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Pandemic-related isolation and stress can cause variety of health issues, including depression, anxiety

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

For many, coping with stress induced by fear, grief and isolation brought on by COVID-19 has been one of the most difficult aspects of the pandemic.

The fear can be overwhelming, causing many heightened emotions. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, stress during a disease outbreak can cause fear and worry about health and the health of family and friends, fear from the strain of financial or job loss and fear of delays of support services relied on.

Stress can worsen chronic health problems and mental health conditions. Depression from stress can lead to self-harm and/or tobacco, alcohol, other substance abuse.

Alcona Health Center's (AHC) behavioral health therapist, Marcie Wismiller-Storey explained due to the length of time people have had to deal with COVID-19 fears and protocols, it has taken a toll on their mental health.

"This may be the first time in a person's life they are struggling emotionally. Our brains are hard-wired to deal with brief (stressful) events, not year-long plus events," she said.

Wismiller-Storey wanted people suffering from COVID-19-anxiety or grief to understand that by asking for help, they are not signing up for a lifetime of therapy. They are just getting some time-limited services to get them through an extraordinary event, similar to being treated by a doctor for an ailment.

According to Wismiller-Storey, those who are not sure if they are feeling stress may need to do a quick inventory on how they are sleeping, eating and their activity levels.

"If you notice things are horribly out of balance, such as never going outside, only eating junk food, not eating at all or not sleeping and if calling a friend or going out for a walk does not lift your spirits, those are indicators things are out of balance and it is okay to come and talk to us.

"The nice thing at our clinic is we have behavioral health, medical, community health and care management treating the person as a whole, not as one isolated issue. When your behavioral health is struggling, you'll feel it physically and vice-versa. This is a one-stop-shop, if you feel you are struggling, just let your provider know," Wismiller-

Storey said.

Treatment is different for everyone and many times can be accomplished through telehealth, a no-contact service through Internet applications. However, Wismiller-Storey advised patients to not stay socially distanced at the expense of social connection. "We want to stay safe but we also need to maintain social

connections. It's important to communicate with others," Storey said.

She felt masks were a contributing factor to anxiety because smiling is non-verbal communication which people can't see beneath the mask. "Smiling is contagious. It makes us feel good. We are missing out on that," Wismiller-Storey said.

To lessen stress, Wismiller-Storey advises her patients to increase communication with others via phone calls and through social applications such as Facetime or Zoom. Healthy eating, exercise, going outdoors and getting plenty of sleep will also help in reducing anxiety.

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Youth suffer from lack of personal interaction

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

COVID-19 anxiety not only affects adults but can also affect children leaving them feeling sad, angry and fearful.

However, many of the signs of anxiety in children are not easily recognizable.

Alcona Health Center behavioral health therapist, Marcie Wismiller-Storey explained children experiencing social isolation due to COVID-19 may feel a bevy of emotions including confusion, stress, worry or disappointment.

According to Wismiller-Storey, sometimes children are not able to communicate there is a problem and it's

important to note very significant changes from their normal behavior.

She explained signs indicating a child could use help to manage their feelings can change from one age group to another.

For children kindergarten through second-grade, signs may be excessive energy/hyperactivity, frequent crying/tearfulness, separation anxiety, increased whining and/or developmental regression such as toileting accidents.

For third through sixth graders some of the same signs as for younger children may still apply such as hyperactivity, crying, whining and anxiety but may also include excessive worry, repeat-

ing questions and boredom.

For youth in grades seven through 12, signs include excessive worry, repeated questions and boredom and may also include poor concentration, irritability/anger, difficulty sleeping and fatigue.

"Think about balance as you look at your child's daily habits such as sleep, nutrition, social connections, hobbies and activity level. If one or more of these areas are out of balance you may see an increase in depression or anxiety which could appear as irritability, lack of focus, hopelessness, sadness, worry or an increase in substance abuse," Wismiller-Storey said.

She explained AHC has had

a good relationship with the schools. It participates with Alcona Community Schools and has been working closely with students and staff since the onset of COVID-19 last April through telehealth, a way of personally and privately connecting with patients through an Internet application.

"We were able to get telehealth going quickly. When it came to the kids, we didn't miss a beat and had very little downtime in services. The kids were able to do a quick transition to telehealth because they were already used to technology," she said.

To utilize the service, AHC provided hot-spot Wi-Fi connections in the clinic parking lots. Wismiller-Storey said schools and community businesses also aided their efforts by opening hot-spots for public use.

"The creativity between us and our schools made it possible to stay in connection with families. We began calling at the onset, checking in by phone and the school was checking in too and making sure students had food to eat. I can't say enough about their commitment. I feel like this group of people could easily run a small country. It's been an interesting experience to be a part of," Wismiller-Storey said.

Alcona High School Interim Principal Christie Thomas said it hasn't always been easy over the last year to spot students who may be struggling mentally because so many were remote learners for much of the year.

"We've been disconnected

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Healthy ways to cope with stress

The Center for Disease Control (cdc.gov) website offers healthy ways to cope with COVID-19 stress:

- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including those on social media. It's good to be informed but hearing about the pandemic constantly can be upsetting. Consider limiting news to just a couple times a day and disconnecting from phone, TV, and computer screens for a while.
- Take care of your body, including: Take deep breaths, stretch or meditate. Eat healthy, well-balance meals. Exercise regularly and get plenty of sleep. Avoid excessive alcohol, tobacco or substance use. Continue routine preventa-

tive measures such as vaccinations, cancer screenings, etc., as recommended by your health provider. Get vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine when available.

- Make time to unwind by doing activities you enjoy.

- Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.

- Connect with your community or faith-based organizations. While social distancing measures are in place, try connecting online, through social media, or by phone or mail.

- If you are struggling to cope, there are many ways to get help. Call your healthcare provider if stress gets in the way of your daily activities for several days in a row.

Taking care of yourself can better equip you to take care of others. During times of social distancing, it is especially important to stay connected with your friends and family. Helping others cope with stress through phone calls or video chats can help you and your loved ones feel less lonely or isolated.

During times of extreme stress, people may have thoughts of suicide. Suicide is preventable and help is available.

Free and confidential crisis resources can help you or a loved one connect with a skilled, trained counselor in your area by calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-TALK (8255).

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Obituaries

Ruth G. O'Connor

Ruth Geneva "Pesty" O'Connor, 92, of East Tawas, formerly of Barton City died on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021.

She was born December 10, 1928 to Larry and Evelyn (Gonyea) Peake of Barton City.

Mrs. O'Connor enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, spending time at the cabin in the U.P., watching the deer, doing crosswords and watching game shows.

She spent many years bike riding, bowling and snowmobiling. She was feisty, full of life and up for anything her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were involved in. She loved the Detroit Tigers, even when they were on a losing streak.

Mrs. O'Connor is survived by her children, Pat O'Connor of Detroit, Mich., Tim (Denise) O'Connor of Woodhaven, Mich., and Phyllis (Joe) DeBuck of East Tawas; many grandchildren; several great-



grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter, Evelyn Parkinson of Glennie; one brother, John Peake of Barton City; and one sister, Frances Brown of Barton City. She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip O'Connor, and son, Mike O'Connor.

Cremation and a private memorial service will take place at a later date.

Gordon F. Stewart

Gordon F. Stewart, 71, of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021 at Ascension St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City.

He was born February 13, 1949 in Greenbush to Richard and Edna (Bailey).

Mr. Stewart was a life-long resident of the area with the exception of his tour in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and college in New Jersey afterwards.

On August 14, 1979, he married Becky Jacobs in Harrisville.

When he was younger Mr. Stewart enjoyed traveling the country on his motorcycle with his friends. Later in life, he enjoyed reminiscing around the woodstove with most of those same friends; all while critiquing the boys' projects in the garage, but also taking just as much pride in them.

The majority of his time was devoted to his family's needs through his own auto repair shop, after his time as a service writer at Jensen Buick. He was an avid hunter, and bagged a buck last fall.

Mr. Stewart is survived by two sons, Dan (Carrie) Stewart and Christopher Stewart; one daughter, Jessica Stewart; five grandchildren, Ryan Stewart, Taylor Stewart, Karlee Stewart, Ally Stewart, and Cole Stewart; two brothers, Arlyn Stewart and Wayne Stewart; and three sisters, Janet Johnson, Evelyn Good and Vivian Miles.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Becky, on June 8, 2013, one sister, Connie Jones, and one brother, Wesley Stewart.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

James L. Dunn

James L. Dunn, 70, of Oscoda, died on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021 at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He was born October 27, 1950, in Wyandotte, Mich. to Raymond and Bernice (Pennington) Dunn.

He graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in English and American Literature. He pursued a career in writing.

Mr. Dunn moved to Oscoda in 1978 for a job at the Oscoda Press, where he met his wife, Barbara. He was the former owner of the Alcona County Review and Cedar Lake Publishing, and also published the Wurtsmith News.

He returned to the Oscoda Press and Iosco County News Herald where he was publisher, editor and columnist until his retirement in 2015.

Mr. Dunn won numerous awards for writing and photography throughout his career. He authored several books, including, "The Oscoda Murders" and "The Hemingway Murders," as well as "Off the Record," an anthology of columns.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved the lakes and forests of Iosco and Alcona counties. He especially loved the AuSable River. He enjoyed riding his 1946 Ford tractor on his 40-acre farm



where he planted hundreds of Christmas trees and made maple syrup.

Mr. Dunn is survived by his wife, Barbara; one daughter, Amanda Thompson of Grand Rapids, Mich.; three sons, Lee Bialek of Lisle, Ill., Mark Bialek of Pinckney Mich. and Brent Bialek of Arlington, Va.; three grandchildren; three sisters, Kathy (Glenn) Hofmeister, Sheri Kienli and Debbie Bailey, two brothers, Larry Dunn and David Dunn; several nieces and nephews, including Eric Hofmeister, Kevin Hofmeister and Keri Novelli; and several great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Patricia.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 State Street, Harrisville.

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10

a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

The Alcona County Library and all its branches will be closed in observance of President's Day.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The Alcona County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board will meet via telephone conferencing at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting room in the lower level of the Alcona County Building located at 106 Fifth Street in Harrisville. Conference line access is (877) 402-9753 – access code is: 8013514. For more info., contact Tammy Ranger at (989) 619-5865.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

There will be an Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry in two locations from 4-6 p.m. The ARA Site, 854 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln and 5063 Campbell Street, Greenbush are the locations. Both are drive through only and a limited supply of food is available. For more information, contact the Food Bank of Lincoln at (989) 334-3663.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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.

(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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Jumpstart to Preschool

A virtual training for parents of 2021-2022 preschoolers will be held in a two-part program on Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and March 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information and tips to help children with early math, reading, motor and social-emotional skills to help get them ready for kindergarten. A free backpack of learning materials will be provided for those who attend. To register: text "jumpstart to preschool" to (989) 418-3962. (This is not preschool registration.)

Jumpstart to Kindergarten

A virtual training for parents of 2021-2022 kindergar-

teners will be held in a two-part program. Part 1 sessions are Thursday, Feb. 11 and Wednesday, Feb. 24 — both from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Part 2 sessions are Wednesday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 17 – both from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (Register for one date for each part.) A free backpack of learning materials will be provided for those who attend. To register: text "Jumpstart" plus the attendance dates to (989) 418-3962. (This is not kindergarten registration.)

Special Education Services

Educators, parents and community members of Alcona, Alpena and Montmorency counties are encouraged to attend a virtual seminar about the special education services for the Alcona Montmorency Alpena Educational Service District (AMA ESD). Mary Zann, special education director is the featured speaker who will talk about special education services available for children ages zero to 26 and child find procedures. RSVP to Amy Martin at Martina@amaesd.org or call (989) 354-3101 by February 22. The Zoon link will be provided after registration.

Gypsy Moth Seminar

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physically, so it has been challenging to make sure every student needing assistance with coping receives it. We know we have families struggling. Students in isolation have led to depression, changes in mood, anxiety, lack of motivation and inattentiveness. It's been a struggle for many who have gone so long without face-to-face connection with peers and teachers," Thomas said.

Thomas hoped with high school students now having the opportunity to come back to school, some of their stress may lessen or they may be able to reach out for help

easier. For others, however, just the thought of coming back to school has exasperated their fears. "Some have been isolated for so long the thought of coming back to school is just too much. For those students the school is still offering online courses through Edgenuity," Thomas said.

A student success team which includes Thomas, school social worker Trudi Marsh, school success liaison Shannon Oliver and psychologist Ashley Wilmoth have a list of students who have been referred to them by teachers, parents, or school staff. The success team meets weekly to discuss the students' progress and make or adjust plans in place to sup-

port them and provide the extra help needed.

"We've done our best to make sure students get what they need. We rely on teachers a lot to tell us if they see students who are missing class or struggling with things that may raise a red flag the student needs help. Throughout the past year, there has been a lot of checking in with the kids. It's important to let them know they are not alone in this and that this won't last forever," Thomas said.

If a parent of an Alcona Community Schools student feels their child may be struggling and additional help is needed, they may call the school at (989) 736-8534 or contact their local health provider.

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"It's important to understand that everyone across the board is struggling through this. We are encouraging people to limit their news media exposure and disconnect from news that may cause anxiety.

"It's easier said than done to try and stay in the present and not worry about what may or may not happen. There is no right or wrong answer with this. Understand that this is not just happening to you. We are all going through this and are fairly evenly affected," Wismiller-Storey said.

To help people understand what they may be feeling Alcona Health Center (AHC) has been posting Wednesday Wellness videos on its Facebook page addressing mental health and other issues.

Wismiller-Storey explained their hope with providing the videos is to create talking points a patient may associate with and then call their provider for further discussion.

She felt many are feeling financially burdened from the effects of COVID-19 protocols and wanted the public to know that AHC has a benefits coordinator to help those unsure if they can afford treatment.

For more information visit the Alcona Health Center website at alconahealthcenters.org or call the AHC Harrisville clinic at (989) 724-5655 or AHC Lincoln clinic at (989) 736-8157.

For more information on mental health, COVID-19 and other health concerns visit the CDC site at cdc.gov. (See side-bar on page 1.)

Spring brings road construction project to Harrisville on US-23

Road construction is rarely convenient, and while the results are generally welcomed in the end, the start of a major project is often met with concerns about schedules and traffic.

This spring and early summer, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will invest about \$5 million to rebuild two miles of US-23 from south of Washington Street to south of Lakeshore Drive just north of Harrisville. In preparation of that work, staff from the department's Alpena Transportation Service Center (TSC) — which will oversee the project — has been meeting with residents, business owners and commuters about what to expect once construction begins.

"We certainly understand the concerns that business owners and community leaders have anytime they hear of an upcoming road building project, let alone during a time of amplified hardships due to a global pandemic," said Garrett Dawe, manager of MDOT's Alpena TSC. "Our work schedule and traffic maintenance plan were developed with the goal of shortening the overall project duration and returning US-23 to normal operations as quickly as can reasonably be achieved and in time for the peak of the summer tourism season."

Dawe explained that the extent of the work involved will make it impractical to maintain normal traffic volumes through the work zone. Therefore, US-23 traffic intending to travel through on the way to a different location will be required to follow a posted detour on M-72, Barlow Road and F-41 between Harrisville and the Spruce area.

"While the detour route is significant, it only adds about six minutes of travel time for through-traffic," Dawe said.

People looking to reach residences and businesses within the work area will not need to use the detour, and MDOT plans to post signs making that clear, Dawe said. Local traffic will be allowed to pass through the work area with

one lane open in alternating directions during active work hours, and one lane open in each direction during non-working hours. The traffic lanes for local traffic will be narrower than usual and will have a temporary gravel surface, so Dawe said it will be important that drivers obey signs and use the detour if not intending to travel locally in the project area.

Based on past experience, MDOT currently plans to begin work in mid-April, expecting that should have subsided and seasonal weight restrictions will have ended by then.

"If weather allows, we'll likely start the project earlier," Dawe said. "The detour will begin when construction starts, and we plan to have US-23 back open to all traffic by July 1, ahead of the Independence Day weekend."

Aside from the top layer of new asphalt pavement, MDOT plans to have all major items of work complete by the beginning of July. If all major items of work are not completed by that time, the detour still will be lifted with adjustments to temporary traffic controls.

Later in July, travelers and residents will see the top layer of asphalt paving completed along with final restoration of driveway approaches and roadsides. That remaining work be done with all traffic maintained on US-23 with traditional intermittent lane and shoulder closures.

Dawe said he realizes that most people do not enjoy seeing orange signs and barrels on the road in front of their home or business, or on a route that they drive frequently. He has been discussing those concerns — inconvenience for commuters, and reduced patronage at businesses — to help reduce that anxiety and to help people plan accordingly.

"Six months from now, US-23 travelers, commuters, business patrons, and residents will be driving on a brand-new road that is safer for all users and free of work activity," Dawe said. "We all look forward to that time."

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1800s in a failed attempt to produce silk. They have since naturalized to the climate and over the last 150 years have spread across the northeastern United States and Canada. Gypsy moths have been found in Michigan since the 1980s. Efforts to control and suppress gypsy moths have been underway over 30 years in Michigan and the U.S.

After a 10-year hiatus, this pest returned in 2019 with significant acreage infested throughout the state.

This invasive species can cause tree decline and death, loss of property value, and can be a nuisance for homeowners and residents. Fall surveys found both an increase in community infested and number of spray blocks and acres qualifying for the program.

Michigan State University Extension is offering a webinar "Gypsy Moth in Your Neighborhood" for participants to learn more about the history, life cycle, identification, and management strat-

egies to help save the trees near your home. The webinar via Zoom will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. This free program is open to everyone, but pre-registration is required. Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/gypsymoth2021/>. For more information, contact Terry Gibb at gibb@msu.edu or call (586) 469-6440.

Away at School

- Chloe Lacombe of Hubbard Lake was one of 3,938 students who received academic honors for the semester that ended in December 2020 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design. To be eligible for academic honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and complete of 12 credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher.

- Adam Neveu of Black River was one of 3,938 students who received academic honors for the semester that ended in December 2020 at Ferris State University and

Kendall College of Art and Design. To be eligible for academic honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and complete of 12 credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher.

- Zachary Richardson of Spruce was one of 3,938 students who received academic honors for the semester that ended in December 2020 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design. To be eligible for academic honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and complete of 12 credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher.

Harrisville Harbor Commission Vacancy

The HHC is looking to fill the remaining position of a term of a Commissioner on the Harrisville Harbor Commission; this term expires at the end on 2021 and reappointment is possible. The commission is responsible to govern over management, operations, budgets and to approve expenditures required for proper harbor operations.

The HHC meets on the first Thursday of April, June, August, October and December or as needed. This is a voluntary position with a small per diem based on a balanced budget at the end of the year.

Please send resume to Ms. Janet Mansfield at winsten@voyager.net AND Chairperson Bruce D. Weber at bruce.weber@frontier.com (please send to both) by March 1, 2021.

2/3 thru 2/24

Annual winter bird count needs participants

The 24th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) will take place February 12-15. Residents of Iosco and Alcona counties will have an opportunity to submit data to researchers about the numbers and various species of birds located in this region prior to the spring migrations.

Sponsored by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Audubon, and Birds Canada, this count is open to anyone. Observers may count on one or all four days for at least 15 minutes each day. Participants can tally those birds visiting their feeders, in their neighborhoods, woodland areas, or along river corridors. New counts are requested for each new day. Results are submitted online to www.birdcount.org. Easy to follow instructions guide the observer through the submission process. Help with identifying unknown species is also available.

"With the aid of modern technology and an increasing number of professional and amateur reporting online, scientists are now able to get

a quick snapshot of where the various species are located, plus insight to the population statues of each prior to the massive movements to breeding grounds," said Peggy Ridgway, local ambassador for the event.

"Many birds travel thousands of miles to reach breeding grounds and that may take two to three months. It's not uncommon for some to begin the journey at the end of February, so that's why the timing of the GBBC is critical. Hundreds will travel in the calm of night when air currents are steadier, temperatures cooler, and predators less prevalent.

"During the past several years, participation by our residents has been great. I trust this will repeat itself for the 2021 count," Ridgway said.

One of my computer keys appears to be sticking, but I can't put my finger on it.

answer
Cryptopid



Winter gardening tasks

- Review your successes and failures of the previous year, and plan ahead for the coming growing season.
- Study your online and catalog choices for your garden purchases, and get those orders in so you can get ready for spring.
- Check for frost heaves around your outdoor plants and apply mulch as needed.
- If you have been storing bulbs, corms, or tubers, check them to make sure that they are neither rotting nor totally drying out.
- Recycle your Christmas tree. - Brenda Wiener

Source: thespruce.com

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ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ALCONA HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL WINDOW AND DOOR REPLACEMENT (CONTRACT 1) AND SECURITY FILM INSTALLATION (CONTRACT 2) LINCOLN, MI

Sealed proposals for the replacement of existing window assemblies and doors and installation of security film (under separate contracts) at The Alcona High School, Middle School located in Lincoln, MI will be received at the Office of the School Superintendent, to the Att. Of Dan O'Connor, Supt., 51 N. Barlow Road, PO Box 249, Lincoln, MI 48742.

Mark outside of envelope with: "WINDOW AND DOOR REPLACEMENT" OR "SECURITY FILM" accordingly

Bids due: 1:00 P.M., local time, March 19, 2021. No Electronic Submissions. Late bids will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened publicly at: 1:15 p.m. March 19, 2021

A mandatory on-site meeting will be held at 12:30 PM on Friday, February 19, 2021. The meeting is mandatory for the General Contractors, Window and Door Contractors and the Security Film Contractors. Meet at the main entrance to the High School.

The Contract Documents, Plans and Specifications may be examined at the following:

- State of Michigan SIGMA Vendor Self Service (VSS)

Plan Houses including:

- Northeast Michigan Plan House, Alpena, MI
- Builders Exchange of NW Michigan, Traverse City, MI
- Tri-City Builders Exchange, 334 W. Water Street, Saginaw, MI 48607
- REED Construction Data Plan House
- CAM, 43636 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Copies of the Contract Documents, may be obtained at the offices of: R.S. Scott Associates, Inc., 405 River Street, Alpena, MI. (tel: 989-354-3178 ext 6 (Susan Edwards)) or edwardss@rsscott.com

A PDF file will be provided to contractors upon request free of charge. Hard Copy sets available upon payment of \$150.00 set plus \$15.00 shipping. Call ahead for plan availability.

Bidders shall comply with various Federal, State and Local Laws.

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 "The Alcona Community Schools." The successful bidder will be required to furnish Performance Bonds, Labor and Material Bonds each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount.


Bidders shall furnish a sworn and notarized familial disclosure statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the school board or superintendent.

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

ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Dan O'Connor, Superintendent

10/3 & 10/10

How to choose a medical alert system



Alcona Community Schools Virtual Kindergarten Round-Up

Our round-up for the 2021-2022 school year will be February 25, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. Parents of children who will be five years old this fall should call now to schedule their child for a **Virtual Round-Up** appointment. **Please call (989)736-8146**

Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority Seeking Citizen Volunteers

Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority is seeking letters of interest from citizens willing to volunteer their service on either 'Joint Airport Zoning Board' or 'Zoning Board of Appeals' at Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport. Land uses within the boundaries of Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport, as well as nearby tall structures, are regulated in accordance with an adopted Zoning Ordinance and State of Michigan Aeronautics Code. Requests to modify existing structures or to develop new buildings are evaluated for approval consideration by (5) citizens serving as a 'Joint Airport Zoning Board'. Requests seeking variance from Zoning Ordinance regulations or to appeal land development decisions are judged by five (5) citizens serving as a 'Zoning Board of Appeals'. Citizens of Iosco and Alcona counties are encouraged to submit their letter of interest to the address provided below no later than February 19, 2021.

Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority
3961 E. Airport Drive
Oscoda, Michigan 48750

Dear Savvy Senior,
I am interested in getting my mom, who lives alone, a medical alert system with a wearable pendant button that will let her call for help if she falls or has a medical emergency. What can you tell me to help me choose one?
Too Many Choices



Dear Too Many,
A good medical alert system is an effective and affordable tool that can help keep your mom safe and living in her own home longer. But with all the different products and features available today, choosing one can be challenging. Here are some tips that can help.

Three Key Questions

Medical alert systems, which have been around since the 1980s, provide a wearable help button – usually in the form of a neck pendant or wristband – that would put your mom in touch with a dispatcher who could summon emergency help or contact a friend or family member as needed.

To help narrow down your options and choose a system that best fits your mom's needs, here are three key questions you'll need to ask, along with some top-rated companies that offer these products.

1. *Does your mom want a home-based or mobile system?*

Medical alert systems were originally designed to work inside the home with a landline telephone, which is still an option. But since fewer and fewer households have landlines these days, most companies today also offer home-based systems that work over a cellular network. With these systems, pressing the wearable help button allows you to speak to a dis-

patcher through a base unit located in your home.

In addition, many companies offer mobile medical alert options, too. You can use these systems at home, but they'll also allow you to call for help while you're out and about.

Mobile alerts operate over cellular networks and incorporate GPS technology. They allow you to talk and listen to the operator directly through the pendant button, and because of the GPS, your location would be known in order for help to be sent.

If your mom doesn't leave the house very often, she may not need a mobile system, but if she is still active, she may want added protection *outside the home*.

2. *Should her system be monitored or not?*

The best medical alert systems are monitored, meaning that the help button connects you with a trained operator at a 24/7 dispatching center.

But you also have the option to choose a system that isn't monitored. With these, when you press the help button, the device automatically dials a friend or family member on your programmed emergency call list.

These products can often be set up to call multiple people and to contact emergency services if you don't get an answer from someone on your list.

3. *Should you add a fall-*

detection feature?

Most medical alert companies today now offer the option of an automatic fall detection pendant for an additional fee of \$10 to \$15 per month. These pendants sense falls when they occur and automatically contact the dispatch center, just as they would if you had pressed the call button.

But be aware that this technology isn't full proof. In some cases, this feature may register something as a fall that isn't. The alarm might go off if you drop it or momentarily lose your balance but don't actually land on the ground.

Top Rated Systems

Here are four top companies, rated by Consumer Reports, that offer home and mobile monitored medical alert systems:

- Bay Alarm Medical: Fees range between \$20 and \$40 per month; BayAlarmMedical.com; (877) 522-9633.

- GreatCall's Lively Mobile Plus: The device costs \$50 plus a \$25 to \$40 monthly service fee; GreatCall.com; (800) 650-5921.

- MobileHelp: Monthly fees run \$20 to \$45; MobileHelp.com; (800) 809-9664.

- Phillips Lifeline: \$30 to \$50/month, plus a onetime device/activation fee of \$50 to \$100; Lifeline.Philips.com; (855) 681-5351.

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

Tips for fishing northern pike in winter

Now may be the time to learn some tips and tricks for targeting northern pike through the ice:

- Consider using a fluoro-carbon leader, which will be practically invisible to any pike, as opposed to a steel leader.

- Keep bait lively by using both a well-aerated bait container and very sharp hooks to minimize injury.

- Consider using something flashy with the bait, such as a small spinner blade, to entice pike in murky water.

- Don't be afraid to keep some slush around the hole

Northeast Michigan

Fishing Report



in the ice to prevent pike from being spooked by your opening.

Northeast Lower Peninsula February 4

- Burt Lake: Anglers fish-

ing along the east side reported slow catch rates for pike, walleye and perch.

- Lake Margrethe: Ice anglers are targeting perch, walleye and pike. Bluegill and rock bass were found in the weed beds.

- Higgins Lake: More anglers are starting to get out on the ice, though caution still needs to be used. Those heading out are getting brown trout, rainbow trout, pike and a few lake trout along with the occasional whitefish. Smelt and some decent-size perch have been caught.

- Houghton Lake: Ice fishing continues, though anglers will need to watch the pressure cracks and for ice movement caused by strong winds. Avoid the areas near the river and creek mouths also. Some

Notice of Availability and Public Meeting for the Draft Alcona County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Alcona County is in the process of updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. There will be a public meeting following the public review period on February 17, 2021 at 4 pm following the Board of Commissioners meeting. Information for the meeting can be found on the County's website (<https://alconacountymi.com>). Public comments are requested either in person or by representative at the public meeting, or at PO Box Suite U-108 Gaylord, MI 49734 or by email at cmember@nemcog.org. The draft plan is available for review on the county and NEMCOG websites.

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February is **Heart** Month!





Kari Fletcher (right), the owner of The Red Fork in Greenbush (formerly the Red Rooster) cuts a ribbon during a welcome event sponsored by the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce (from left) Parker Fletcher, Scott and Jill Schroeder and Kari Fletcher. The restaurant opened December 17, 2020 offering take out. The dining room opened February 3. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Fishing

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nice bluegills, crappie and a few perch have been caught right at sunset using small jigs with wax worms, spikes and mousies, or try wigglers. Walleye slowed; however, the bite was best late at night. Bass fishing was good, and a few big pike were caught.

• Tawas: Fishing was slow at the access road near Jerry's Marina, with only a few keepers taken along with under-size fish in 10 to 15 feet using jigs tipped with minnow heads. A lot of small perch and a few keepers were also caught. There is some newly formed ice beyond the older shelfice, but no one is driving out there yet.

• Tawas River: Had no boats out because of too much ice in the river and out in the bay.

• AuGres: Anglers caught lake trout and pike when using tip-ups with golden shiners or suckers. The lake trout were full of gizzard shad. Near Standish, anglers were fishing north of the Pine River in six to 12 feet with minnows on jack hooks. Some limit catches were reported. A good number of anglers were seen inside Eagle Bay Marina taking pike on tip-ups. Small bluegill, perch and crappie were caught on jigs.

top ten

Creative Hobbies During COVID

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trying new recipes 2. Gardening 3. Painting 4. Photography 5. Drawing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Creative writing 7. Dance 8. Interior design 9. Digital design 10. Non-fiction writing
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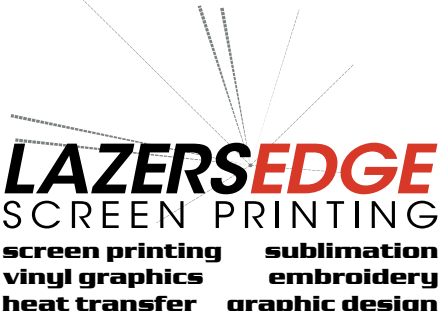
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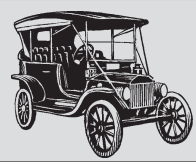
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Buggy Rides



Residents harness a little bit of area history

February 14, 1996 ~ Bill and Bud leaned effortlessly into their harnesses and walked down the trail pulling a 50-foot cedar log. Their teamster helped them navigate through the dense forest to a landing at the side of Lake Shore Drive.

Shortly, they were back in the thick of the cedar trees. This time their teamster and owner, Robert Schrade, turned them around and backed them up to the next tree.

A sawyer cut the base of the tree until it slid off its stump. The density of the forest kept the tree upright. Schrade hooked the team to the tree and gave the order — forward they went and down came the tree. Another order and the team stopped. The whine of chain saws filled the air and soon branches were laying on the ground.

On another order Bill and Bud took off again through the woods trailing the tall, straight log.

Schrade and his team were working for Jerry Kahn, the owner of the Cedarbrook Trout Farm. Over the course of about three days the team, sawyers, Leonard Brilinski and Steve Boyke, Schrade and Kahn pulled 100 trees off Kahn's property for what will eventually be a commercial

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Mr. Steadman was recently released from the army where he had served for three years. He will move his family here as soon as living quarters are available.

Bentley Steadman of the contracting firm of Terry & Steadman, with office in Bay City, expects to spend full time in this field.

Garnet Steadman, who also recently received his discharge from the army, is associated with his brother Mr. Carl Steadman as Mobilgas and Oil Distributor.

Super Crossword

Answers

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CYST	HOOSE	EGOW	STY	DAM

log building.

Schrade, of Lincoln said he loves pulling trees out with his team and would do it all day every day if he could. He and his team has pulled red pine logs out of forests for Al Scully of Lincoln and Danny Lovelace of Mikado to us for log buildings.

This was the first time he'd worked with Kahn, although they've known each other for years.

"It's great exercise and you really have to keep on your toes," Schrade, said.

Bill and Bud are five-year old Belgian draft horses which Schrade raised from colts.

Kahn has owned the trout farm, which is surrounded by cedar trees, for 25 years. He liked the idea of using the horses to slide out logs because, "I like to do things the old fashioned way."

Kahn said the selective cutting was ideal for his property and the horses only needed about a six-foot opening through the woods. Left-over branches feed the deer that are abundant, and hungry this time of year.

Kahn said the logs will be taken to a company to prepare them for construction.

Once they are returned to him it should take about six months to one year to construct the building he has planned.

Tigers overwhelm Hillman

February 14, 1996 ~ By Rich Mills

After four tough losses they needed this one — an 83-53 rout of Hillman.

For at least one evening, Coach Wayne VanDyke and his Tigers enjoyed themselves. Everybody saw plenty of playing time. Everybody but Mike James scored and the junior forward blocked a couple of shots and pulled down five rebounds.

Alcona started slow. Hillman led 9-4 early on. They led throughout the first quarter until Paul Truman's field goal gave the Tigers a 14-13 lead entering the second quarter.

Alcona took control in the second quarter. Nine points by Mike Unkovich and five each by Nathan Franklin and Mike Walker made it 40-26 at the half.

VanDyke emptied his bench halfway through the third quarter. Twelve Tigers broke into the scoring column led by Unkovich with 17, Ron Gonyea 14, and Franklin 13. Also scoring were Walker and Aaron Healy with seven points.

Aaron's older brother, Ian had six. "Mr. Hustle," Steve Hartz added five points. Jason Somers and Truman had four each.

Josh Thompson, Jeff Kozak and Jordan Byelich each finished with two points. Fan favorite Byelich unselfishly passed up a final lay-up to get an assist on Aaron Healy's final basket.

The Alcona Junior Varsity also won a laughter, 97-33. Zach Sedgewick paced all scorers with 28 points. Keith VanHurk and Andy Budreau each had 20 points. Dave Detloff had a career high 17 points, including three three-pointers. Dale Saranen chipped in with eight points. P.J. Potter added four. Chad Harvey pulled down seven rebounds.

News of men in the service

February 14, 1946 ~ Tachikawa, Japan, Jan. 27. '46

To Those Interested:

I have been asked several times by letters what Japan and her people are like. I thought the best way to answer this question would be to have it put in the paper. There surely are some of the boys who could answer this more distinctly than I. However I will do it to the best of my knowledge.

First of all I had no idea that Japan had so any beautiful things such as all the shrines and some of the buildings. There are buildings in Tokyo that nearly resemble

some of our buildings in the big cities like Detroit, etc. The modern or rather the homes of the middle class people are very different than those of ours.

When you walk into a home you don't find all the furniture and the comforts that the people of America are enjoying. They most generally have the floor covered with mats woven of rice straw. In the winter time they do not depend upon wood and coal for warmth as we do. They do, however wrap themselves in one or two heavy blankets and keep warm that day. About all the majority of them have to eat is their rice and

maybe a few string beans and maybe a couple of fish if they can get them at the market or are lucky enough to catch a few. All Japanese are given or issued a certain amount of rice.

They very seldom have a hard winter around the Tokyo and Yokahama area. Our interpreter here told me that they haven't had any snow in this area now for more than ten years. In the northern part of the island they have all the way from three to six feet of snow by the first of February.

Sincerely,
Sgt. Leland Bugg

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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	
Jan. 31	29	27	0.00	14.3	26	NE
Feb. 1	27	20	0.00	8.3	24	NNE
Feb. 2	32	19	0.00	4.9	24	N
Feb. 3	33	18	0.00	4.2	18	NNE
Feb. 4	32	18	0.05	11.4	42	S
Feb. 5	32	13	0.05	7.4	29	SW
Feb. 6	20	7	0.00	4.4	24	SW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2020-2021 Season	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.10	3.1
Month of January	0.55	5.0
February to Date	0.10	3.1
Year/Season to Date	0.65	12.3

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. **GEOGRAPHY:** The United States shares a land border with how many countries?
2. **HISTORY:** When did the Great Fire of London take place?
3. **MEASUREMENTS:** What does a sphygmomanometer measure?
4. **FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of food has varieties called castelvetro, manzanilla and nyon?
5. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the Coneheads' home planet ("Saturday Night Live")?
6. **MOVIES:** How many versions of "A Star Is Born" have been made?
7. **LITERATURE:** The title of William Faulkner's novel "The Sound and the Fury" is taken from which of Shakespeare's plays?
8. **SCIENCE:** What does the acronym DNA stand for?
9. **MUSIC:** What is a diggeridoo?
10. **CURRENCY:** Whose likeness is depicted on the U.S. \$50 bill?

Answers: 1. Two, Mexico and Canada; 2. 1666; 3. Blood pressure; 4. Olives; 5. Remulak; 6. Four; 7. "Macbeth"; 8. Deoxyribonucleic Acid; 9. An Australian wind instrument ; 10. Ulysses Grant (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

TECH BUZZ

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 TV ET from Melmac</p> <p>4 Puncturing tool</p> <p>7 Restrained like Rover</p> <p>15 "To a ..." poems</p> <p>19 Road gunk</p> <p>20 Zodiac beast</p> <p>21 Course taker, e.g.</p> <p>22 Actress Carter</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>26 Singer Fitzgerald</p> <p>27 Grove sight</p> <p>28 Certain boxing stat</p> <p>29 Mil. bigwig</p> <p>30 Pale-looking</p> <p>31 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>38 Kilmer of film</p> <p>40 Alley- —</p> <p>41 Lion's foot</p> <p>42 Fellow's wig</p> <p>43 Actor Estevez</p> <p>45 Sega's hedgehog</p> <p>47 Look up to</p> <p>51 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>55 Lyric-writing Gershwin</p> <p>56 Globes</p> <p>57 "Ixnay"</p> <p>58 "Take this"</p> | <p>59 Brainstorms</p> <p>61 Parsley bit</p> <p>64 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>67 Kay Thompson</p> <p>70 Native Kiwi</p> <p>71 Fluctuated greatly</p> <p>72 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>75 Odor</p> <p>77 French port in Brittany</p> <p>78 Outing ruiner</p> <p>79 Afflicted</p> <p>80 Poses</p> <p>84 Inflated self</p> <p>85 Riddle, part 6</p> <p>90 TV talker</p> <p>93 Slipknot loop</p> <p>94 Address of "Dr. No"</p> <p>95 Highest volcano in Eur.</p> <p>98 Mil. bigwig</p> <p>99 Mumbai "Mr."</p> <p>100 Cotillion girl</p> <p>101 End of the riddle</p> <p>107 Throat affliction, for short</p> <p>108 To the — degree</p> <p>109 Western Hemisphere gp.</p> <p>110 McEntire of song</p> | <p>113 Hair removal brand</p> <p>114 Riddle's answer</p> <p>120 Deli sandwiches, for short</p> <p>121 Grow pale</p> <p>122 Oct. follower</p> <p>123 O'Hare approx.</p> <p>124 Anatomical sac</p> <p>125 Slammer</p> <p>126 Porker's place</p> <p>127 Water barrier</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Element statistic: Abbr.</p> <p>2 Oz lion player Bert</p> <p>3 Ascend a rock face without aids for support</p> <p>4 Done in the style of</p> <p>5 Vanished as if by magic</p> <p>6 Tilt the head skyward</p> <p>7 Big Brit. lexicon</p> <p>8 Houston-to-Dallas dir.</p> <p>9 Actress Nicole — Parker</p> | <p>10 Vowel sound in "game"</p> <p>11 Born first</p> <p>12 Alicia of ballet</p> <p>13 Use stitches</p> <p>14 "— a Rebel"</p> <p>15 Like a single-part process</p> <p>16 City of India</p> <p>17 Barkin of "The Fan"</p> <p>18 Street talk</p> <p>24 Prefix with colonialism</p> <p>25 Auction unit</p> <p>30 Mars, to the Greeks</p> <p>32 Move around in confusion</p> <p>33 Pleistocene, for one</p> <p>34 Spout off</p> <p>35 Axis-vs.-Allies event</p> <p>36 Singer Tina</p> <p>37 Copycatted</p> <p>38 Bill blocker</p> <p>39 Eros, to the Romans</p> <p>44 Young girls</p> <p>45 Hang-up</p> <p>46 Be logically connected</p> <p>48 Letters after "had a farm"</p> <p>49 Ache for</p> <p>50 Subdued with a shock</p> | <p>52 Lead-in to lateral</p> <p>53 Classic soda brand</p> <p>54 Coach Parseghian</p> <p>59 Very hot star</p> <p>60 Anti-alcohol measures</p> <p>62 Oct. exam for many juniors</p> <p>63 Home: Abbr.</p> <p>64 Compound in wine</p> <p>65 Greedy type</p> <p>66 Indigo, e.g.</p> <p>67 Fix firmly</p> <p>68 One of the Florida Keys</p> <p>69 Cineplex — (former theater chain)</p> <p>70 Hurt severely</p> <p>73 Following loyally</p> <p>74 Zodiac beast</p> <p>75 Plum used to flavor gin</p> <p>76 Roman 1,051</p> <p>79 Commercial lead-in to -gram or -matic</p> <p>81 Shivered in fear or revulsion</p> <p>82 Frilly veggie</p> <p>83 Wild guess</p> <p>85 Lewis of rock</p> | <p>86 Apt to pry</p> <p>87 Artist Vincent van —</p> <p>88 Master marksman</p> <p>89 Actress Moran</p> <p>91 Calvin Coolidge's college</p> <p>92 Beginning of a web address</p> <p>96 Papal envoy</p> <p>97 2017 World Series winners</p> <p>99 Gives rise to</p> <p>101 Rachel Maddow's channel</p> <p>102 Rome's land</p> <p>103 Ground corn dish</p> <p>104 Burn — in one's pocket</p> <p>105 Chili holder</p> <p>106 Foul up</p> <p>111 Version being tested</p> <p>112 Eden evictee</p> <p>114 "I'm less than impressed"</p> <p>115 "Who am — argue?"</p> <p>116 Cave in</p> <p>117 Siouan people</p> <p>118 A small number of</p> <p>119 Trellis plant</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Feb. 14, 278 A.D., Valentine, a holy priest in Rome, is executed. Ruler Claudius the Cruel was having difficulty getting soldiers to join his military because of their strong attachment to their wives, and had banned marriages. Valentine continued to perform marriages in secret and was beheaded for it.
 - On Feb. 10, 1846, Brigham Young leaves Nauvoo, Illinois, and begins leading 1,600 Mormons west across the frozen Mississippi to a temporary refuge at Sugar Grove, Iowa. It was their first stop in a westward migration that eventually brought 12,000 of them to the Great Salt Lake in Utah.
 - On Feb. 12, 1912, Hsian-T'ung, the last emperor of China, is forced to abdicate. A provisional government was established, ending 267 years of Manchu rule in China and 2,000 years of imperial rule. The emperor was only 6 years old.
 - On Feb. 13, 1920, The League of Nations, the international organization formed at the peace conference at Versailles in the wake of World War I, recognizes the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.
 - On Feb. 11, 1937, after a six-week sit-down strike by General Motors autoworkers in Flint, Michigan, GM president Alfred P. Sloan signs the first union contract in the history of the American auto industry.
 - On Feb. 9, 1964, America meets the Beatles on "The Ed Sullivan Show," with an estimated 73 million Americans watching as the group made its live U.S. television debut. When they sang "She Loves You," the audience exploded in what was perhaps the most important 2 minutes and 16 seconds of music ever broadcast on American television.
 - On Feb. 8, 1983, gunmen steal champion Irish racehorse Shergar in County Kildare, Ireland. The 5-year-old thoroughbred stallion was worth \$13.5 million. A \$2 million ransom demand was never paid, and Shergar was never seen again.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- The human brain would be able to perform 38 quadrillion (38 thousand trillion) operations per second if it were a computer.
- Lisa Jakub, who played teenager Lydia Hilliard in "Mrs. Doubtfire," was kicked out of her Toronto school for taking the five-month-long film gig. When co-star Robin Williams found out, he wrote a letter to the school asking them to reconsider. School officials framed his letter, but didn't change their mind about Jakub.
- Pope Francis was once a nightclub bouncer in his native Argentina.
- Neptune was the first planet to be found through mathematical predictions rather than telescopic location.
- The Iberian ribbed newt uses its own bones as weapons! Special tubercles in its abdomen allow its ribs to poke out through its skin when the newt is frightened. As an added bonus, the skin secretes a toxic chemical, turning this little creature into a killer of anything that tries to bite it.
- Allodoxophobia is the fear of opinions.
- In Ghana, people like to be buried in something that represents their lives. These include coffins shaped like planes for pilots, fish for fishermen and a Mercedes for a businessman.
- Many companies try to be as ethical and environmentally friendly as possible, but Stella McCartney bags took that initiative a step further by making some of the accessories out of corn.
- "Psycho" was the first movie to show a toilet flushing.
- As part of standard convention, pilots and co-pilots do not eat the same food before a flight in case of food poisoning (or worse). If one of the pilots is incapacitated (in other words, unable to leave the bathroom), the other pilot can take over.

Thought for the Day: "The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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: **O** equals **C**

ATY AN PQ OAPXFDYH JYQI

LXXYLHI DA KY IDGOJGTS, KFD G

OLT'D XFD PQ NGTSYH AT GD.

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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 March 10, 2021.

The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Mortgage information: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kevin J. Baldwin and Patricia M. Baldwin, husband and wife, whose address is 1010 W. Trask Lake Road, Barton City, Mich. 48705; as original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc., being a mortgage dated May 23, 2017, and recorded on June 5, 2017 as Document No. 201700001965, Alcona County records, state of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated January 28, 2021

and recorded on February 2, 2021 as Document No. 202100000403, Alcona County records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred ninety-two thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars and 51/100 (\$192,492.51). Said premises are situated in Millen Township, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and are described as: Section 3, Township 26 North, Range 7 East, northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 lying north of Trask Lake Road. Street address: 1010 W. Trask Lake Road, Barton City, Mich. 48705.

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

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Dated: February 10, 2021
 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 21 4139 2-10, 2-17, 2-24, 3-3

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 21-6150-DE

Estate of Robert Scott Neil Date of Birth: October 26, 1962 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Robert Scott Neil, died January 26, 2021.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Trisha Marie Figlioli, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

Date: February 10, 2021
 Personal representative Trisha Figlioli
 1500 N. Sanborn Road
 Barton City, Mich. 48705
 (586) 419-0990

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Phillips, treasurer Mahalak, clerk Somers and council members Healy, Putsky, Somers, Wambold and Zielinski. Newly appointed Council Member Dorene Schick was sworn into office by attorney David Cook. A motion was presented for consideration to amend the minutes of the December 2020 council meeting to remove Phil Jordan and Holly Hussain from the Alcona, Alcona Area Credit Union Accounts and add Marsha Mahalak and Sheila Phillips. The motion is to comply with page 24 of the State of Michigan Accounting Procedures Manual. Procedures must be put into place to control the release of funds. Two signatures are required on each check..."

Village clerk, village treasurer, or in a situation where one of the two aforementioned officials are not available, the village president may sign. The motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Healy. Carried.

The minutes of the January 2021 meeting were approved on a

motion from Zielinski with support from Healy. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Putsky, to approve the bills as presented. Carried. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Wambold with support from Zielinski.

In public comment time Debbie Reames and Lenny Avery joined the meeting to ask for help with plowing the snow at the ARA site for food distribution through the ACCOA. A discussion followed. Attorney Cook suggested that perhaps the site will be kept cleaned out for the upcoming snowmobile races which in turn will help with the February food distribution.

Dorene Schick will be replacing Amanda Zielinski on the HR Committee. There is nearly \$5,000 in the pavilion account from bottle collections. Sara Healy will be replacing Amanda Zielinski on the Parks and Recreation Committee. President Phillips will be working on putting together information for the planning commission to address the possibility of having a golf cart community.

The RRC has not been doing much currently due to COVID-19. Healy stated that she expects things to pick up soon. Troy

Somers gave his zoning report. Mike Serafin gave the fire and first responder report. There were 19 medical runs and one fire run during the month of January. President Phillips has been working on the fire department contracts for the upcoming budget year.

Warren MacNeill gave the maintenance report. Some work has been done on the dump truck and more needs to be done. Bill Putsky gave the sewer report. The flow meters were recalibrated and are working fine. President Phillips gave the road report. She is currently working on getting final figures from the Barlow Road projects. The president's report was sent to members via email.

In old business the budget meeting is being rescheduled for March 15 at 7 p.m. Paperwork will be given to council members prior to the Zoom meeting. A meeting will be held for the MSHDA grant Tuesday evening. Tonight is officially Amanda Zielinski's last meeting. We wish her well in her move to Florida. A motion to adjourn was made by Zielinski with support from Healy. Carried.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

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BOARD OF REVIEW

PUBLIC NOTICE
 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP
 GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP HALL
 5037 CAMPBELL RD., GREENBUSH, MI. 48738
Monday, March 8
 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday, March 12
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Written protests should be mailed to: 2836 E. McNeil Rd. Lincoln, MI 48742 and MUST be received by March 8th.

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	50.32	0.99364
COMMERCIAL	49.94	1.00120
INDUSTRIAL	46.87	1.06678
RESIDENTIAL	49.51	1.00989
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.00000

Lee Major
 Greenbush Township Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE
 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR MIKADO TOWNSHIP
 MIKADO CIVIC CENTER
 2291 S. F-41 MIKADO, MI. 48745
Wednesday, March 10 - 1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 12 - 1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Written protests should be mailed to: 2836 E. McNeil Rd. Lincoln, MI 48742 and MUST be received by March 10th.

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	51.03	0.97981
COMMERCIAL	49.37	1.01276
INDUSTRIAL	N/A	N/A
RESIDENTIAL	43.22	1.15687
TIMBER CUTOVER	N/A	N/A
DEVELOPMENTAL	N/A	N/A
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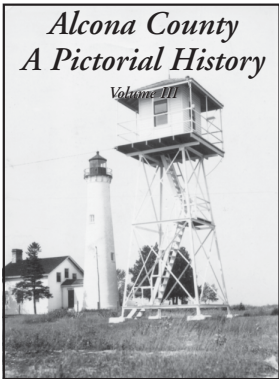
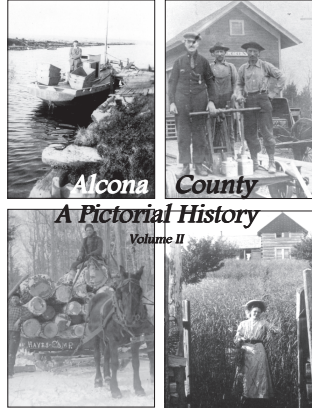
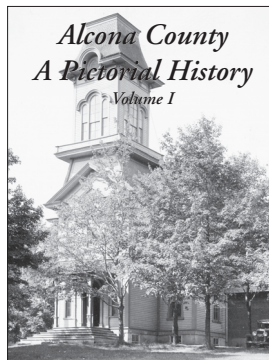
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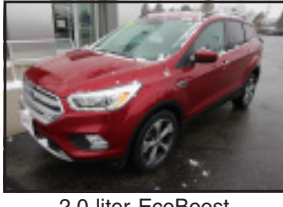
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