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Barton City Fire Department expands fire hall

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A long-awaited dream is finally coming to fruition in Barton City with the expansion of the fire hall.

The \$400,000 to \$450,000 expansion is under construction and Barton City Fire Chief Rod Cordes hopes the project will be close to completion by this fall.

Funds covering the cost of construction came from a variety of sources including a township millage, fundraising efforts, donations and responsible budgeting to allow savings over the years to help cover the cost.

Cordes explained the building will have a two-story addition measuring 50 x 50 feet and an additional 72 x 8-foot enclosed ramp to allow the second story to be handicap accessible.

The most urgent need for the expansion was to have enough room for all the ma-

chines and equipment the fire department has. "We have equipment such as our rescue trailer stored in other locations because we simply do not have room here to store it. It will be nice to have all our equipment under one roof," Cordes said.

The fire hall will have a full kitchen, separate men's and women's restrooms, a shower area and an additional large fully functional meeting room for training. According to Cordes, the old portion of the fire hall will remain including the second level meeting room they currently use.

What the two large rooms will be used for has still not been completely defined by the township board, but Cordes thought it may be able to offer space as a public emergency shelter during power outages because the building will be fully operational with a generator.

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Barton City Fire Chief Rod Cordes stands in front of the three large bay door openings of the fire hall expansion.

Increase in COVID-19 cases sends students back to remote learning

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

With an uptick in COVID-19 cases both within the school and the community, Alcona Community Schools has decided to take a pause with face-to-face instruction and return students to remote learning.

All face-to-face (in-person) classes were suspended on Wednesday, April 8. Students were sent home with asynchronous work packets at the close of classes to complete at their own pace until remote learning, via the Internet, could begin Monday, April 12.

Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor hopes to resume face-to-face instruction on April 19 but said they are taking the return date day-by-day for the safety of students and staff.

"We meet with the District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) weekly, if not more, and in those conversations other neighboring districts also share their positivity rates, we talk about the epidemiology (of the virus) and local data. Over the last three weeks, the region started to see a rise in cases," O'Connor said.

According to O'Connor, in the last three weeks, five staff members and over a dozen students of Alcona Community Schools has tested positive for COVID-19 with new cases coming in daily.

During the week before spring break (March 29 through April 2), O'Connor said that despite a slight rise in cases, the consensus after talking with DHD2 was to remain open with face-to-face instruction. However, on the Friday before spring break another staff member tested positive, "endangering the edge of safety" and the school went remote for that day.

During spring break O'Connor remained in close communication with DHD2. They considered the data day by day and felt assured that 95 percent of the student body would be able to return to school, so they resumed in-person instruction on April 5.

Unfortunately, five families notified the school during that day to say they had either come into close contact with a positive case or had positive cases in their family. According to O'Connor, the school continued in-person instructions during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with

more additional cases coming in each day.

"Between those quarantines and other students and staff that had known close contact with positives in the community. It impacted not only the students and staff but our ability to operate. When the positivity rate in the community goes to 25 percent or higher, we just had no choice. It is not safe, efficient or effective to operate school," O'Connor said.

Even after the school closed on April 8, more new positive cases came in. O'Connor explained with two of the positive cases that came in last Friday, neither person even knows where they came in contact with the virus. The school is not allowed to discuss who has the virus according to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) laws that protect patient's privacy.

In talking with DHD2, O'Connor believes this new surge in cases may be a COVID-19 variant that has settled in the community and is spreading far easier than the original virus. It is also affecting many more children than the surge last October/November.

O'Connor said the 10-day pause is what is being recommended by DHD2, but they will be thinking seriously about going 14 days which is what the Center for Disease Control (CDC) quarantine rules recommend.

"We need to let this thing run its course and see how other communities are faring between now and the anticipated return day. With things

evolving so rapidly it doesn't do us any good to make a snap decision today," he said. A more definitive answer on when school will return will be made later this week.

Despite the school being closed for the week with no busses running, the school will still be open for learning labs from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30

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This male ruffed grouse is in all his glory as he struts in an attempt to attract a nearby female during spring mating season. Photo courtesy of Maggie Berch.



God Bless America



Obituaries

Jo Ann Stoinski

Jo Ann Stoinski, 84, of Lincoln passed away on Monday, April 5, 2021 in Clarkston, Mich.

Jo Ann was born in Chattaroy, W. Va. on August 31, 1936 to Ben and Aline Sammons. She was the oldest of seven children. For those that knew Joann her childhood mirrored the famous Loretta Lynn song, "Coal Miner's Daughter." Jo Ann believed that you make the best of what you have, work hard and support and love your family.

She moved to Lincoln in 1964 and for the next 54 years she touched the lives of many.

Jo Ann operated a day-care for many kids that would become her family forever. It was not uncommon to see children lined up on a picnic table enjoying ice cream cones or playing kickball in the yard.

She could always provide a laugh or two about all of them. For many, the smell of homemade cinnamon rolls or bread became a familiar smell that made you happy.

Jo Ann is survived by her children, Nancy (Ray) Thomas, Jimmy (Christine) Skuse, Jami (Walt) Reichert, and Jodi Bolam; three grandchildren, Matthew Thomas, Kyle (Lauren) Bolam and Shelby (Josh) Bolam; and four siblings,



Barbara Kohari, Naomi (James) Stollings, Benny Ray (Hazel) Sammons, and Lucy Pinson (Moses).

Joann is preceded in death by Bruno, her husband of 30 years and two sisters, Mary Lou May and Wilma Sammons.

Joann also has a special place in the hearts of her extended family, James (Jenel) Stoinski, Carol (Norm) Stoinski, Mark (Jess) Stoinski, David Stoinski, Tim Stoinski; and grandchildren, Matthew LaVigne Brandon LaVigne, Courtney Trudell, Ashley Stoinski, Kelsey Stoinski, Dillion Stoinski, Calista Stoinski, Derek Stoinski, Kent Stoinski, Gabriella Stoinski and Devin Stoinski.

A grave side service will be held at Twin Lakes Cemetery on Saturday, May 22. More details will be available at a future date.

Paid Obituary

Stephen D. Smith

Steve, 66, of Lincoln died March 5, 2021.

He was born October 14, 1954 in Tawas.

He retired from General Motors in 2002 and moved back to Alcona County.

Steve loved being outdoors. He enjoyed watching the wildlife, snowmobiling and riding his motorcycle.

He was a loving father, husband, brother, uncle and friend.



He will be dearly missed.

A memorial will be held in May.

Paid Obituary

Eleanor H. Quart

Born Eleanor Minnie Heidrich in Detroit, Mich. nearly 100 years ago, she lived a full life.

Eleanor was raised during the Great Depression, making her resourceful and resilient. Wanting to become a brain surgeon, she applied to John's Hopkins School of Medicine, only to be rejected, in their words, "because you are a woman." That led directly to her lifelong commitment to women's rights, justice, and equity. She sought to guarantee that her children and grandchildren did well in school and went to college.

While working at Lyon, Inc. in Detroit, she met the man who would become her husband. Her boss, Leonard A. Quart, was so taken by this smart, spirited beauty that they were married eight months later.

From their union of nineteen years, George, Ellen, and Larry were born. Eleanor loved her children, her grandchildren, her family, and friends. Some of her happiest moments were spent "up north" at the family farm in Glennie. She loved fishing, riding horses and walking in the woods.

An accomplished musician, Eleanor played the piano, violin, accordion, and harmonica, in addition to



being a terrific whistler!

With her husband, they shared a love of dogs, horses fishing, and dancing.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her two sisters, brother and her loving husband, Leonard.

She is survived by her children George (Susan), Ellen and Larry (Colette); six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Known for her warm smile, generous heart, and fun spirit, she will be missed.

Eleanor will be laid to rest in the Glennie Cemetery. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to the Mikado Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 55, Mikado, Mich. 48745, or the charity of your choice.

Remembrances and updates will be found at <https://www.forevermissd.com/eleanor-quart>.

Paid Obituary

Pop-up drop-off job fairs in northeast Michigan

With hundreds of jobs to fill across the region, employers are desperate to find workers, especially with the summer tourism season coming soon. At the Michigan Works! Pop-Up Job Fairs, job seekers can expect to find a variety of full-time, part-time, and seasonal openings.

In light of safety concerns, this year Michigan Works! spring job fairs will be drop-off only. Anyone looking for work can participate by staying in their car.

Michigan Works! staff will be set up outside to take applicant materials at the following locations/dates. Applicants must submit one clean copy of their resume and the completed "Job Interest Form" (there is a different form for each fair and the forms can be found at www.nemcworks.org/fairs.asp).

Michigan Works! staff will distribute copies of each individual's resume to all jobs selected on the form. (Note, Job Interest Forms for each fair location will be available online approximately one week prior to the scheduled fair.)

Job fair dates, times and locations are as follows:

- Alpena: Wednesday, April 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Alpena Michigan Works! Service Center, 315 W. Chisholm
- Grayling: Thursday, April 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Grayling Michigan Works! Service Center, 4595 Salling Drive.

Whether interested in a career change or just a summer job, these job fairs are an opportunity to apply to many positions all at one time. All fairs are open to the public and there is no cost to drop off materials.

Job seekers who want to stand out from their competition are welcome to call their local Michigan Works! office to help create their resume or for help printing their resume at (800) 285-WORK.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

A free Zumba class for adults will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All adults are welcome. For more information, contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

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

An Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry will be held at two locations - Alcona County Fairgrounds (854 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln) and Greenbush (5036 Campbell Street) from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call the Food Bank of Lincoln at (989) 334-3663 or email to: pantry@alconaseniors.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

A Senior Boot Camp will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This free class is for seniors only. For more information, contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

A gentle exercise class for seniors will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. This free class is for seniors only. For more information, contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

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"Give It" story and craft time will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 11 a.m. Children will receive an activity set and free book. Social distancing will be practiced. Seating is limited. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

A Senior Boot Camp will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This free class is for seniors only. For more information, contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

Craftomania! will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library in two sessions - 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2:30 p.m. The project for April is oil pastel cards. Seating is limited and for adults only. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 20

All seniors are welcome to play euchre at the Lincoln Senior Center (upper level, gym entrance), 207 Church Street, Lincoln from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Face masks are required.

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for April is "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine," by Gail Honeyman. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

A free Zumba class for adults will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center (gym entrance), 207 Church Street, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All adults are welcome. For more information, contact Jan Klein at (989) 295-0387 or by email: kleinjcf2134@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

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Friends of the Library will hold a book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796

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FRIDAY, APRIL 23

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

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Alcona County Library is requesting sealed bids for the clean-up and mowing of the Harrisville (312 W Main St) and Lincoln (330 Traverse Bay Rd) Branches. The contract will be for services for 2 years, from May 1, 2021 to-September 30, 2022; the bid price shall be made per cutting and per property. A copy of the contract may be found at the library's website: library.alcona.lib.mi.us. Successful bidders will be required to provide proof of \$1 million dollars of liability insurance. Sealed bids must be received by Friday April 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm; either by Mail or email Bids must clearly be marked "2021 Lawn Bid" (on the front of the envelope or in the subject line). And addressed to

Denise Bearre, Library Director
312 W Main St
Harrisville, MI 48740
director@alcona.lib.mi.us

Alcona County Library Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities in bids to accept any bids which, in the opinion of the Board, may be the most advantageous to the Board. 4/7 thru 4/21

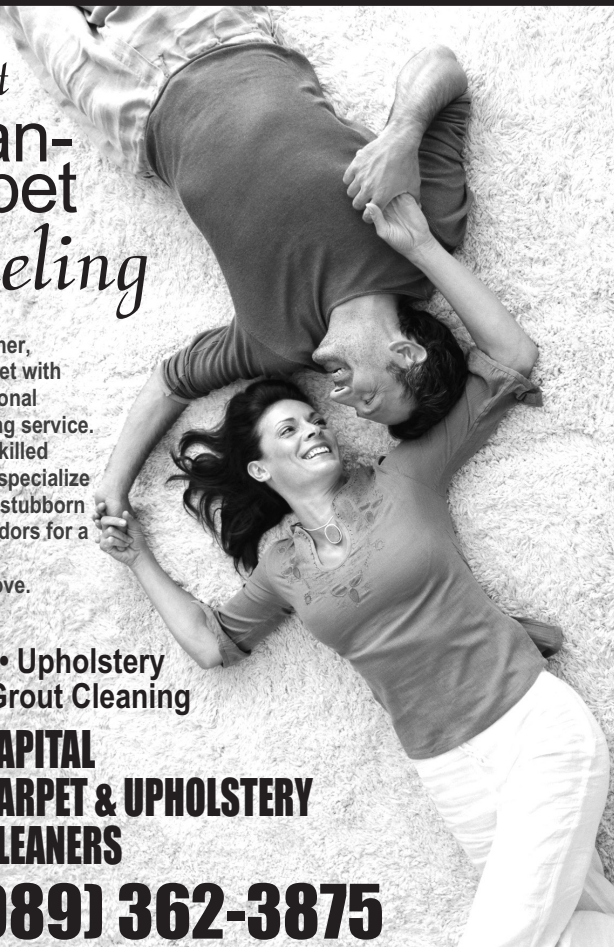
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INVITATION TO BID

**BIDS FOR NORTH SHORE HUBBARD LAKE PARK PROJECT,
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Sealed bids from Contractors for Boating Access Site Improvements at the Caledonia Township Park, Alcona County, MI will be received by R.S. Scott Associates, Inc, 405 River St., Alpena, MI 49707 until **2:00 PM local** time, Monday April 26th, 2021.

The Contractors may obtain plans and specs from the Engineer, R.S. Scott Associates, Inc., 405 River St, Alpena, MI 49707 Telephone: (989) 354-3178 at a cost of: \$50.00 per set.

Project is funded by the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program.

All Contractors and sub-contractors must comply with all requirements of 1976 PA 453 (Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act), the 1976 PA 220 (Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act), and Executive Directive 2019-09, as amended.

AIA Document A107 will be used for the contract.

All bids shall be made in accordance with Information for Bidders, Plans and Specifications. The right is reserved by Caledonia Township to accept any bids and to waive informalities in bidding when it is deemed to be in the interest of Caledonia Township.

Each bidder must deposit with their bid: Bank Draft, Certified Check, or Bid Bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid and payable to "Caledonia Township" The successful bidder will be required to furnish Performance Bonds, Labor and Material Bonds each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount.

Local Notes

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center. Reservations are required by noon each day by calling (989) 334-3470. No membership is required. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome. Masks are required to be worn in the building. Be sure to call ahead before going to the center.

- Monday, April 19 – Sweet and sour chicken, rice, California blend vegetables, pineapple, milk.
- Tuesday, April 20 – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk.
- Wednesday, April 21 – Fish, baked potato, mixed vegetables, peaches, bread, milk.
- Thursday, April 22 – Beef stew, biscuit, flavored apple sauce, milk.

Making Cards in Pastels

Craftomania, formerly known as Get Crafty, presents oil pastel cards with Teresa McCurdy at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Monday, April 19. There will be two sessions open for registration, 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2:30 p.m.) Participants will create several cards using oil pastels and stencils. All materials will be provided for a \$3 charge. Call (989) 724-6796 to register. Social distancing with mask-wearing will be practiced during the workshop.

Commemorative Eggs

Alcona Health Center was recently the recipient of a gift from the White House. The annual White House Easter Egg Roll was cancelled this year due to COVID-19. Instead, the Commemorative Eggs found their way to healthcare facilities around the nation, with Alcona Health Center in northern Michigan included.

Alcona Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center with locations in seven

counties throughout the region, serving patients from an area encompassing over 18,000 square miles. It serves over 30,000 patients on an annual basis and has been working with the Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, to get COVID-19 vaccines distributed to anyone in these rural communities who is eligible and wants the vaccine.



**Nancy Spencer, CEO
Alcona Health Center**

"It is such an honor for Alcona Health Center to be selected by President Biden and the First Lady to be the recipient of these commemorative eggs. Our staff has done such an amazing job throughout this pandemic. It has not been easy for them, but each step of the way they have risen to the challenge. I am proud of our team and happy that they are being recognized for their work through this gift from the White House," said Nancy Spencer, CEO for Alcona Health Center. "As COVID-19 cases are increasing again in the areas we serve, it can become difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The hope that comes with people getting vaccinated and through kind gestures like this, whether from government leaders or community members, really makes a difference."

Parent Talk Webinar Series

This free parenting workshop, authored by Thomas Haller and Chick Moorman, is designed to improve communication, and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This series is meant for parents of kids from toddlers to teenagers and will explore the following topics: Eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence, and developing character.

Classes will be held on Mondays, April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, and May 24, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This is a series class and participants must plan on attending all six weeks. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ParentTalk-April2021>. Participants have the option to attend and actively participate via computer, or an app on a tablet or smartphone. Attendees can also listen to the presentation via phone (by calling in), but active participation is not possible over the phone due

to the webinar format. Those who choose to call in must contact the instructor Courtney Aldrich, at aldric82@msu.edu for instructions on how to be eligible for a certificate.

Local Leader Scholarship

The Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Robert R. Robinson Scholarship offers financial assistance to today's students who are aspiring to future leadership roles in their community. Applications for this annual scholarship are being accepted now. The scholarship is designed to help Michigan students who are preparing for a career in public administration. Applicants must be a junior, senior or graduate student in a Michigan college or university.

The scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis, and applicants are considered on several factors including academic achievement, community involvement and commitment to local government administration. Requirements include: a letter of recommendation from a professor or instructor; a copy of a resolution of support from an MTA-member township board in good standing; and a short essay on an important issue facing local government.

"The Michigan Townships Association is proud to offer this annual scholarship to our leaders of tomorrow," said Harold Koviak, Burt Township (Cheboygan Co.) supervisor and a member of MTA's Robinson Scholarship Committee. "The scholarship is critical both to students in pursuit of their local government careers, and to all public officials as we work to encourage today's students to pursue a future in public service."

All applications are due by May 31. More information is available online at www.michigantownships.org/scholarship.asp, or by contacting MTA at (517) 321-6467.

top ten

CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES*

1. United States
2. Russia
3. China
4. India
5. Japan
6. South Korea
7. France
8. United Kingdom
9. Brazil
10. Pakistan

*Largest Christian population
Source: Pew Research Center



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Superintendent reaches out via live Internet feed

By **Mary Weber**
Staff Writer

To better communicate to parents and students about the school district's transfer to remote learning for the week, Alcona Community Schools superintendent reached out via a live Facebook feed last week.

Superintendent Dan O'Connor started by reminding all viewers that the school was not closed for the remainder of the year but just pausing to keep everyone as safe as possible. "We are dealing with some tough circumstances. We had a rough two- or three-weeks last November and December. We are at a point (again) where we needed to pause," he said.

He explained students are responsible to attend school remotely and that any asynchronous work assigned would need to be turned in when school resumes.

O'Connor told viewers although the school building was closed to classes, some special education students, college students, and students attending work labs would be allowed into the school.

Outdoor athletic practice would continue for the week, but athletes must be tested for the virus before meeting for practice. "I want to remind everyone that COVID-19 testing was not a decision made by the school. This is a mandate directive by the

Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the state," he said.

O'Connor mentioned, keeping their identity private, that a few of the school's athletes felt testing was unnecessary or perhaps too invasive and decided to withdraw from sports rather than be tested. He respectfully urged them to reconsider so they would not miss out on being part of the team. He reiterated that no one can participate in sports at any Michigan public school without being tested and that the rapid test used was as non-invasive as possible.

During the live feed, some parents responded the district was not realistic in the amount of positive COVID-19 cases it has had and wanted better clarification.

O'Connor assured them the school is mandated by the state to give accurate information and be as transparent as possible about the number of positive cases the school has had. He reminded parents a running total of cases since the beginning of the school year is located on their website at alcona-schools.net under the menu option, "About Us"; COVID-19 information and help forms.

"When a positive (COVID-19) case is reported to the school we are mandated to report it to all stakeholders. Communication via a variety

of methods is sent out as soon as possible," O'Connor said.

O'Connor told the Alcona Review that between general correspondence normally sent this time of year, the number of COVID-19 alerts and conversations about remote learning, the school had sent well over 20 pieces of communications out in just one week. He felt when that much information is sent, things may be easily missed or misunderstood.

He commended his food service and support staff for going above and beyond in all they have done to keep the service going and hoped the community would reach out and thank them as well. "We were battling some COVID-19 issues before spring break but the desire to keep us face-to-face while we worked through it was incredible," he said.

O'Connor said that most schools with staff challenges like they endured might have elected to go remote earlier. "We knew it was important to keep students going face-to-face and we fought through it safely, for as long as we could," he said.

He also thanked parents, students and the teaching staff for their patience in getting through this trying year. He urged continued communication on any positive COVID cases students or staff may have been exposed to in order to make future safe decisions.

NOTICE

The Harrisville Township has an opening for a Zoning Administrator. Interested citizens should submit a letter of interest to Harrisville Township Clerk, PO Box 565, Harrisville MI 48740 by Friday, April 23, 2021. For more information concerning this position contact Supervisor Chad Spitznagel at 989-335-1960.

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OSCODA-WURTSMITH AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING CANCELLATION

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p.m. for students who need additional support and some special education students will still be attending school. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Students enrolled in college courses may also come into the building for their college classes, but should check with their professors for instruction on whether the class will be taught face-to-face or not.

All athletic competitions have been paused for the week, however, outdoor athletics such as track, golf, softball and baseball met for practice April 12. As implemented earlier in the month by state and Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), athletes must be tested for the virus before participation. No indoor sports practices will meet.

In a news brief held by Governor Gretchen Whitmer last Friday, she asked all Michigan schools to consider taking a two-week pause of in-person school instruction including youth sports.

"It was not a mandated forced pause; it was a suggestion, which is different than past health orders. The suggestion makes it even more challenging for schools. There are pros and cons. The pros are we have been given local control using local data on how to move forward, but there are a lot of cons with that because it takes a lot of responsibility to make these decisions.

"Every district is dealing with a little different situation with COVID-19 right now. Oscoda and Alpena are

doing okay, but Tawas, Posen, and Atlanta are in the same boat we are. It's all over the map.

"As a parent with two young children, I highly sympathize with the dynamics involved trying to work while supporting students at home. It's extremely frustrating because this the time of year when students would typically be making the most growth," O'Connor said.

This is also the week the district would have begun state testing for the Michigan Student Test of Education Progress (MSTEP), the Scholastic Assessment Test, (SAT), and the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT). All of these tests have been postponed until later in the month or possibly May.

O'Connor said no plans have been changed for graduation this year and that the district was taking things week by week to see how the year finishes.

The district is working with Alcona Health Center (AHC) and DHD2 to help register students 16 and up for COVID-19 vaccination with a link on the school website of <http://bit.ly/2ZL2ac9>.

Students and parents with concerns or questions or to report a student positive case or exposure, may call the school. O'Connor and the district office may be reached at (989) 736-6212; high school, at (989) 736-8534; elementary school, at (989) 736-7031. For technical support with chrome books, hot spots or other technical issues call the district office or (989) 736-5000.

We would like to take this time to give a BIG THANK YOU to all area businesses and private individuals that donated, participated and volunteered in the 12th Annual Alcona County Easter Egg Hunt in Lincoln.

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Because of each one of you wonderful and caring Businesses and individuals you made it possible for the Egg Hunt to Continue for the children of Alcona County. We had an incredible Easter Egg Hunt for the Children, 145 Children turned out for our event. We gave away 20 bikes, 5 age groups four bikes per age group two boy and two girl, four safety helmets were donated by Fick and Son, and we gave away 16 gift certificates for the rest of the helmets to be purchase by the winners. We had 9 bikes donated. Individuals that donated bikes were the AAACU, Melvin and Casie Phinney and Tommy and Amber Lawuers, thank you again! We thank you so much for supporting this wonderful event. Winners of the bikes were:

Age 0-2	Age 3-4	Age 5-6	Age 7-8	Age 9-11
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Hazel Lafeldt	Abigail Morgan	Chloe Slater	Courtney Bellanger	Jasmine Vontintel

This year was a new normal, we had to work with the Health Dept. to make sure all safety measures were taken because of Covid. We thank all the public and families for practicing face mask and social distancing. It made me so happy to see this and be able to hold this event safely.

A huge Thank you goes out to Warren MacNeill that helped us get all the picnic tables together and social distance all of them for safe seating. You are the best! Thank you again Warren.

As we have told you before, we are very proud to belong to such a caring and generous community, without you we would not have been able to put on such a successful event. Just the smiles on all of the children's faces said it all; they enjoyed visiting with the Easter Bunny as he stopped in to visit at our event. A Big Thank you also goes out to those individuals that volunteered their time to help at this event, and to our families who are always so supportive, we could not have done it without all of you.

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The search for Michigan's ghost cat

There have been stories on Facebook and on other social media platforms.

Tantalizing and captivating claims from across Michigan: Cougars seen wandering backyards in the suburbs around Detroit, black panthers skulking through farm fields and attacks all over the

state on pets and livestock.

But what's the truth about mountain lions in Michigan?

How many are there? Where are they? And how worried should residents and visitors be?

Cougars, also called mountain lions or pumas, are native to Michigan and would

ceived specialized training in how to identify cougars from photos, as well as from tracks, scat and other physical evidence they may leave behind," Roell said. "It's important that we're able to identify these animals correctly, not just for conservation purposes but also so that residents can be



A cougar is captured by a trail camera at a deer baiting site in Mackinac County. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

Fire hall

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"Things are about to change on a state level with training, so this will offer a good location for that. The sheriff's department also uses our meeting room when they need it. The nice thing is that this build will give us options to adjust and use the rooms as needed for many years into the future.

"The people here have been very supportive of the fire department and we appreciate that. This is exciting for the whole community. It is a little difficult trying to get our job done while the construction is going on, but it will be nice when we are finished and can have the public in for an open house," Cordes said.

Contractors for the project are William Cordes, General Contractor, Omega Electric and Goyette Mechanical for plumbing. Volunteers have also been pitching in to help.

The Barton City fire department operates with a volunteer staff of 12. Cordes, a lifelong resident of Alcona County, has been with the department since 1978 and fire chief since 1983.

have been found prior to European colonization of the region. Early European settlers, however, saw the cat as a threat to them and their livestock, as well as a competitor for venison and other wild game.

Consequently, by the late 1800s, cougars were almost eliminated from the eastern United States, driven by these fears. Wholesale logging of the forests the cougars called home also played a role, as waves of settlement converted much of the state to farmland.

Many states and the federal government created bounties, money paid to people to kill cougars and other predators, with the goal of erasing them from the landscape. These efforts worked so well that cougars were eliminated from Michigan by the early 20th century.

While memories of these big cats persisted in communities across the state, trying to find physical evidence to support reported sightings proved to be a bit like chasing a ghost. When evidence was collected at the scene of a reported cougar sighting, like photographs, the culprit was often found to be something other than a mountain lion.

These would-be cougars were actually animals as mundane as a large housecat seen from an angle that made it appear much larger or as unusual and exotic as an escaped pet serval – a large wild cat from Africa that's definitely not legal to keep as a pet in Michigan.

As reported sightings became more common, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) created a "cougar team" in 2008 to review reports of cougars and to try to verify them.

Brian Roell, a DNR wildlife biologist at Marquette, takes the mission of the cougar team very seriously. "The team is made up of wildlife biologists for the DNR who have re-

informed about the wildlife living around them and take commonsense precautions."

Over the 13 years since the formation of the cougar team, its members have met weekly to review reports with supporting evidence submitted to the DNR.

If the evidence appears to have come from a cougar, DNR staffers will follow up with a site visit. This helps the biologists verify that photos haven't been faked or reported from false locations. The visits also let the biologists measure trees and other objects to help estimate the size of animals in photos submitted with reports.

Sometimes, the team members even use a life-sized, cardboard cougar silhouette to try to recreate the photo to help arrive at a correct identification.

So far, their hard work has verified 65 cougar reports in Michigan. "We don't think these are all different cougars," Roell said. "Many of these reports include photos from trail cameras, and it's very likely that the same cat is being spotted in different places as it moves through the forest."

What does this say about how many cougars are in Michigan?

"There's no evidence of a breeding population here – no signs of kittens in any verified report, and all of the animals where we've been able to determine their sex have been male," said Kristie Sitar, DNR wildlife biologist at Newberry.

Sitar said some DNA studies have been conducted on the cougars found here, using evidence collected from verified reports or a cougar poached in Schoolcraft County several years ago. This testing has shown the animals being reported in Michigan have traced back to a population found in South

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Alcona County native DNR C.O. saves life of accidental gunshot victim

A Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officer used a tourniquet to stop blood loss from a 22-year-old Scottville, Mich. man, who is recovering in an area hospital from an accidental, self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The shooting occurred Sunday morning on U.S. Forest Service-managed land that is available for target shooting, east of Manistee, Mich. in Manistee County.

Conservation Officer Scott MacNeill—the first emergency responder on scene, spoke with the thankful man on Monday morning. To respect the man’s medical privacy, the DNR is not releasing his name.

According to MacNeill, the man told him: “Your tourniquet saved my life. If I had to wait for EMS I don’t know what I would have done.”

The man used his cellphone to call 911 after he accidentally discharged a bullet from his .40 caliber Smith and Wesson Bodyguard pistol into his left leg. Manistee County Sheriff’s Office deputies received the initial call and communicated the incident to local emergency responders at 11:49 a.m.

Three minutes later, MacNeill arrived at the federal shooting area located east of Manistee in Norman Township, on the west side of Udell Hills Road, south of Steinberg Road. He located the man alone, sitting in the driver’s seat of a pickup truck surrounded by blood. The man displayed initial symptoms of shock and was plugging the wound with his finger to slow the blood loss from his swollen and discolored leg.

Evaluating where the bullet entered the leg, MacNeill could not locate an exit wound and suspected the man had possible arterial bleeding under the skin that was filling his lower leg with blood.

MacNeill applied his department-issued tourniquet to the man’s thigh, which immediately slowed the loss of blood. Once the tourniquet was secure, MacNeill advised the man to remove his finger from the wound, which had successfully stopped bleeding.

While waiting for additional medical assistance to arrive, MacNeill continued caring for the man who was in shock. MacNeill kept the man stabilized in an upright position, while he established a calm conversation.

The man told MacNeill that after he loaded the firearm at the rear of his truck, he put the firearm in the front, left pocket of his shorts, at which point, the firearm discharged.

At noon, Norman Township Fire and EMS personnel arrived on the scene and transported the man to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich.

Per the man’s request, MacNeill unloaded, cased and safely stowed the firearm, secured the vehicle, and returned the keys to the man, who asked a relative to drive his vehicle home.

“We are thankful to hear that as of this morning, a young man is recovering in the hospital after an accidental gunshot wound,” said Chief Gary Hagler, DNR Law Enforcement Division. “Conservation Officer Scott



Scott MacNeill

MacNeill was patrolling nearby and immediately responded to the federal property where he delivered life-saving first-aid and established a calm and trusting rapport with the man. This is a strong reminder to always practice the highest level of firearm safety.”

MacNeill has been a conservation officer since 2016 and patrols Manistee County. He was born and raised in Alcona County. He is the son of Warren and Judy MacNeill of Harrisville and the grandson of Glen and Janice MacNeill of Lincoln.

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Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska.

“These are likely young male cougars looking for areas far from home where they can find mates and establish their own territories, and they just keep moving when they don’t find any female cougars,” Sitar said.

Roell explained that all but one of the verified cougar sightings the team has reviewed have been from the Upper Peninsula. Chances of seeing one in the Lower Peninsula are extremely low. Like with most wildlife, her said, there are some simple preventative steps that can be taken to make a home less attractive to cougars.

Roell recommended removing sources of food, shelter and safety. For cougars, this means not letting pets roam outside alone, providing shelter for livestock, not feeding wildlife, removing landscaping that provides shrubby cover for animals to hide in near buildings and installing outside lighting with motion detectors.

Anyone who may encounter a cougar when they are outdoors, their best bet is to try to appear too dangerous to tangle with: don’t turn your back on the animal, look as large as possible by standing

tall and waving your arms, and talking loudly. Never run from a cougar, just move away slowly. If attacked, fight back and never play dead. Remember that the likelihood of seeing a cougar in Michigan is extremely low, and the likelihood of an attack is even lower.

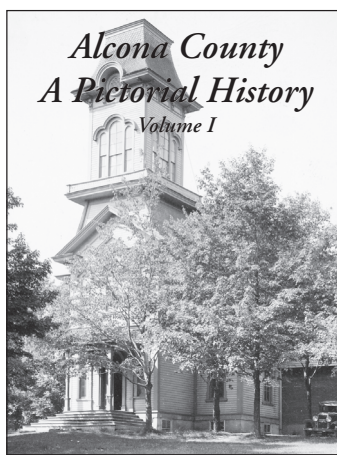
“These cats are very rare in Michigan,” said Pete Kailing, a DNR wildlife biologist in Paris. “Much of the data we’ve been able to gather so far is thanks to the willingness of Michiganders to share their photos and other evidence with us.”

Anyone interested in learning more about cougars in Michigan, Kailing suggested starting at Michigan.gov/Cougars, where there are tips on how to tell if the animal seen is a cougar, how to report a cougar sighting and the current status on where cougars have been confirmed in Michigan.

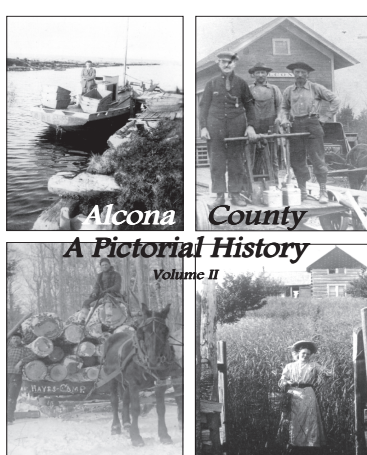
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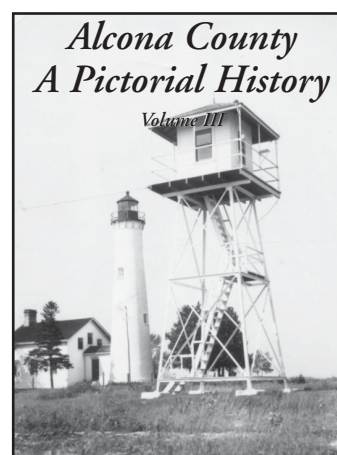
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How to help an elderly parent with their finances

Dear Savvy Senior,
What tips can you offer on helping an elderly parent with their finances? My 84-year-old father is having trouble keeping up with his bills and insurance, and I just found out that he's been making

contributions to a suspicious charity.
Reluctant Daughter
Dear Reluctant,
Many adult children serve as financial helpers to their elderly or ill parents. They

provide services like paying bills, handling deposits and investments, filing insurance claims, preparing taxes and more.
Here are some tips and resources that can help you help your dad.



Savvy Senior

Start with a Conversation

Taking on the task of helping an elderly parent with their finances can be a sensitive and difficult topic. The first step in helping your dad is to have a respectful talk with him expressing your concerns, as you stated in your question, and offering to help him with his financial chores. If you have siblings, it can be a good idea to get them involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your dad will know everyone is concerned.

Get Organized

If your dad is willing to let you help manage, monitor or take over his financial affairs your first order of business is to get organized by making a list of his financial accounts

and other important information. Your list should include his:

- Contact list: Names and numbers of key contacts like insurance agents, financial advisor, tax preparer, family attorney, etc.
- Monthly bills: Phone, cable, water and trash, gas, electric, credit card accounts, etc.
- Financial accounts: Including bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, safe-deposit boxes and any other financial assets he has. Also get usernames and passwords for financial accounts that are set up online.
- Company benefits: Any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from his cur-

- rent or former employer.
- Insurance policies: Life, home, auto, long-term care, Medicare, etc.
- Taxes: Copies of your dad's income tax returns over the past few years.

Locate Important Documents

This is also the ideal time to find out if your dad has the following essential legal documents: A will; an advance directive that includes a living will and health-care proxy, which allows you or another family member or friend to make medical decisions on his behalf if he becomes incapacitated; and a durable power of attorney, which gives you or a designated person similar legal authority for financial decisions, if needed.

If he doesn't have these important documents prepared, now is the time to do it. And if they are prepared, make sure they're updated, and you know where they're located.

Simplify Financial Tasks

The quickest way to help your dad simplify his monthly financial chores is to set up automatic payments for his utilities and other routine bills and arrange for direct deposit of his income sources.

If your dad has savings and investments scattered in many different accounts, you should consider consolidating them. You can also set up your dad's bank system and investment accounts online, so you can pay bills and monitor his accounts anytime.

Set Up Protections

To guard against scams and risky financial behaviors, consider getting your dad a True Link Visa Prepaid Card (TrueLinkFinancial.com/card). Designed for older adults with cognitive issues this card would provide your dad access to his money but with restrictions that you set on how funds can be spent. Or check out EverSafe.com, a web-based service that will automatically monitor your dad's accounts, track suspicious activity and alert you when a problem is detected.

Seek Help

If you need help or live far away, consider hiring a daily money manager (see AADMM.com) who can come in once or twice a month to pay bills, make deposits, decipher health insurance statements and balance his checkbook. Fees range between \$60 and \$150 per hour.
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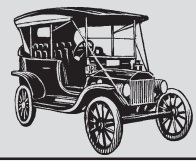
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Haynes gold talk proven not all "bunk"

Mining Company Received Encouragement from State Geologist

April 14, 1921 ~ That all of the talk about the existence of gold in Haynes township is not "bunk" is evidenced by extracts taken from a letter written in 1913 by R. A. Smith, assistant state geologist, to E. A. Fleming, secretary of the old Haynes Mining & Development company.

The letter says:
"Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of April 16th and note what you say concerning your plans for developing the placer gold in your vicinity.

"For about two years, I have been in more or less close touch with the prospecting around Gaylord and the results there seem to warrant our continued interest in any active plans toward testing out the possibilities of the placer gold in the northern part of this peninsula.

In order that you may have a better idea of the geological basis for the existence of placer deposits, it may be well worth while to make a survey of the investigations covering a period of some twenty or thirty years up to the present. Many years ago a practical gold miner from California conceived the idea of testing out the gravels and sands of the drift or surface materials in this state.

He examined a great many localities in the extreme southern part of the state, and in many places found gold in very appreciable quantities. Usually, however, the concentration was very limited, the "pay dirt" being only a few inches or a foot in thickness.

As the prospecting progressed northward past Grand Rapids, the colors became more numerous until somewhere in Wexford county or its vicinity the washings showed enough gold to make it decidedly interesting.

About this time it appears that prospecting ceased through the death of the old prospector. Nothing was done in a systematic way until a year or so ago. Dr. Lane and a number of others have washed samples of gravels in a number of localities and have found an appreciable quantity.

At Ann Arbor, the most of the city is built upon a gravel outwash a mile wide, and in the excavation of the cellars for the business blocks, gold had been found in grains up to the size of a kernel of wheat.

Two years ago in the vicinity of Gaylord, gold was found in the sand - and gravels there. Some of the sands were black and somewhat magnetic, although the ones yielding the most gold were of a very common ordinary type. Quite a number of assays have been made at various depths. All but two of the samples showed a gold content, varying from 40¢ to \$3.30 per ton. A Mr. Teare of the Standard Oil Co. while investigating the oil possibilities last fall in the vicinity of Atlanta made examination of some gravels in that

vicinity.

He made a rough concentrate representing a cubic foot of sand and this assayed over \$122 gold and 58¢ silver per ton. I do not know what Mr. Teare has done about the proposition since and it may be that he struck simply very rich streak and that further examination showed that an enormous amount of lean sand would have to be handled to exploit the rich pay. Mr. Fred Hatch of Gaylord has been in the office and has had considerable correspondence with us concerning the possible development of the property from which most of the assays were made. He is not financially able to develop the gold possibilities of his properties and is anxious to have someone investigate it in an adequate manner.

"Now, summing up the evidences from the early prospecting, from that at Gaylord, and from your preliminary tests, it would seem that gold quite probably exists in commercial quantities in the belt from Alcona to Otsego counties. Further, the concentration is very evidently not that of surface waters since these deposits were laid down by the ice and the water from it. The gold apparently was concentrated by the waters during the glacial or ice period. As gold occurs around the northern side of Lake Superior and northern Lake Huron and the ice movement

came from that direction for a time at least, naturally there would be, a great chance for gold to exist in the materials scraped along by the ice.

It must be remembered, however, that perhaps part of the evidence is over estimated or spurious, but that with which I am acquainted appears to bear the stamp of genuineness.

There may not be anything in it, but the evidence at least seems to warrant a bonafide investigation by people who can afford to make a thorough test of the region from Alcona county to Otsego."

Very truly yours,
R. A. SMITH,
Assistant Geologist

Mining corporation licensed by the State

April 14, 1921 ~ Writing to the Review from Detroit under date April 11, G. Frank Croissant, president of the Yukon-Michigan Development Corporation, says:

We are taking this means to advise you that the Michigan Securities Commission have granted license to the Michigan-Yukon Development Corporation to sell \$100,000.00 worth of its stock in this state.

Said license was issued April 9th at Lansing, Mich., and was received by the writer today.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the above named corporation the following officers were "elected:

G. Frank Croissant of Detroit, president; A. R. Miller, of Harrisville, vice-president; Walter R. McDonald of N. Y. City, secretary-treasurer.

Ross Teeple suffers loss by fire Friday

April 11, 1946 ~ Fire caused by live coals fallen from a kitchen range, completely destroyed the interior of the house on west Main street, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Teeple, and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Travis early Friday morning.

Mr. Teeple had left about 7:30 for Alpena, where he is employed, and shortly afterwards the fire was discovered by little Kay Aylene, who called her mother. The fire had gained such headway that it was impossible for Mrs. Teeple to do anything towards saving any of their clothing or other household articles. The fire department was able to confine to blaze to the interior of the building. The Teeple family lost everything. No insurance was carried on the household goods. The building was partially covered by insurance.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020

Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
April 4	49	29	0.00	3.5	15	NE
April 5	45	34	0.00	4.5	16	SSW
April 6	53	38	0.01	6.6	18	SSW
April 7	48	37	0.00	2.9	13	NE
April 8	56	41	0.11	4.2	18	NNE
April 9	51	45	0.37	4.7	26	SSW
April 10	56	43	0.00	3.0	17	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2020-2021 Season		Normal Water Content
	Water Content	Snowfall	
Weekly Total	0.49	0.0	0.50
April to Date	0.52	0.4	0.71
Year/Season to Date	2.31	26.9	5.95

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. **SCIENCE:** Where is the world's most active volcano located?
2. **TELEVISION:** Which 1990s TV drama invented the catchphrase "The truth is out there"?
3. **MATH:** What is the total of numbers 1-100 added consecutively (1+2+3, etc.)?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What do the 100 folds in a chef's hat represent?
5. **LITERATURE:** In which Harry Potter book does the Whomping Willow make its first appearance?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** How many countries in Africa have only four letters in their names?
7. **MOVIES:** In the animated movie "Up," to which scouting group does Russell belong?
8. **ARCHITECTURE:** Who designed the famous Fallingwater House in Pennsylvania?
9. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Greek prefix "hyper" mean?
10. **MEDICAL:** What is the common ailment classified in medical terms as singultus?

Answers: 1. Hawaii (Mauna Loa); 2. "The X-Files"; 3. 5,050; 4. 100 ways to cook an egg; 5. "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"; 6. Three: Chad, Mali and Togo; 7. Wilderness Explorers; 8. Frank Lloyd Wright; 9. Over, excessive; 10. Hiccups (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword POWER USERS

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| ACROSS
1 It may follow "Co."
4 Give a hug
11 Fave buds
15 Location
19 Sheep sound
20 Flan topping
21 Smell — (be suspicious)
22 — -pedi
23 Groups with queens and workers
25 Talk wildly
26 Lickety-split
27 — IRA
28 Ending for host
29 Nitric acid, old-style
31 Knife incision
33 Best Actor awards, e.g.
37 Blood vessel
38 Dairy Queen treat
41 Freshen up
43 Apple product
44 Tax-taking org.
45 Razor-billed seabird
46 Made a lap
47 Xenon and neon
51 Some nameplates
53 Certain recyclable | 56 Syringe fluid
57 "Touched" actor Beatty
58 Suffix with Midwest
59 Like dweebs
60 Sleep lab study
63 Ocean route
65 Expectation
66 Airport uniform inits.
69 Peddle stuff on the street
73 The, in Cannes
74 Apple product
76 View lustfully
77 Really clean
79 Whole bunch
81 Patriotic ladies' gp.
82 "I told ya!"
84 Hoarse
88 Rival of Evander "The Real Deal" Holyfield
91 Petroleum distillate used as fuel
93 "Death Be Not Proud" poet
94 Pro vote
95 URL letters
96 Ocean east of N. Car. | 97 Eternally, poetically
98 Make thrilled
100 Be really successful
103 — de corps
106 Spanish wife
107 Ozeki's sport
108 Tiny garden pest
111 Mothers
114 Witty writer
116 Showoff's cry
117 Spanish coin
118 Basis of this puzzle's theme
122 Part of QED
123 Deli dish
124 Ouzo flavorer
125 Walk- — (small parts)
126 — terrier (dog breed)
127 Wallet bills
128 Items in the classifieds
129 Word that can follow the starts of nine answers in this puzzle to make the names of 118-Across | DOWN
1 Steel girder
2 Measurable in microns
3 Cow carrier on rails
4 With 24-Down, organic cotton garb, maybe
5 Drone, e.g.
6 Dudes
7 Demand from a kidnapper
8 Gallic friend
9 Fair grade
10 Golfer Ernie
11 Brand of root beer
12 German wife
13 — bean (risotto bit)
14 Tennis great
15 Mobile device worn on the wrist
16 Adhesive in an art class
17 Broadcasting
18 Buzzed
24 See 4-Down
29 "How — you?"
30 Salem's state
32 Victory (nobody)
34 Suffix with land or moon | 35 "How — you?"
36 "My Way" lyricist Paul
38 Wee devils
39 Prior to, to a bard
40 Pack animal
41 Material carried away in a deluge
42 End-of-list abbr.
46 Soda insert
48 Bar furniture
49 Flee to marry
50 Monica of the court
52 Sine — non
54 Perceives
55 Purchaser
57 Unaided vision, with "the"
61 Nita of silent films
62 Lamb's mom
63 Stage array
64 Curved bit
66 Unassertive
67 — Gyra (jazz group)
68 Hank of baseball
70 Speechify
71 — a soul (nobody)
72 Excess amount | 75 Restaurant rendezvous
78 Crank's cry
80 2001 title role for Audrey Tautou
82 Guide for a DIYer
83 Nobel winner
85 Sauna alternative
86 Remarkable events
87 Lawn locale
89 Kit — bar
90 Graceful bird
91 Slangy refusal
92 From — B
99 Unmoving
100 Drone, e.g.
101 Most docile
102 Litigant
103 — Park, Colorado
104 Fire initiator
105 March 14, to math lovers
106 Stores safely
109 Pack animal
110 Gulf nation
112 Location
113 Storage site
115 Org.'s kin
118 Logger's tool
119 Spanish "a"
120 Dowel, e.g.
121 Figs. on a masthead |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On April 12, 1861, the bloodiest four years in American history begin when Confederate shore batteries under Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Bay. Four years later, the Confederacy was defeated at a cost of 620,000 Union and Confederate soldiers dead.
 - On April 15, 1912, the British ocean liner Titanic sinks into the North Atlantic Ocean about 400 miles south of Newfoundland, Canada, two hours after hitting an iceberg. With 16 watertight compartments, the Titanic was considered unsinkable.
 - On April 16, 1947, multimillionaire Bernard Baruch coins the term "Cold War" to describe relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, a war without fighting or bloodshed, but a battle nonetheless. The phrase became a mainstay in the language of American diplomacy.
 - On April 17, 1964, the Ford Mustang is officially unveiled at the World's Fair in New York. Named for a World War II fighter plane, the Mustang was the first "pony car," an affordable, compact sporty vehicle.
 - On April 14, 1975, the U.S. airlift of Vietnamese orphans ends after 2,600 children are transported to America for adoption. Operation Baby Lift lasted 10 days and was carried out during the final, desperate phase of the war, only 16 days before the fall of Saigon.
 - On April 18, 1989, thousands of Chinese students continue to take to the streets in Beijing to protest government policies and issue a call for greater democracy, resulting in the Tiananmen Square Massacre and thousands of protesters dead. Fear that a severe U.S. reaction to the massacre might result in a diplomatic rupture limited the official U.S. response.
 - On April 13, 1997, Tiger Woods wins the prestigious Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia, by a record 12 strokes. It was Woods' first victory in one of golf's four major championships. He was 21 years old.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Johnny Cash's estate was approached by an advertising company asking for permission to use "Ring of Fire" in an ad for hemorrhoid cream. The request was refused.
- Tulips can continue to grow as much as an inch per day after being cut.
- A man with severe OCD and a phobia about germs attempted to commit suicide with a gun to his head. Instead of killing him, the bullet eliminated his mental illness without any other damage.
- Nobody knows how the Academy Awards came to be referred to as "the Oscars." The earliest mention was in 1932 and became official in 1939.
- In 1911, Elmer McCurdy robbed a passenger train he thought contained thousands of dollars, and was shot by lawmen after making off with just \$46. His unclaimed corpse was then embalmed and sold to a traveling carnival. It would be used as a prop or attraction in haunted houses and wax museums for the next 66 years (even showing up on the set of "The Six Million Dollar Man"), until he was finally buried at the famous Boot Hill cemetery in Dodge City, Kansas.
- Vanilla flavoring is sometimes made with beaver urine.
- A statue of Nikola Tesla in Silicon Valley radiates free Wi-Fi. It was created as an homage to his vision for wireless communication.
- By the time they have been retired for two years, 78% of former NFL players have gone bankrupt or are under financial stress because of joblessness or divorce.
- A company in the U.K. offers "being hungover" as a valid reason for calling in sick to work.

Thought for the Day: "The beautiful thing about life is that we will never reach an age where there is nothing left to learn, see or be; it's magical, really." -- Dulce Ruby
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **R** equals **S**

JP Y FYO ISZBM ISFT VS Y ISRVZFT
 AYUVQ MUTRRTM YR Y DOJPT, XT'M
 BSSD UTYBBQ RXYUA.

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, April 5 at 7 p.m. via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included president Phillips, treasurer Mahalak, clerk Somers and council members Healy, Putsky, Schick, Somers and Wambold.

The minutes of the March 1 meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Schick. The minutes of the budget meeting were approved on a motion from Putsky with support from Wambold. Final budget amendments were made in the General Fund for the 2020/2021 budget year on a motion from Putsky with support from Somers. The DDA budget was approved on a motion from Somers with support from Wambold. The DDA Budget follows:

DDA Budget FY 2022	
Income	
Balance from 2020-2021	\$468,304.55
	\$468,304.55
Interest	\$ 1,200.00
TIFFA Alcona County	\$27,585.00
IFFA Gustin Township	\$5,858.00
TIFFA Gustin Twp Fire Millage	\$ 8,586.00
TIFFA Village of Lincoln	\$66,418.00
Subtotal	\$109,647.00
TIFFA Passthrough	
MSU Extension	\$ 1,187.00
Library	\$ 4,234.00
911 & Cen.	\$ 2,121.00
ACCOA	\$ 1,060.00
Subtotal	\$ 8,602.00
Total Income	\$586,553.55
Expenses	
Administrative	\$ 500.00
Beautification	\$ 3,500.00
Capital Equipment	\$56,000.00
DDA Consultant	\$28,500.00
Economic Development	\$200,000.00
Financial Audits	\$ 3,500.00
Fire Department	\$ 4,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 500.00
Membership Per Diem	\$3,600.00
Village Administrative Fee	\$ 20,000.00
Web Site	\$ 1,400.00
Subtotal	<u>\$322,500.00</u>
Passthrough Reimbursements	\$ 1,187.00

MSU Extension	\$ 4,234.00
911 & Cen.	\$ 2,121.00
ACCOA	\$ 1,060.00
Subtotal	\$ 8,602.00
Total Expenses	\$264,053.55
Fund Balance	\$255,451.55

The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Wambold with support from Putsky. The bills were approved to be paid as presented on a motion from Putsky with support from Somers.

Committee reports were given. Mahalak stated that the total in the pavilion fund is currently at \$6,142.73. No reports from planning and zoning or human resources. Healy stated that the RRC Committee is still moving forward. She is hoping to have more news soon.

Zoning Administrator Troy Somers gave a brief update. Mike Serafin gave the fire department report. There have been seven medical runs and 13 fire runs in the month of March. Mike is resigning as fire chief for the village. He will send his letter of resignation to the president. He said his age is a factor in his plans to step down. He stated that Billy Cordes will step in as the new fire chief on May 3 and Brian Renschenski will be the assistant fire chief. Mike will be staying on the department to help with the transition.

Maintenance man Warren MacNeill stated that picnic tables are being placed around town. Parks will be getting cleaned up and winter damage to roadways is being cleaned up. Dale Job has built a nice work station in the maintenance garage for use in making slats for the Flights of Imagination playground. Putsky gave the sewer report. There are some issues with the lift station. There are also pumps that will need to be replaced soon. Warren MacNeill thanked former Alcona County resident Duane Budreau for picking up our pumps from Petoskey Motor Repair and delivering them to the village. Thank you Duane!

President Phillips gave her written road report. The DDA has

offered to pay for its portion of the roadwork that falls within its district for the upcoming road project on Traverse Bay State Road. Even with the help from the DDA we still cannot afford to do the project as originally planned. She believes we should consider doing the ultrathin overlay due to the budget constraints. A motion was made by Somers, with support from Putsky, to proceed with the ultrathin overlay for the road project. Carried.

Jason Durham has expressed interest in a vacant position on the village council board. He has worked with maintenance crew on and off and has also worked with the planning and zoning committee. A motion was made by Wambold, with support from Somers, to appoint Jason to the board. Carried. Jason will be sworn in at the next meeting.

A request was received from Tammy Somers to have a portion of property that is an undeveloped road be deeded over to her and to the adjoining property owners. Attorney Cook stated that the property should be abandoned by the village and then it would be turned over to the property owners on each of the four lots that are surrounding it. President Phillips will contact the adjoining property owners to let them know of the intention to abandon this property. She will update council at the next meeting.

Lenny Avery addressed the board about the need for a new senior center for Alcona County. He stated that he is continuing to work on developing plans for a possible project. Mahalak stated that Stout Lawn Service would like to extend their contract with him for an additional three years. Wambold made a motion to extend the contract with Ron Stout for three years. Somers offered support. Carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wambold with support from Somers. Carried.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township Board met via teleconference for the February 9 meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and began with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The full board was in attendance and joined by Bill Thompson. Mr. Thompson updated the board on a list of things, including the County Wide Clean Up, which will be on May 15.

There was a motion to accept the clerk's minutes by Carla Harvey, it was supported by Steve Healy. Roll call: All members were in favor. Motion carried. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike Johnston, supported by Kaylie Landrum. Roll call: All members were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Healy to double the pay after three hours for the fire department, in response to an emergency call. The motion was supported by Carla Harvey. Roll call: All members were in favor. Motion carried. There was final motion made to pay the bills by Steve Healy and supported by Kaylie Landrum. Roll call: All members were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE



A Candidate who wishes to seek an ISD board position for Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD that will be filled through the meeting process must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity with the Alpena County Clerk by 4:00 p.m. by Monday, May 10, 2021. The candidate may submit a \$100.00 nonrefundable filing fee in lieu of the petition. To be eligible, you must be a resident and a registered voter in the AMA school district area.

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