrying out the duties and responsibilities specified in this ordinance and enforcing the provisions of this or any other ordinance, any violation of which is prescribed to be a municipal civil infraction. The board may further, by motion or resolution, remove any person from such office, in its discretion.

(b) Any authorized township official appointed pursuant to this ordinance is authorized to enforce all provisions of this and any other ordinance, whether or not any particular provision specifies or designates a different enforcing official. Where a particular officer is designated in any code provision, that officer's authority shall continue in full force and effect, and shall not be diminished or impaired by the terms of this section, and the authority of the authorized township official shall be in addition and supplementary to the authority granted to such other specific officer.

(c) The authorized township official's duties shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: investigation of ordinance violations; issuance and service of municipal ordinance violation notices and municipal civil infraction citations; appearance in court or other judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings in the administration of this ordinance.

Section 6. Establishment of Bureau:

(a) A Township Ordinance Violations Bureau (hereinafter referred to as the "bureau" is hereby established for the purpose of accepting admissions of responsibility for municipal civil infractions in response to municipal civil infraction violation notices.

(b) Payments made to the bureau shall be retained and accounted for as fines and costs, respectively, and shall be deposited in the general fund or such other funds as the township board may direct and established in conformity with applicable law.

(c) The bureau shall be located at the township hall as determined by the board, and shall be under the immediate supervision and control of the township clerk, or in the clerk's absence, the supervisor. hours of operation shall be established and posted by the board if other than the hours during which the township hall is otherwise open.

Section 7. Authority of Bureau:

(a) The bureau is authorized to accept payment of fines and costs in response to municipal civil infraction violation notices, and shall not be authorized to accept monies or admissions of responsibility in response to municipal civil infraction citations.

(b) The bureau shall not accept payment of a fine or costs from any person who denies having committed a municipal civil infraction charged in a municipal civil infraction violation notice.

(c) The bureau shall not have authority or jurisdiction to determine, or attempt to determine, the truth or falsity of any fact or matter relating to an alleged violation.

Section 8. Penalties for municipal civil infractions; Schedule of fines; Remedies not exclusive:

(a) The following civil fines shall apply in the event of a determination of responsibility for a municipal civil infraction, unless a different fine is specified in connection with a particular ordinance provision. The fines reflect whether the responsible party or parties admit(s) such responsibility, as well as the judicial process contemplated in the event responsibility is not admitted:

First offense within a three (3) year period \$100- \$250. Second offense within a three (3) year period \$500-\$1,000. Third offense within a three (3) year period \$1,000-\$2,000. Fourth or subsequent offense within a three (3) year period \$2,000-\$3,000. Unless specifically indicated to the contrary within the ordinance under which a violation is charged, each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed a separate offense, and of the same class as originally charged on the first date thereof (i.e., as a first, second, third, fourth or subsequent offense). For purposes of illustration only, if a condition or situation results in a first offense charge and continues for a ten (10) period, then each of those ten (10) days shall constitute a separate, first offense. (b) administrative costs; expenses of prosecution: In the event of a determination of responsibility without need for issuance of a civil infraction violation citation and/or judicial process, there shall be due, together with and in addition to payment of the above fines, an administrative fee in the amount of \$20. In the event of a determination of responsibility pursuant to a civil infraction citation and/or judicial process, there shall be due, together with payment of the above fines, the aforesaid administrative fee as well as the Township's administrative and other costs, fees and expenses incurred in the prosecution of said citation in an amount not to exceed \$500 per offense. Further, and in the event the violation involves the use of land, buildings or structures thereon, all of such fines, fees and expenses shall constitute a lien against such land and buildings/structures, and shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as ad valorem taxes if not paid in the manner provided by the judgment and statute, including without limitation MCL § 600.8731, as amended.

(c) Copies of the schedule of fines, as amended from time to time, shall be conspicuously posted at the bureau. (d) Remedies not exclusive. In addition to and/or in lieu of any processes and remedies provided for in this ordinance, the township may pursue any other legal or equitable proceedings, actions or remedies available, including without limitation circuit court actions for abatement/injunctive relief and/or self-help remedies provided by statute or separate ordinance.

Section 9. Designation of civil infractions:

In addition to any ordinance adopted hereinafter in which the specified penalty is a civil infraction, a violation of the following ordinance chapters, articles, provisions and/or sections, or any rule, regulation or order adopted or issued in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed to be a civil infraction which shall subject the violator to the provisions of this ordinance, and each such ordinance chapter, provision, section, rule and/or regulation is hereby amended accordingly: ORV Ordinance, No.: 09-03; Outdoor and Open Burning Ordinance, No.: 10-01; Cemetery Ordinance, No.: 13-001; Zoning Ordinance, No.: 14-01; Park Ordinance, No. 15-01, as amended Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance, No.: 19-01. Additional ordinances may be hereafter designated as civil infractions by resolution of the township board.

Section 10. Severability:

The various parts, sections and clauses of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. Effective Date:

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication following adoption.

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2020-01 which was enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Caledonia, Alcona County, at a regular/special meeting held on the 11 day of March, 2020. A copy or notice of same was published in the Alcona County Review on March 25, 2020. Ordinance can be viewed on the Caledonia Township website at www.caledoniatwp.net or by contacting the township clerk Kerry Scott at (989) 471-5377.

Kerry Scott, Clerk

Fighting a virus with truth and transparency

By Ken Paulson
Guest Columnist

As the scope and threat of the coronavirus pandemic becomes clear, people all over the world hunger for two things: an effective vaccine and truthful information about the disease.

The former may be more than a year away, but the latter is critical to stemming the pandemic in the meantime.

(Last week was) Sunshine Week, a time each year when people like me write columns about some legislature's wrong-headed move to limit access to public records, and then try to make the case for greater access to public information and transparency in government.

But we're facing something far more dangerous than any state legislature could con-

jure up. It's a worldwide crisis worsened by governments whose impulse is to hide, control and censor news and information.

When a Chinese doctor shared with his colleagues his concerns that a mysterious new virus might be emerging, he was reprimanded and silenced. The doctor, Li Wenliang, died last month of coronavirus. After China mishandled and hid the virus from the public, the epidemic dramatically worsened. The Chinese government "is now leading a sweeping campaign to purge the public sphere of dissent, censoring news reports, harassing citizen journalists and shutting down news sites," according to the New York Times.

Similar suppression has appeared in other nations, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. In Thailand, the prime minister has threatened to arrest journalists who publish "fake news" about the virus and Iran detained a journalist for posts

critical of the government's response, according to the CPJ.

But even a democracy is going to be tempted to manage the messaging, as the U.S. did by initially channeling the government's comments through a single spokesman - Vice President Mike Pence. That has improved significantly over the past week.

When the public is desperate for information, government needs to maximize authoritative information from scientists and experts on the public payroll. That appropriately gives Americans what they need to know, and counters irresponsible pundits who have sought to minimize the threat to score political or ratings points.

Most encouraging, though, has been the response of state and local governments, schools and the private sector. Governments at every level resist disclosure and scrutiny, but this has been a refreshing change, with lead-

ers saying: "Here's what we need to do, here's why we're doing it and here's how you can find out more."

Sports leagues and private businesses, not known for transparency, have been refreshingly transparent. There are a lot of institutions making tough decisions these days, but they're largely doing it in partnership with the American people.

More than anything, else, though, this crisis reminds us of how wise the first generation of Americans was in demanding a free press. Despite the inevitable accusations by some that the news media were "hyped" this threat, traditional media have been measured and thorough in their coverage, making the most of their on-air medical and scientific consultants.

Closer to home, local newspapers and broadcasters have devoted extensive resources to reporting how the virus will affect the communities they serve.

President Trump told the nation last week that "we are all in this together" and that's exactly what needs to happen: the government sharing what it knows truthfully and without spin or bravado, private and public institutions engaging constructively with America's most pressing challenge and news organizations keeping the public informed in a thorough and even-handed way.

In the end, science will prevail in curbing this virus. Yet the path to that victory can only emerge from true collaboration and collective sacrifice, fueled by a shared understanding of exactly what we're up against. That can only come from the free flow of information.

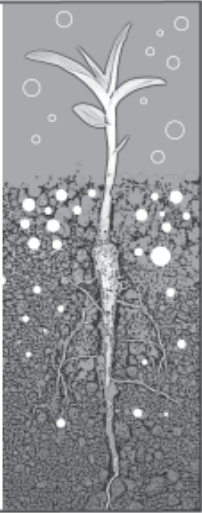
(Ken Paulson is the director of the Free Speech Center at Middle Tennessee State University.)

The Garden Bug

Soil nutrients

Plants require six primary nutrients: carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, and nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, which are found in soil. Nitrogen is needed for leaf growth and making plants greener. Phosphorus promotes root development and also increases bloom and fruit production. Potassium, also known as potash, helps the plant fight off diseases and withstand extreme temperatures and ward off disease.

- B. Weaver
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dent. It was an amazing experience for her to be able to join in on one of the most important processes we have in our country."

According to LaLonde, election inspectors must be certified to work elections and Alcona County Clerk Stephany Eller will be holding a training session to certify workers for the upcoming elections. The certificates are valid for two years. If a resident is interested in becoming an election inspector, LaLonde recommended they contact their city, village or township clerk and inquire if more help is needed.

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