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Staying home saves lives

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

As of last Saturday, Alcona County remained untouched by COVID-19, despite nearby counties of Ogemaw and Iosco each having one confirmed case and 4,650 confirmed cases and 111 deaths in the state of Michigan.

County officials, district health departments, emergency management coordinators and local hospitals are extremely concerned it is only a matter of time before all counties in northern Michigan will see the virus spread.

With many people laid off from work and children becoming restless with schools being closed, many in the community are concerned that people, who normally live elsewhere in areas where the antine on people traveling to their second home, she is hopeful, especially considering the great number of elderly we have in northern counties such as Alcona, that people coming to the area self-quarantine themselves and family members they bring with them based on exposure protocols.

The concern is elderly people are at most risk of dying from COVID-19 and Alcona County has a very high population of people over 60. "My goal and that of my department are zero deaths from this," Byron said.

"Northern Michigan is known for its summer cottages and cabins. Because of our mild winter, snowbirds may be coming back sooner too. While we rely on tourism

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Craig Johnston, Chairman Alcona County Board of Commissioners

virus is already spreading rapidly, will make their way to seek refuge and peace in their northern Michigan summer homes and unknowingly bring the virus with them.

To suppress the spread of the virus, Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, signed an executive order on Tuesday, March 24, for people of the state to temporarily suspend all activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life.

The orders, however, do not restrict people to their homes and allows them to get gas and groceries, pick up takeout food, pick up prescriptions, seek medical attention, and engage in outdoor activities such as walking, hiking, running and biking. The order also allows people to leave the state to go to homes elsewhere or to return to Michigan to a home or place of residence from outside the state.

Denise Byron, District Health Officer for both District Health No. 2 and No. 4 said all communities are taking the governor's orders to stay home and stay safe very seriously, but the order does not restrict travel between residences.

Byron explained while the governor did not order a quar-

and summer residents for our economy in northeastern Michigan, people coming need to bring ample supplies with them such as food to get through the 14 days without going into any public places," Byron said.

Byron explained a person who could have the virus may not know it or show symptoms for two weeks after being exposed. She was also concerned with children playing in public play areas or with other families and how easily the virus could spread that way.

Craig Johnston, chairman of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, said an early swell in population is a concern for the county.

"People need to be personally responsible for themselves and their families and follow the 14-day quarantine guideline. The governor did not say they couldn't travel to another home. We are saying come if you need to, that is your choice, however, we ask you to be wise and bring enough supplies to self-quarantine," Johnston said.

He explained the county normally ramps up services for the summer months when the population almost triples. "We adjust services to meet

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Families in the Alcona Community School District receive free food containing enough healthy meals and snacks for several meals each week. This food has been distributed by the staff and volunteers of Alcona Community School District via bus routes twice a week for the past two weeks and have even gone out once this week, which would have been spring break. Students Noelle Wagner and Jacob and Alex Smith were glad to receive their bags containing cheese, fruit, yogurt, sandwiches, and milk from school paraprofessional Cindy Sharboneau and bus driver Deb Kahila. Sharboneau said it was a delight to see the smiling faces of excited children waiting for the bus to arrive. *Photo by Mary Weber*.

County offices conduct work despite current situation

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Due to COVID-19 state executive orders, the Alcona County building has been closed to the public, but that doesn't mean commissioners and county employees are not at work conducting business.

Since all commission meetings must be open to the public, the board will be Zooming a live broadcast feed via the Internet to the public. A link will be available on the Alcona County website, alconacountymi.com, to access the live feed conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 1 and April 15.

Craig Johnston, chairman of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, said no one will be allowed into the county building during the commission meeting and was glad they could use this alternative way to keep the meetings open to the public. "We'll see how this goes. We may Zoom all our meetings in the future," Johnston said.

He said despite the closure of the building to the public, work is still being performed and so far, no county employees have been laid off.

"Some are working from home and all are on call to come in if needed. The building has been paired down to absolute essential services. Our immediate concern is the county building, 911, emergency medical service and the sheriff's department and to continue to run those safely and efficiently," Johnston said.

He explained the register of deeds office is working part-time to register mortgages, deeds and filings necessary. The treasurer's office is still taking care of receiving taxes and the clerk's office is always busy because they are responsible for payroll and telephone calls.

The Alcona County Road Commission office is also closed to the public and workers are on call if emergency road work is needed, according to Johnston.

He said the commissioners have been in daily communication with Lenny Avery, director of Alcona County Commission on Aging; Dan O'Connor, superintendent of Alcona Community Schools; and Scott Rice, emergency management director; to make sure things are running smoothly and the needs of the community are being met as much as possible.

According to Johnston, the Economic Development Commission (EDC) has ramped up its efforts to talk to broad-

band providers and have had several conference calls over the last two weeks to get more people access to broadband. "That kind of infrastructure doesn't get built overnight, but they are doing what they can," he said.

He explained the schools have called students homes to find out who has internet service and who needs it, just in case classes at the school do not resume this year. "They are laying the groundwork. Even if school does resume, this could be a good thing for us going forward as we will have good data points to determine where and what the needs are for internet access," Johnston said.

Budget concerns are still an issue for the county and Johnston said COVID-19 could put an even bigger strain on it. He said there is a lot to keep track of and they are keeping their ears and

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Sheriff's office continues to protect and serve

In this time of uncertainty, I believe that it important to let you know what is going on at your sheriff's office in response to the COVID-19 pan-

There are three areas of concern that I consider when I make decisions in regard to how the Alcona County Sheriff's Office conducts business going forward. Those three things are the health and safety of our community; the health, safety, and security of the inmates in the jail; and the health and safety of sheriff's office employees.

The road patrol deputies remain on patrol and are handling complaints. Complaints may be handled by the deputies a little differently for now, but they will be handled. We have followed the most current CDC information on how law enforcement should respond to calls during this epidemic. This includes handling some complaints by telephone rather than in person. In car computers allow the deputies to perform most of their duties while being visible and available in the community.

We have also provided the deputies and corrections officers with the personal protective equipment that they need. I've been accepting donations of gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, and wipes. Currently, we have enough gloves and masks for my staff, but we are running low on

Guest **Columnist**

hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. If you are able to donate any of these items, I will put them to use by my staff or reallocate them to health care workers.

I have a responsibility to keep the inmates in my jail safe and secure. To reduce the chance of inmates or my correctional staff getting ill, I have closed the lobby of the sheriff's office to the public. I closed the jail to all visitors including programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, General Education Degree (GED), clergy, and attorneys. I have also worked closely with the court system to reduce the jail population at this time. Technology has allowed us to continue inmate visits with friends, family, lawyer, and clergy via video visitations.

If you call my office at (989) 724-6271, we can accomplish almost anything that you would have come into the office for. It may take a little more time, but we will get it done. We will reopen the lobby as soon as it becomes reasonably safe to do so.

The governor has issued several executive orders that affect citizens of Michigan. My office cannot give permission or authorization to violate these orders; individuals or business owners have to make their own decisions by reviewing the orders at www.michigan.gov/coronavi-

My advice is to follow the orders and restrictions as closely as possible for the safety of yourself, the community, and to avoid possible state sanctions.

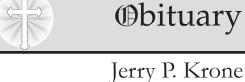
When you must leave home for essential travel or work, do your best to maintain the six feet social distance rule and wash your hands or use sanitizer frequently. If the grocery stores or gas stations are busy, wait a few minutes to go in.

During times of uncertainty, especially when we are restricted to home, tensions and emotions can run high. Please be a little more understanding and tolerant with your family members. Law enforcement sees increases in domestic violence calls during times of blizzards or extreme cold weather where people are confined to home. I fear the same could be true during this crisis. Try not to consume alcohol to excess and try to be more understanding.

To summarize, I know times are tough and the future is a bit uncertain. I don't have all the answers and I don't know when this will end. I pray it will be soon. My office is going to continue to be here for you even if "being here" happens a little differently. Feel free to call me or my office for anything. If we don't have the answer, we usually know where to find it.

Be safe, be healthy, and take care of each other.

(Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson has been in office since May 1, 2019.)



Jerry Paul Krone, 78, died on Friday, March 20, 2020 in Tyler, Texas.

He was born on March 21, 1941 to Henry Herndon and Lucille Margret (Minor) Krone in Nowata, Okla.

He grew up in Graford, Texas and graduated from Graford High School in 1959. He joined the Air Force in 1961 and was stationed at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda.

On May 30, 1964 he married Phyllis Holzheuer in Hale. In 1974 the couple purchased a hardware store in Lincoln and were the owners and operators of Village Home Center until their retirement in 2010. After retiring they moved to Hawkins, Texas.

He enjoyed spending time with family, attending sporting events, hunting, and was an avid bass fisherman.

Mr. Krone is survived by his wife Phyllis Krone; two sons, Trace (Lynn) Krone and Stace (Louann) Krone; one daughter, Shana (Dustin) Schneider; 10 grandchildren; two greatgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Forest Krone, Don Krone and Ray Krone; and one sister, Joan Martin.

A celebration of life will be planned for a later date. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements were handled by Hilliard Funeral Home in Van, Texas.

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eves open for any opportunity such as business grants and other funding from the federal and state govern-

Overall, Johnston said he was impressed with how the community has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. "I see the same energy, fervor and response to this as this community has always shown.

"I see no one panicking. We

are a resourceful people in Alcona County and that's why we live here. We take care of things as we need to, and I see the same thing happening now. It has always been that way here. We are taking care of business and doing what we need to do. The only difference now is we are keeping our six-foot distances. I am impressed by our citizens, but not surprised," Johnston said.

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that demand. This is early for us to start and we are doing everything we can to do what is needed, but when you add on the complicating factor of if and when we have a (COVID-19) outbreak in our county, it will put a strain on what we have," Johnston said.

Alcona County Emergency Management Coordinator/ **Emergency Medical Services** (EMS) Director Scott Rice is concerned about the strain on local hospitals that don't have the capacity and resources to handle a large out-

'From everything I'm seeing on the news and from the health department they are all saying the same thing,

please stay downstate," Rice

Although Rice has not seen a noticeable increase in emergency calls, he has heard of a few cabins opening. Rice said he has also heard that local plumbers and electricians have refused to open cabins for people. "They are only doing emergency work which doesn't include opening second homes," Rice said.

To get current accurate upto-date information on the virus, visit Michigan.gov/ Coronavirus, CDC/Coronavirus, Department of Health No. 2 at dhd2.org or call the Covid Hotline at (888) 535-6136 which is open daily between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.



Calendar of Events



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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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

County and Township seats

Deadline to be on August

primary ballot approaches

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

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

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

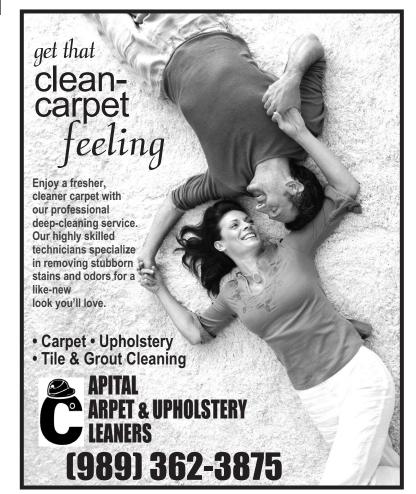
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Euchre players meet at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, Lincoln at 1 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.



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officials of her township had already submitted petitions and will be running again for election. Many of the other township clerks in the community said the same about

their elected officials or were

unsure if all would be running again or not.

Anumber of township seats will be changing and so far, Roger Jamieson, clerk for Harrisville Township; Teresa Perkins, clerk for Curtis Township; Jesus Yruegas, supervisor for Mikado Township; Rita Sands, clerk for Mikado Township; James Burger, supervisor for Millen Township; and Gloria Burger, clerk for Millen Township; are either thinking about or have committed to resigning their elected seats.

For more information regarding township seats or to file a petition, call the township clerk in the related township. For information or a petition to file for a county seat, call Eller at (989)724-9410.

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The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **City of Harrisville**, **200 North 5**th **Street**, **Harrisville**, **Michigan 48740**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**, or at the Engineers Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents as described below.

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Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained by contacting OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan 48640 during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a **non-refundable fee** of **\$40.00** for pints sets that need to be mailed UPS. The City of Harrisville has received funding for this project through a Recreational Passport Grant. State or federal funds are being used to assist in construction and relevant State or federal requirements will apply.

Owner: City of Harrisville
By: Jeff Gehring

Title: Mayor
Date: March 20, 2020

3/25 & 4/1

According to Alcona County Clerk Stephany Eller, the deadline to file a petition to be named on the August primary ballot is April 21. "This August will be our county and township primary. This election will decide what county and township candidates will be on the ballot with the presidential election in November." Filer

In August registered vot-

ers will be casting prelimi-

nary ballots for a wide range

of local elected officials in-

cluding almost all county and

By Mary Weber

township positions.

Staff Writer

ship candidates will be on the ballot with the presidential election in November," Eller said. She explained some petitions have started to come in, but it was still early yet for a lot of people to file and people could go on as write-in candidates if they miss the

April 21 deadline.

The term for an elected official at a township level is four years and, currently,

county commissioners have a two-year term. Eller explained many entities are trying to change county commissioner seats to four-year

terms.

Craig Johnston, chairman of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, said he thought all the present commissioners would be running again for re-election but said he wasn't one hundred percent sure and a lot could change before the deadline.

Other county seats besides commissioners will also be on the ballot including county clerk, treasurer, prosecuting attorney and sheriff.

Alcona Township Clerk Dawn LaLonde said all elected

Check out the Alcona Review Website

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Spring in 2 Summer Expo has been postponed until June 7, from Noon to 4 p.m. due to the stay home order.

The family of Ann Jacobs would like to extend a huge heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful people for the cards, thoughts and prayers. Especially Mike & Sheri Sanford, Gary & Kathy Tomes and Cari Butler of Mountain Bar & Grill. Again, thank you for the support to the wonderful people of the community in our time of sorrow.

Tom, Jelly Bean, Paige, Robin

Local Notes

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Business Relief Grants

Working through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), Target Alpena will be processing applications for grants on their behalf for the following five counties - Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Iosco, and Presque Isle. Go to https://alpenachamber.com/medc-grant-information/ for more information on criteria and the application process. Applications and materials must be turned in by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 3 to be considered. Contact Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce with questions (989) 354-4181.

Cancellations

- Tops MI 1502 Mikado meetings held at St. Raphael Catholic Church have been cancelled for April 9 and 16.
- Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council's April 1 meeting is cancelled.
- Pine River Van Ettan Lake Watershed Coalition meeting for April 9 cancelled.
- Veterans Coffee Hours held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville cancelled until further notice.

Unemployment Benefits

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, under the federal CARES Act, signed an agreement between Michigan and the U.S. Dept. of Labor to implement Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Compensation programs that grant benefits to workers who do not already qualify for state unemployment benefits.

Workers include self-employed, 1099-independent contractors, gig, and lowwage workers who can no longer work because of the pandemic. The agreement also increases weekly benefits for all unemployed workers by \$600 a week for up to four months and extends benefit payments from 26 to 39 weeks.

The Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) will provide additional guidance regarding eligibility and application details in the coming days as it implements these new programs.

If a worker's application has previously been denied by the UIA in the past three weeks there is no need for them to reapply at this time. They will be notified by the agency with any additional action that may need to be taken.

The day or time of day in which a claim is filed will not impact whether a worker receives benefits or their benefit amount. Additionally, claims will be backdated to reflect the date in which a claimant was laid-off or let go from their job due to COVID-19. The eligibility window to apply has also been increased from 14 to 28 days from the date of their work stoppage.

Online Filing Schedule

- Michigan.gov/UIA. Workers are encouraged to go online during off-peak times between 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Last names beginning with letters A-L are asked to file claims on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.
- Last names beginning with letters M-Z are asked to file claims on Sundays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays.
- Saturdays will be available for anyone to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window.

Call Center filing schedule: (866) 500-0017. For more information visit Michigan.gov/UIA

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

Distribution of Grants

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) recently awarded a new round of community grants covering a four-county area that includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties. The Board of Trustees recently approved 50 new grants totaling \$95,222. Of that amount, \$72,622 was awarded in Community Impact Grants, and \$22,600 was awarded in grants from the

Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC).

New community impact grants are:

- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$4,000 toward the Alcona Backpack program;
- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$3,175 toward the Detroit Arts and Culture field trip project;
- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$1,000 toward the weight room equipment project;
- Curtis Township Library was awarded \$2,000 toward the 2020 Heritage Skills Workshop series;
- Inspiration Alcona was awarded \$3,000 for the 4th Annual 2021 Alcona Small Farm Conference;
- Mikado Township was awarded \$1,500 for the bingo machine upgrade project;
- Approved grants recommended by the Youth Advisory Councils (YAC) of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties.
- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$1,400 for the Close Up program;
- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$1,770 for the Genius Hour in STEM program;
- Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$700 for the Photography Genius Hour project;

The next opportunity for submitting grant applications is through the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle grant. The deadline to apply is July 1, 2020 and grants will be awarded to projects that support issues important to the women of Northeast Michigan. Applications are available at cfnem.org.

Business Closed - Hold Mail

In an effort to best serve business customers, the U.S. Postal Service is temporarily modifying how it handles mail that must be returned to the delivery office due to a full box, or the business not being open to receive delivery for an extended period.

Current postal policy is to return the mail to the delivery office, indicate the date the mail is first returned to be held, and hold for 10 days. In order to accommodate businesses during this challenging time, the U.S. Postal Service is extending the hold period to 30 days before returning the items to the sender

Once the business reopens, delivery should immediately resume unless other arrangements have been made. If the business fails to make alternative delivery arrangements or does not submit a request to hold or forward its mail after 30 days, the process of returning mail to the sender will resume.

Management may make efforts to contact business owners for whom the USPS is holding mail to discuss the alternative options.

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How to get Social Security help during coronavirus pandemic

Dear Savvy Senior,

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Recently Retired

Dear Recently,

Yes, that's correct. The Social Security Administration has closed its 1,200 field offices throughout the country to protect benefit recipients and workers from the coronavirus pandemic. Their offices have been closed since March 17. How long they will be closed is unclear. It will depend on the course of the pandemic.

In the meantime, services will continue to be available online at the SocialSecurity-.gov website, and over the phone. You can also rest assured that monthly payments to the more than 69 million Social Security beneficiaries will not be affected in any way.

Here's a rundown of how you can get help and get answers to your Social Security questions, while their offices are shut down.

Online Help

For any Social Security business you need to conduct, go to SSA.gov/ onlineservices. There you can view your latest statement and earnings history, apply for retirement, disability, and Medicare benefits online, check the status of an application or appeal, request a replacement Social Security card (in most areas), print a benefit verification letter, and much more – from anywhere and from any of your devices.

Their website also has a wealth of information to answer most of your Social Security questions without having to speak with a representative. For answers to your Social Security questions see their frequently asked questions page at SSA.gov/ask.

Phone Assistance

Social Security business online, check the SSA online field office locator (see SSA.gov/locator) for specific information about how to directly contact your local office. Your local office will be able to provide critical services to help you apply for benefits, answer your questions, and provide other services over the phone.

Or, you can also call the Social Security national tollfree number at (800) 772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778). This number has many automated service options you can use without waiting to speak with a telephone representa-

If you already have an inoffice appointment scheduled, Social Security will call you to handle your appointment over the phone instead. The call may come from a private number and not from a federal line.

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Alcona football program joins Northern Michigan Football League

By Ben Murphy Sports Writer

With the influx of high school football teams opting to leave for the eight-man game, schools still competing in 11-man in northern Michigan have been having an increasingly harder time filling their schedules. Alcona hopes to alleviate that problem, as it was recently accepted into the Northern Michigan Football League

"Over the years that we have existed, we have tried to keep our teams from feeling the ravage of teams going eight-man and I feel we have done a good job of that," said Dave Jackson, NMFL secretary.

(NMFL), beginning with the

2021 season.

The league has been in existence since the 2014 season, and is broken up into three divisions, primarily by enrollment. The Tigers will compete in the smallest division, dubbed the Legacy Division. They will go up against Harbor Springs (280 enrollment), East Jordan (250), Johannesburg-Lewiston (226), St. Ignace (209), Frankfort (174) and fellow newcomer to the league Rogers City (214). Comparatively, Alcona's current enrollment Alcona fit in real well with is 225.

"Joining the NMFL will be a good fit for us and will ensure that we are able to compete in 11-man football for years to come," said Jason Somers, Alcona High School head football coach. "This league alignment was well thought out and makes for a very competitive schedule. The only downfall is that we will be losing a game or two with out of conference teams that have been a staple on our schedule. Alcona football looks forward to being part of this league and will embrace the challenge of competing with all the new opponents.'

The largest division, called the Legends will include Sault Ste. Marie (700); Ogemaw Heights (624); Cheboygan (527); Benzie Central (505); Grayling (473); Kingsley (443); and Traverse City St. Francis (355). Tawas (421), a frequent non league opponent for the Tigers will join this division, starting in 2021 as well.

The other division, dubbed Leaders will be Kalkaska (468); Boyne City (418); Glen Lake (395); Elk Rapids (366); Charlevoix (335); and Mancelona (297).

"I think Rogers City and

our small schools," Jackson said. I've been impressed with all three (Tawas, R-C, Alcona). They are trying to do what is best for their kids and all seem like a good fit for the

Jackson also added that with Inland Lakes recently announcing it intends to begin play in eight-man football starting the 2020 season, they will be looking to add one more school. Oscoda athletic director Scott Lueck expressed interest in seeing their football program taking that spot. The Owls have an enrollment of 295.

"We have talked about the opening, but we haven't officially applied," he said. "It is definitely possible, it would be good for us. It is going to be good for travel and good for the schedule. I am worried about Whittemore-Prescott (225 enrollment), but I have talked to them and they are thinking going into the Mid-State Athletic Conference (in football only) is going to be a better fit for them as far as travel and schedule so it looks like we would all land on our feet. I wouldn't want to ostracize them. This isn't official though and everything is pretty much on hold (due to COVID-19)."

Michigan's "Big Wild" is getting bigger

Outdoor enthusiasts know that the rugged, 108,000-acre expanse of Michigan's Pigeon River Country State Forest is one of the state's premier destinations to connect with nature. Three world-class trout streams ramble through forests and wetlands at the heart of the state's elk range.

What could be better than that? More of it.

A Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) land deal valued at more than \$2 million finalized last month adds the Elk Forest at Black River, a 597-acre parcel in Montmorency County, to Michigan's public lands. This ecologically important area is surrounded on three sides by existing state-managed land and will become part of the Pigeon River Country State Forest, known to many as "the Big Wild."

"This spectacular place adds a gem to the crown of Michigan's public lands," said Debbie Begalle, DNR Forest Resources Division Chief. "The land will be open for hiking, hunting, fishing, elk viewing, skiing, snowshoeing, bird watching, mushroom hunting and berry picking, to name just a few activities.'

The purchase provides public access to Walled Lake, a spring-fed, 44-acre double sinkhole lake. A smaller lake and pond are nearby. Adventurers also will enjoy the addition of more than a mile of the Black River, a top-quality trout stream, and a half-mile of Hardwood Creek.

This stretch of the Black River is supported by DNR Type 1 trout regulations where the minimum brook trout size limit is seven inches,



A bull elk in the Pigeon River Country State Forest. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

all tackle types are allowed, and the daily bag limit is five fish. Trout fishing season begins the last Saturday in April and ends September 30. Walled Lake fishing regulations will be identical to those of neighboring South and North Blue lakes: catch and immediate release only, and artificial lures only.

Upland from the lake and river, a forest of mixed pine, aspen and oak is a thriving wildlife haven, and near the water, wetland plants such as wild cranberry and carnivorous pitcher plants grow beneath a canopy of cedar. The Black River's cold waters

make it the premier brook trout stream east of the Mississippi. It is the only river managed exclusively for native brook trout in the entire Lake Huron basin.

The river also provides ideal habitat for the Hungerford's crawling water beetle - a federally endangered, shieldshaped insect found in only a few areas around the Great Lakes. Some parts of the property are prime nesting areas for the Kirtland's warbler, a songbird that recently came off the federal Endangered Species List." This area is full

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Medical professionals, everyday residents could save lives

As Michigan's healthcare system faces tremendous strains due to the spread of COVID-19, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) are calling on medical professionals and everyday Michiganders to volunteer their talents and time to save lives.

A new volunteer website, www.michigan.gov/ fightcovid19 has been launched where trained medical professionals can register to serve their fellow Michiganders by assisting hospitals in fighting COVID-19.

Other state residents also can use the site to find out how they can help in their local communities, give blood, donate money or needed medical supplies, or assist public health officials in tracking infections.

"We've seen an incredible amount of strength and courage of Michiganders during this time of uncertainty, whether it's from communities donating food, money, and resources to those that need it or from businesses using their technology to manufacture personal protective equipment," said Gov. Whitmer. "To bend the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19 in our state, we must all work together as Michiganders. Whether you're a medical professional looking to volunteer, or someone who can give blood or donate to your local food bank, everyone can help out. We will get through this together."

This website will serve as a single clearinghouse for Michiganders to join the fight against COVID-19. The state will work with hospitals and health systems that are shortstaffed to fill gaps if and when necessary.

Residents with a background in public health, healthcare fields, or community organizing may assist with contact tracing. Contact tracing involves speaking with COVID-19-positive patients to determine the people they interacted with and locations they visited in the days prior to becoming infected.



"The time is now to save lives," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "Doctors, nurses, medical assistants please volunteer where we need you most. You can save lives. Michiganders in good health who want to serve seniors who are alone - safely, from a distance - please volunteer. You can save lives, too. If you're ready to use your cell phone to trace infections to their source, please volunteer. You can save lives,

fightcovid19." Easy-to-use-buttons on the website allow users to link to volunteer opportunities in their community, donate or give blood. The Michigan Community Service Commission within the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity is a partner in

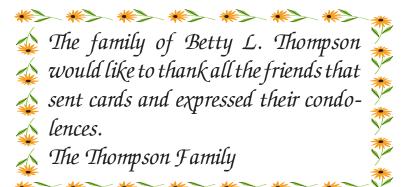
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the new website as the state's expert at using service as a strategy to address Michigan's most pressing issues and empowering volunteers to strengthen communities.

The American Red Cross is also partnering with the state on the new site. As the demand for blood remains high during the pandemic, Whitmer and the American Red Cross encourage eligible, healthy Michigan donors to go to RedCrossBlood.org and schedule an appointment to give in the days and weeks ahead. The Red Cross has implemented COVID-19 mitigation measures at blood drives.

Information around COVID-19 outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

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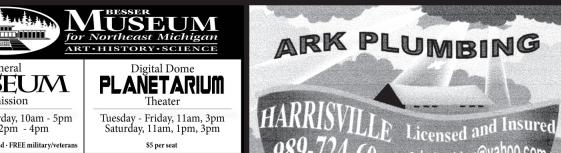
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Glennie man killed; Pinned under fallen

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April 5, 1945 ~ George A. Steele, caretaker of the W. C. Mullenburg farm east of Glennie, was killed Wednesday evening when a rabbit hutch was blown down by the high wind, pinning him to the ground.

Mrs. Steele began a search for her husband about four o'clock and becoming alarmed at his disappearance, called on neighbors to aid in searching for him, but to no avail. Shortly after midnight with flashlight in hand, Mrs. Steele again searched the premises and found the body under the fallen hutch.

Coroner W. F. Carle, and Sheriff Adair were called. Death was pronounced accidental.

Mr. Steele was born in Breckenridge, Michigan, April 19, 1898. He was a veteran of World War I.

Killed in action in France March 15

April 5, 1945 ~ Pfc. Ned O. Wiedbrauk, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wiedbrauk of Curran, was killed in action in France on March 15th, 1945, according to a telegram received by the parents from the War Department last Thursday.

Pfc. Wiedbrauk entered the service on December 2, 1942, and was a member of Company G, 41Gth. Inf., 103rd. Division, with the 7th. Army.

Ned. O. Wiedbrauk was born in Curran 24 years ago, and spent his entire life there until his induction into the

Surviving are his parents; two sisters, Mrs. Cora DeJarlalis and Nellie of Curran; one brother, Floyd, who is a staff sergeant somewhere in France.

Youth "borrows" horse; to be tried in circuit

April 1, 1920 ~ Ephriam Robert Sampine, giving his age as 19 and his residence as East Tawas, "borrowed" Isaac Downer's horse from the field Sunday and later tried to sell it to various per-

After the officers were notified they traced the pair to Black River, where the young man was arrested and brought to the jail here. He was arraigned, waived examination and was bound over to the circuit court, where it is expected he will plead guilty.

Caledonia Supervisor injured on snowmachine

April 2, 1970 ~ Kenneth R. Timm, of Spruce, was admitted to Alpena Hospital Friday night for treatment of a fractured left leg suffered in a snowmobile accident earlier in the evening. The accident occurred at 6:15 p.m. off the Ball Rd. in Alcona County. Timm reportedly was climbing an embankment when he saw a fence ahead of him. Timm reported he was injured when he jumped from the snowmobile to avoid hitting the fence. He was taken to the hospital by private car.

Three Harrisville businesses entered

April 2, 1970 ~ Three business place in Harrisville were entered early Wednesday morning of this week.

The Dyna Cafe was entered through a rear door, Lindow's Mobil Service, through a window on the north side of the building and entry was made through a side door at Kerby Lanes.

According to Sheriff Martin Gehres, a total of between \$200 and \$300 in change was taken.

Start drive to help locate missing girls

the combined efforts of citizens of the Oscoda Area Schools District and area news media, led by an interested Oscoda resident, an intensive organized effort is being made to learn the fate of two Oscoda High School girls who disappeared while hitchhiking home from school on October 31, 1969. To date all efforts by police to find them have been unsuccessful.

The two girls are Pamela Hobley, 15, daughter of Mrs. Lois Hobley and Patricia Spencer, 17, daughter of Mrs. Arlene Spencer of Oscoda, formerly of Curtis Township, Alcona County.

John Lafferty of Oscoda, a retired truck driver for the Detroit Free Press has organized a drive to raise reward money for information leading to the whereabouts of the missing students. Over \$600

April 2, 1970 ~ Through has been contributed since the girls disappeared and a \$500 reward has been offered with posters distributed throughout the area. Lafferty, as a retiree, has plenty of time on his hands and felt it could be used to good advantage in trying to solve them mysterious disappearance of the girls and help relieve the anxiety of the mothers.

He hopes to organize a search of the plains area between Oscoda and Five Channels Dam, and asks motorcycle clubs, any hiking group or others to search the many side roads and trails for possible clues.

PATRICIA (PATTI) SPEN-CER 5 ft. 2 in., has long blond hair. When last seen at the High School on the River Road, she was wearing a brown tweed skirt, and a green plaid jacket with the peace emblem painted on the

PAMELA HOBLEY, 5 tf. 7 in. has long dark brown hair and was wearing a brown plaid skirt, a white blouse with ruffle, white knee sox and a white wooly coat.

Any available information may be given to the Police or to the Reward Committee. Mr. Lafferty, reward chairman, maybe reached by dialing 739-XXXX, Oscoda.

The reward offer expires Sept. 1, 1970. Parents, police or the reward committee are not eligible for the reward. If the girls are not found after a six months period, the money will be returned to the do-

Mr. Lafferty wishes to thank the many donators from the Glennie area and Mrs. Milton Travis Sr. for her efforts in obtaining donations from the Mikado area and those who responded.

Marion Kahn is bride of Corporal Ralph C. Mills

April 5, 1945 ~ Simplicity was the keynote in the ceremony which united in marriage on Thursday evening, March 29, two popular young Alcona County residents, Miss Marion Kahn and Cpl. Ralph C. Mills. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kahn of Mikado, and Cpl. Mills is the son of Mrs. Charles Mills of Lincoln, and the late Mr. Mills.

The couple repeated their vows before Chaplin Dreskell

at the Post Chapel at Fort George Meade in Maryland where the bridegroom is stationed. They were attended by two buddies of the bridegroom, and assistant Chaplain played the Wedding March and "I Love You Truly" during the ceremony.

The bride chose a costume suit of grey wool with navy and chartreuse accessories. Her shoulder corsage was white gardenias.

The bride is a graduate of

Oscoda High School and the bridegroom was graduated from Harrisville High School.

Mrs. Mills plans to remain in Maryland until her husband is reassigned.

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March 23	35	28	0.00	4.5	21	S	
March 24	36	27	0.00	2	9	SSE	
March 25	39	28	0.00	5.3	20	SSW	
March 26	39	28	0.00	4.3	17	NNE	
March 27	40	28	0.00	3.8	16	S	
March 28	38	29	0.00	4.3	18	NNE	

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2010-2020 Season

		2019-2020 Season	
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.00	0.0	0.50
March to Date	0.73	1.9	1.89
Year/Season to Date	2.59	54.0	5.00

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. TELEVISION: Which show was a spinoff of the 1970s show "The Six Million Dollar Man"?
- 2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a personal retreat at Warm Springs, Georgia?
- **3. GEOGRAPHY:** Which river runs through the city of Paris, France?
- 4. MOVIES: Who was the young female star of the movie "Firestarter"?
- 5. SCIENCE: What is the largest living structure on Earth?
- 6. FIRSTS: Who is the first (and only so far) football player to win the Heisman Trophy twice?
- **7. HISTORY:** How many people were officially executed in the Reign of Terror after the French Revolution?
- **8. BIBLE:** How many proverbs did King Solomon compose?
- 9. BUSINESS: What is the unit of currency used in South Africa?
- 10. U.S. STATES: Which three states have four-letter names?

Answers: 1. "The Bionic Woman"; 2. Franklin Roosevelt; 3. The Seine River; 4. Drew Barrymore; 5. The Great Barrier Reef; 6. Archie Griffin, Ohio State; 7. Almost 17,000; 8. 3,000; 9. The rand; 10. Ohio, Iowa and Utah (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

OUT OF THE ORDINARY







• On April 7, 1891, American showman Phineas T. Barnum dies in Bridgeport, Connecticut, at age 81. Barnum had requested that a New York paper run his obituary before he died so he could enjoy reading it, and the paper obliged.

• On April 12, 1908, a fire at the Boston Blacking Company in Chelsea, Massachusetts, leaves 12 dead, 85 missing and presumed dead and more than 17,000 homeless. Due to high winds, a good portion of the city burned.

• On April 6, 1917, the U.S House of Representatives endorses a Senate declaration of war against Germany, and America formally enters World War I. Some 50,000 American soldiers would lose their lives before the war ended on Nov. 11, 1918.

• On April 10, 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt establishes the Civilian Conservation Corps to put thousands of Americans to work during the Great Depression. The CCC was open to unemployed, unmarried U.S. male citizens between the ages of 18 and 26.

• On April 9, 1959, NASA introduces America's first astronauts to the press: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper Jr., John Glenn Jr., Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr., Alan Shepard Jr. and Donald Slayton. The seven men, all military test pilots, were selected from a group of 32 candidates.

• On April 8, 2005, Eric Rudolph agrees to plead guilty to a series of bombings, including the fatal bombing at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, in order to avoid the death penalty. A 40-pound pipe bomb that exploded in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park killed one woman and injured over 100 people.

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

• Ever wondered why those athletic lace-ups on your feet are called sneakers? The moniker came about in the late 1800s, from their rubber soles that allowed people to walk or "sneak" around without a sound.

• Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" books were once used as post-World War II propaganda. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's occupation headquarters chose "The Long Winter" as one of the first American books to be translated into Japanese, in an effort to boost the morale of defeated, starving citizens. German translations soon followed, with a similar goal.

• During the mid-1970s, author Anne Fine walked by a shop selling jewelry and old furs, the proprietor of which was a Madame Doubtfire. Fine recalled the name in 1986 when she wrote her novel "Madame Doubtfire." Her one request to makers of the film starring Robin Williams and Sally Field was that they "not make the children bratty, and they did indulge me in that."

• Believing he had been cursed for killing two canines, a man in India married a third as an act of atonement.

• Michelangelo, renowned painter of the Sistine Chapel and brilliant sculptor to boot, was surprisingly averse to personal hygiene. He also rarely changed his clothes. One of his servants remarked that the artist would spend so much time in his shoes that when he finally did take them off, "the skin came away, like a snake's, with the boots."

• You might experience "optophobia" while watching a terrifying scene in a horror flick -- it's the fear of opening one's

• Zebras are responsible for more injuries to U.S. zookeepers than any other animal.

• Your left lung is smaller than your right to make room for your heart.

Thought for the Day: "Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled 'This could change your life.'" -- Helen Exley

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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: L equals D

FABK WTZNL B XYGTY XYQEGLQDK'E
LQDKZYQE VQ WBNNQL?

KAQ OQTYOQ FBEAGDOKTD VYGLOQ.

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Flovals: Antiques and Collecting By Terry and Kim Kovel

Rammelsberg furniture

If you never lived in Ohio you've probably never heard of Mitchell & Rammelsberg furniture. It was the largest furniture manufacturers of its time located in the Midwest, but not in Grand Rapids, where most of the furniture was made. (Lots of lumber and goods are transported from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River and then to the ocean and overseas.) The company started in either 1836 or 1847 in Cincinnati. It made top-quality Victorian furniture with hand carving and steam-driven woodworking machines making the parts. It became Robert Mitchell Furniture Co. in 1881 and didn't close until 1940.

Pieces often were marked "M & R," or the inside of a drawer might be stamped "Mitchell & Rammelsberg." Only a few pieces of a bedroom set were marked, so many pieces today are identified by the design and quality of the work. The company worked in many styles, from Classical to Egyptian Revival. It also made dining sets, desks, sofas, hall trees, occasional tables and other pieces. Buyers pay the most for mahogany and the least for walnut, but the design, carvings price. A mahogany bedroom suite with bed, table, chairs and dressers sells for thousands of dollars today, but they are scarce.

Q: I have a decorative porcelain dish marked "Not for food serving, may poison food." I'm not sure if it's an antique. Can you explain the marking?

A: The wording on your dish indicates it is not an antique. In 1971, the Food & Drug Administration set regulations on the amount of lead in glazes on ceramic dishes used for food. The standards have been revised since then and now also include regulations governing the amount of cadmium in the glaze. Cadmium is often used in bright red and orange glazes. The words marked on your dish are a label the FDA requires on dishes that contain unacceptable levels of these met-

Ceramic dishes made in Asia or Mexico, especially those with bright colors, are more likely to be unsafe than those made in Europe or the U.S. Acidic foods can cause the metals to leach out of the glaze if the dish hasn't been

and trim also influence the fired properly and the glaze completely sealed. Enjoy your dish as a decorative piece, but don't use it for food. There are some unlabeled antique dishes that have high lead or cadmium glaze.

CURRENT PRICES

Occupied Japan toy, dancing couple, windup, celluloid, pink, blue, original box, 5 inches, \$50.

Basalt bust, Shakespeare, collar, buttons, convex base, impressed Shakespeare, marked, 12×8 inches, \$150.

Snuff bottle, Peking glass, turtle, white opal glass, cobalt coiled snake, gilt stopper, 3 inches, \$375.

Ivory, card case, pierced, curved, people in garden, different scenes on reverse, 4 x 2 inches, \$630.

TIP: Put a piece of plastic jewelry under hot water and, when warm, smell it. Bakelite smells like formaldehyde; celluloid smells like camphor (mothballs); and Galalith, a 1920s plastic, smells like burnt milk. Lucite does not

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Heterans Host By Freddy Groves

Department of Defense is shortchanging vets

The Inspector General for the Department of Defense has discovered that millions of dollars intended for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses didn't go to eligible veterans. Instead the money went to businesses that didn't qualify.

The goal is for every department to set aside at least 3% of its contracts for service-disabled veterans who own businesses. Each of those small businesses must be at least 51% owned by a servicedisabled veteran who is hands-on with the business, directing daily operations and in control of management. Each business is allowed to subcontract a certain percentage of its work.

The DOD failed. Out of 27 contracts valued at \$827.8 million, it gave the money to 16 businesses that didn't meet the requirements. The DOD expected those contractors to "self-certify" and swear they qualified. Additionally, the DOD did not check compliance at the subcontracting level, handing out \$164.7 million to three contractors who didn't qualify.

The DOD Inspector Gen-

eral report, of course, had recommendations ... coordinate this, implement that, etc. The acting director of the Office of Small Business Programs didn't comment on the recommendations, said his office was not responsible and pointed to a different department. The DOD fired back, quoting the actual instruction manual, chapter and verse, that stated that the OSBP should oversee all small-business activities.

That left the whole mess as unresolved. No recommendations were resolved; no recommendations were closed.

This is not a new problem. In 2012 the DOD Inspector General put out a report about the many millions of dollars handed out to veterans who did not qualify. The Department of Veterans Affairs keeps a registry for just this reason: so departments can verify a veteran's status. It's just a matter of looking them up.

The OSBP handed out small-business contracts valued at \$10.3 billion in 2018. How much of that went to people who didn't qualify? (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale (Alcona County)

Notice of foreclosure by adver-

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m. on April 22, 2020.

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

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a cer-

tain mortgage made by Daniel F. Gonzalez and Denise R. Gonzalez, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, dated June 17, 2004, and recorded on June 28, 2004, in book 402, page 1,428, 200400002857, Alcona County

records, Michigan. Said mortgage was lastly assigned to and is now held by Northpointe Bank, a Michigan banking corporation by assignment of mortgage, recorded on August 29, 2019, Liber 553. page 771, instrument number 201900002863, Alcona County records, Michigan.

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

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

Tax Parcel ID No.: 091-024-300-055-00. Commonly known as: 2649 Wildwood Trail Mikado, Mich. 48745.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L. §600.3240(8). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, under §600.3278 M.C.L. borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption pe-

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice March 18, 2020 Northpointe Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation.

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of wildlife," said Kerry Wieber, DNR forest land administrator. "It offers opportunities for hunters to pursue game species such as elk, whitetailed deer, black bear and ruffed grouse, as well as opportunities for wildlife watchers to catch a glimpse of nongame species such as redshouldered hawk, loons and pine marten."

This land deal conserves from development one of the biggest privately owned par-

cels in Michigan's core elk range. That, in turn, protects the Cheboygan River watershed, a critical area for groundwater recharge. It also prevents groundwater contamination through the area's "karst lakes," the sinkholes that form the lakes and are directly connected to the groundwater beneath.

The forest on the property will be dual-certified as sustainably managed by the Sustainable Forest Initiative and

donation from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The foundation was instrumental in ensuring that this property was acquired for the people of Michigan and that it will be managed sustainably for the health of the forest and wildlife. Forest Legacy funds are used to protect environmentally important forest areas from development and fragmentation.

"Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is pleased to col-





An aerial view of Walled Lake. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

To help in the fight against the Covid-19 virus, we have closed our buildings to the public. Office staff and drivers are still working.

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Forest Stewardship Council. This will ensure forest management that promotes biological diversity, health and

The purchase of the Elk Forest property adds another key chapter to the land's already colorful history. Deep in the forest are the foundations to the hunting camp of George King, an early 20thcentury fishing guide. King hosted authors Ernest Hemingway and William B. Mershon at the camp, where they fished for trout and hunted wild game. King is said to have sighted the last known wild passenger pigeon in the region (for which the Pigeon River Country is named) near the property. The pigeon went extinct in 1914 as a result of overhunting and habitat destruction.

The \$2,019,000 to purchase the property came from the Forest Legacy Program DNR's Land Exchange Facilitation Fund and a \$75,000

laborate on the strategic protection of important elk habitat within the Pigeon River Country State Forest." said Blake Henning, the foundation's chief conservation officer. "Our partnership with DNR and the staff's efforts to acquire and maintain quality elk habitat means an increase in quality management and public access."

The Elk Forest at Black River will be accessible from Blue Lakes Road on its west side. Motorized vehicle use at the Elk Forest property is limited until the DNR completes a road inventory and develops an access plan, with public input. Structures on the property will remain in private ownership through the end of May; the DNR urges everyone to respect the owner's privacy until that

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