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Grants help employees, seniors and community

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) held a finance committee meeting last week via Zoom to discuss loan awards and grants received to help those in need during the COVID-19 crisis.

During the meeting ACCOA Executive Director Lenny Avery explained the financial awards they received and what they would cover during the crisis. He also spoke about planning for the future once the crisis has been averted.

He reported the ACCOA is in a good place financially. It has received about \$14,520 in loan, grant and donation funding for various projects to date and still has about \$70,000 in applied grants they are waiting to hear from.

ACCOA was recently awarded a Federal Payroll Protection loan for just under \$70,000 of which ACCOA will have to use 80 percent of the loan in eight weeks. "This loan was designed to alleviate the burden of our employees who, because of COVID-19, became a burden on the unemployment system. It is for paying

payroll, utilities, mortgage, or rent. It cannot be used for general funds or slush money.

"The caveat is if we do not use 80 percent of the funds, we may have to pay back the loan with one percent interest," Avery said. Currently ACCOA does not pay rent or have a mortgage.

For that reason, Avery explained, all employees of ACCOA who were furloughed are now back employed and if an employee was averaging 32 hours per week pre-COVID-19 but are now only working 20 hours, they will be paid for 32 hours per week for the next eight weeks. Even

if they are being paid to stay home.

"It may not make sense to pay people to stay home and stay safe, but this is what this program was set up to alleviate billions of individuals flooding the already frac-

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Governor Whitmer extends Stay Home, Stay Safe Order, makes wearing masks mandatory in public spaces

Last Friday Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed executive order 2020-59, extending her "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order through May 15.

The new order will require people to wear homemade face coverings when they enter enclosed public spaces. It will also lift some restrictions on outdoor activities and allow some workers who perform previously suspended activities to go back to work.

"Data shows that most Michiganders are doing their part by staying home and staying safe. That's good, but we must keep it up. Social distancing is our best weapon to defeat this enemy," Whitmer said. "With new COVID-19 cases leveling off, however, we are lifting some of the restrictions put in place in the previous order. I want to be crystal clear: the overarching message today is still the same. We must all do our part by staying home and staying safe as much as possible."

"The numbers we've seen in the past week have shown a plateau in positive cases, but Michiganders must continue doing their part to fight this virus and protect their families," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Chief Deputy and Chief Medical Executive for Michigan Department Health and Human Services. "The governor has taken a number of critical steps to protect Michigan families, and this order today will allow that work to continue. We will keep monitoring the data closely and work with our partners across state government to mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

According to the governor's order people are required to wear homemade, nonmedical grade face coverings when they enter enclosed public spaces. It will also require employers to provide at least cloth face coverings to their employees. People won't have to wear face coverings when they're taking a walk in the neighborhood, but when they go to the grocery store, they should be wearing one. Under the order, however, no one will be subject to criminal penalty for going without a mask.

The new executive order will also allow some workers who perform very previously suspended activities to go back on the job. Landscapers, lawn-service companies, and nurseries can return to work, subject to strict social distancing. Retailers that do not sell necessary supplies may reopen for curbside pick-up and for delivery. Big box stores can reopen "closed areas," like garden centers. And bike repair and maintenance can come back online.

At the same time, the order will ease up on some restrictions on members of the public. It will, for example, allow motorized boating and golf (but no golf carts), consistent with sound social distancing. It will also permit individuals to travel between their residences, though such travel during the epidemic is strongly discouraged. And it will clarify that state parks remain open, as they have been throughout the emergency.



Pop-up food pantry boxes provided in collaboration with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and the Alcona County Commission on Aging line the parking lot of Alcona Elementary School. ACCOA has been instrumental in providing food boxes to 1,480 families in a month's time during the COVID-19 crisis. Photo courtesy of Zachary Dellar.

Distance learning begins for students

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Despite the governor's executive order to close all schools in the state of Michigan for the remainder of the school year to combat the spread of COVID-19, Alcona Community School students, and many others across the nation, have gone back to class.

Student classrooms, however, are much different. Class is now held in the comfort and safety of their own home.

Some students are acquiring lessons through paper packets which parents pick up weekly, with follow up phone calls from teachers throughout the week. Other students are receiving their lessons through online learning formats. Some get a combination of both paper and online instruction.

Dan O'Connor, Alcona Community Schools superintendent, explained the teachers are transforming the traditional way to educate children, something not at-

tempted since the late 1870s.

"Not only are we transforming how we educate students but have done so in less than three to four weeks. We understand all families have their unique circumstances, so we are trying to personalize learning as much as we can. We will do our best to support each family and student with what they can do," O'Connor said.

Last Friday, parents lined their cars through the school parking lot to receive student bags packed with grade-appropriate essential items their child will need to accomplish work at home.

The bags contained pens, pencils, markers, paper, and their first educational packets to be completed during the coming week.

Alcona Elementary Principal Tim Lee and Alcona Middle/High School Principal Edwin Barber, sent online videos explaining the packets and how to navigate through the process.

Each packet for elemen-

tary students will contain a learning board sheet outlining five grade-appropriate activities students should accomplish each day for five days.

"Activities are broken into categories of literacy, exercise, arts, numbers and regulation -- which is self-reflection activities to internalize and regulate emotions, mind and body. Students may pick whatever five activities they want to do each day. Once they are done simply cross that activity off. The goal is to cross off all 25 activities by the end of the week," Lee said.

Along with the packet, eight to 12 new grade-appropriate books were tucked inside the bag. Lee explained since pub-

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Mary K. Utter

Mary K. Utter age 75 of Melvin died April 10, 2020. She was born in Harrisville, Michigan to Bruce and Arlene Ferguson. She graduated from high school and attended trade school. Mary married Bert Utter in 1966.

Mary was a homemaker, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed caring for her family. Mary had been a Girl Scout leader for several years when her children were growing up.

She is survived by husband Bert Utter, a daughter Kristine (Bob) Lindeman and a son Jeff (Jennifer) Utter, five grandchildren: Alexander, Victoria, Ashley, Steffaney and Charley.

Mary is preceded in death by two sisters Carole Johnston and Jane Tracy.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Cremation arrangements by Carman Funeral Home.

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Nancy A. Goebel

Our beloved sister Nancy A. Goebel, 69, of Greenbush passed away at Saginaw Senior Care and Rehab Center on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

She was born to Sy and Lorraine (Lingo) Goebel on September 30, 1950 "five minutes to midnight" in Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Oscoda High School in 1968 and attended Alpena Community College.

Nancy loved her family and spending time with her Mom and Dad. She enjoyed watching game shows, playing games; especially Bingo and card games, and working on crossword puzzles. Nancy was also an active member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Harrisville.

Nancy is survived by her sisters; Cindy (Rich) Schanz of Mascoutah, Ill., Joyce (Chuck) Ballor of Greenbush, Janet (Mark) Sedlar of Saginaw and brother; Brad Goebel of Richland. She was loved by her nieces and nephews; Chad Davis, Brandon Goebel, Stephanie Sedlar, Kelly Davis, Lorrie (Fred) Mongeau, Carrie (Billy) Renfroe, Mike (Amy) Ballor, Ryan Sedlar and Jeremy (Irene) Bjork; and 11 grand nieces and nephews.

Nancy was predeceased by her dad and mom, Sy and Lorraine, her longtime best friend Linda Moore Luton, her sister-in-law Nancy L. Goebel, and her nephew Joshua Goebel.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be made in Nancy's name to St. Anne's Catholic Church or to the Dementia Society of America.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

A long time ago in Florence, Italy, on May 12, 1820 Florence Nightingale was born. She eventually set the standards for modern nursing and today that standard shows in the way our brave people in the medical profession are performing against this terrible virus.

I congratulate them all in the magnificent work they are doing in fighting this.

But every night on the local and national news all we hear is how many people have died, not how many people have lived. It doesn't give much hope for people who are wanting to hear good news for a change. We should never forget those who have passed on but put a little more sunshine into this period of great challenge.

David Burnham,
Harrisville

To the Editor,

I resent the Letter to the Editor in the April 8 issue of the paper. She lumped all of the summer residents in on thoughtless group.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, I was laid off almost a month ago. My first thought was I can get started on spring clean up at our place in Greenbush. But, after looking online at the Michigan map showing how many people were affected with the virus in each county, Alcona County (at that time) didn't have any cases.

I chose instead to stay home and not risk anyone. My friends and family with summer places have also chosen to stay home and not travel.

Please don't lump the many of us who have chosen to stay home with the few how haven't.

Jackie Reaume,
Romulus, Mich.
Greenbush

Obituaries

Stephen Orban

Stephen Orban, 82, of Lincoln, died on Friday, April 17, 2020 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born May 5, 1937 to Anthony and Casmiria (Baprawski) Orban in Detroit, Mich. and was raised in the Detroit area.

On May 27, 1961 he married Margaret Hohfin Hamtramck, Mich. They were residents of Warren, Mich. and the Detroit area.

Mr. Orban worked as a draftsman for Honeywell. He retired to Lost Lake Woods Club in 1996.

He enjoyed word puzzles and playing Sudoku. He was a member of Spruce Lutheran Church.

Mr. Orban is survived by his wife, Margaret; one sister, Christina Hunyady; one brother, Daniel (Henrietta) Orban; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws.

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

Ardel F. Fox

Ardel Fay Fox, 82, of Millington, Mich. died on Friday, February 21, 2020 at Medilodge of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth, Mich..

He was born to Miles and Mary (Matthews) Fox on May 21, 1937 in Cheboygan, Mich. He was raised in Lincoln.

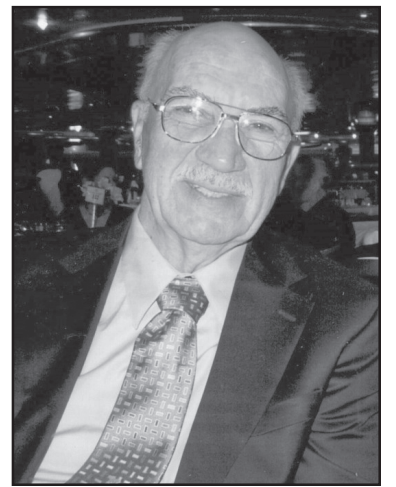
He married Ida MacDermaid on October 10, 1959 in Lincoln. They lived in Lincoln for many years.

He served in the U.S. Army and worked for General Motors, Buick Division for 35 years.

Mr. Fox enjoyed growing vegetables and beautiful dahlias, camping, traveling, and motorcycling, an interest enthusiastically adopted by his children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister and five brothers.

Mr. Fox is survived by his wife, Ida; one daughter, Fay (David) Eckert; three sons, Jon (Gloria) Fox, Keith (Peggy) Fox and Kevin (Tracy) Fox; 13 grandchildren; five great-



grandchildren; one brother, Gordon (Leona) Fox; three sisters, Mary Ellen (Jerry) Dellar, Lila (Abe) Thompson and Laura (Wayne) Dean; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held February 26 at the Pineview Mennonite Church Swaffer Road, Vassar, Mich. Memorial donations may be made to Pineview Mennonite Church. Arrangements were handled by Hanlin Funeral Home, Millington, Mich.

Bruno Stoinski

Bruno Stoinski, 80, of Lincoln died on Thursday, April 23, 2020 in Clarkston, Mich.

He was born in Posen, Mich. to Peter and Frances (Budnick) Stoinski on September 23, 1939.

He married Joann Sammons on September 23, 1989.

Mr. Stoinski had a life-long career of working on the D&M Railroad.

While he was able, he loved fishing, hunting and gardening -- potatoes were his specialty.

Mr. Stoinski is survived by his wife, Joann; one daughter, Carol (Norm) Christenson of Crystal, Mich.; four sons, David Stoinski of Lincoln, Mark (Jessica) Stoinski of Lincoln, James (Jenel) Stoinski of Waterford, Mich., and Timothy Stoinski of Crystal, Mich.; 11 grandchildren, Matthew LaVigne, Brandon LaVigne, Courtney Trudell, Ashley Stoinski, Kelsey Stoinski, Dillion Stoinski, Calista Stoinski, Derek Stoinski, Kent Stoinski,



Gabriella Stoinski and Devin Stoinski; many great grandchildren; three step daughters, Nancy (Ray) Thomas of White Lake, Mich.; Jami (Walt) Skuse of Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Jodi Bolam of Arvand, Colo.; one step son, Jimmy (Christine) Skuse of Lincoln; three step grandchildren; four sisters; one brother; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ike Stoinski, Stanley Stoinski and Alex Stoinski.

Private funeral services have been held at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial was in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln.

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From the Editor's Desk

This edition marks a rather significant anniversary for the owners of this publication and for the Review itself – none of which could be reached without this community.

On April 29, 1877, James K. Fairchild, the founding owner and publisher of the Alcona County Review, published the first edition of the Review.

Since that first edition came off the press on that cool, spring day, the Alcona County Review has published a newspaper every week for 143 years. While publishers have come and gone through the years, each one facing their own personal and professional challenges, the focus has not faltered — publish news for the community every week.

While we can only partially imagine the challenges they faced, we do know it wasn't easy. We know this because we have walked in their shoes for the last 25 years. And, while we are up against the biggest challenge we've faced (so far at least), we agree that we would do it all over again. In a heartbeat.

This has been a labor of love – a love for the community that we've called home since we unlocked the front door at 111 N. Lake Street in Harrisville on Friday, April 28, 1995. We found welcome greetings on the doorstep that day – a sign of what was to come, although we didn't know it then. The love and support we've received since that first day has been amazing. It has kept us going through the good times, and, especially, the dark days.

While the work itself is interesting, challenging and sometimes, frustrating – it isn't easy to produce a new product every week – the people of this community have made it worthwhile and fulfilling.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have fun, smart, dedicated and caring individuals help us publish the Review over the years – they are our Review Crew family. Each one, past and present, has worked with us in publishing news each week, and thus, recording the history of this community. Without their skill, effort and dedication, we would not have been able to keep it for as long as we have.

We couldn't report the news and write feature stories if it weren't for the people who share the information we need. From the contacts we have in all levels of local government; to those who head departments and run businesses; who volunteer for local organizations and put on events; the staff and administration in the school district; the law enforcement officers, fire fighters and medical first responders who work tirelessly to keep our community safe; the young people who share their achievements in sports, school and youth organizations; and the folks that open their homes and share their best and worst of times – we could not do this without you. Every single person who takes the time to talk to us, who shares a personal announcement, who takes a photograph and provides information because we can't always be where something is happening, and everyone who lets us know what is happening and who is making it happen – all of this adds up to helping us do our job. Our pages would be much less interesting if it wasn't for all of you. This, dear friends, is what makes our newspaper a community newspaper. We are so very thankful and grateful for your participation and help. Please keep up the good work!

We are equally thankful and grateful to the advertisers who have shown their support and trust in the Review by placing advertising in our publications. Without this financial support and confidence in our circulation and readership, our pages would most definitely be less each week. There are a multitude of advertising options available today, and we appreciate each advertiser – from the classified section to the Review pages, to the hunting guide and the service guide – this is what keeps us going financially. Thank you.

All of these efforts are for our readers – who are the very best. Not only do they keep reading week after week, year after year, but they truly care about how we are doing personally and share words of encouragement and compliments that warm our hearts and make us smile. Our readers write personal cards and send emails; they share baked goodies and drop off flowers from their gardens; they call with funny stories or ask a polite question; they share story ideas, they write poems and, sometimes, they share what they don't like as well.

We enjoy hearing from our readers – yes, even when they aren't happy. We truly enjoy the relationship we have with our readers. When life moves so fast and can be very complicated, we are very thankful and grateful for these lovely acts of kindness, the opportunity to talk and share and your dedication to the Review. You are why we do what we do each week.

And, God willing, we plan to keep doing it for many more weeks to come.

We are quietly celebrating this personal accomplishment in a time where celebrations are nonexistent, and the future seems more uncertain than it has ever been. However, we remain hopeful. Our dedication will not change. Our focus will remain on our community and the people that make it so wonderful.

Thank you,
Cheryl Peterson, Editor & Publisher
John Boufford, Production Manager

Calendar of Events

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

A Pop-Up Pantry will be held at Alcona Community Schools (outside Alcona Elementary), 1 No. Barlow Road, at 4 p.m. until food is gone. This is a "drive through" distribution. Do not exit the vehicle. Distribution is first come – first served as supplies are limited.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

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.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

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In these difficult times I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to those working endless hours to ensure our safety. Nurses, doctors, law enforcement, EMT's, firefighters to name just a few. I also would like to acknowledge those that are at home, each day really does present a new set of challenges.

Please continue to check in on those that are most vulnerable in our community. Our relationships with each other is what makes us strong. We will continue on, and when this is over, we will be even closer.

If you or someone you know needs assistance or has any questions please don't hesitate to contact the City or myself.

Be safe and be well.

Jeffrey Gehring
Mayor – City of Harrisville

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lic libraries were closed until the executive order is lifted, parents were wanting new reading material for their students.

Additionally, for families that need WiFi for school or work, the district has installed two new outdoor wireless units in the middle school and elementary school parking lots. They are available for anyone to use, according to O'Connor.

He said the positive attitudes and support from staff, parents, students and the community have been inspirational. "We are coming together more than we ever have, despite not being able to physically come together. The teachers have responded to the challenge of a new instruction model (positively) and they are enjoying personal connections to build relationships differently," he said.

One of the greatest chal-

lenges for teachers, according to O'Connor, has been equity of education access and hopes the community can help.

"We desperately need a united effort to connect the county with broadband Internet. The (Alcona County) Economic Development Committee Corporation (EDC) has been instrumental in providing a few new solutions and options, but we are going to need to rally together to seamlessly navigate instruction and distance learning for students," O'Connor said.

As for the future of Alcona Community School education, O'Connor has teachers placed on teams to work on either plan development options or additional Internet options for students.

"At this point, distance learning will not continue through the summer, but things change by the day. We are waiting on further guid-

ance on what the fall looks like before making too many things official for the start of 2020/2021 school year," O'Connor said.

Since the onset of the school closure, the school has not only been concerned with students' education but also their nutrition. The school is currently serving 5,000 meals each week to students, providing enough food for breakfast and lunch for five days per student. O'Connor said they are hoping to add a sixth and possibly seventh day of food for the students.

Local Notes

Resource for Caregivers

Region 9 Area Agency on Aging is offering a free online workshop series for family caregivers. With the current situation, Region 9's priority is to continue to provide support to local family caregivers that are unable to leave the home due to the Coronavirus.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational series designed to provide individuals with the tools needed to take care of themselves. This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

This interactive online workshop consists of six sessions held once a week. Two experienced class leaders conduct the series. Many are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach. Interactive lessons, discussions, and brainstorming will help participants take the "tools" they choose and put them into action for their life.

Classes will be held online from 1 to 2:30 p.m. every Monday starting on May 4. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. Upon registration participants will be given the access code to join the online workshop series. For more information or to register, contact Brooke Mainville at (989) 358.4616 or mainvilleb@nemcsa.org.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is sponsored by the Older Americans Act, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Agency, and the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging a division of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency. To find out more information regarding NEMCSA's programs and services, visit www.nemcsa.org.

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Call the Alcona Review at 724-6384 or e-mail to: editor@alconareview.com

Alcona Community Schools Virtual Kindergarten Round-Up

Our round-up for the 2020-2021 school year will be May 13, 2020. Parents of children who will be five years old this fall should call now to schedule their child for a **Virtual Round-Up** appointment. Morning or Evening appointments are available.

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Tucked into the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, that President Trump signed into law in late March were a series of changes that can help retirement savers in need of cash, as well as help preserve the retirement savings accounts of current retirees while the stock market is down.

Here's a rundown to how three provisions in the CARES Act might help you, or someone you know.

Hardship Withdrawals

Normally, if you took money out of an employer-sponsored retirement plan or IRA before age 59.5, you'd be hit with taxes and a 10 percent tax penalty on that amount. But the CARES Act waives the

early distribution penalty on up to \$100,000 of such distributions in 2020 for what the law calls "affected individuals." You are, however, still on the hook for income taxes on any amounts withdrawn, but the new law allows you to pay them over three years.

To qualify for this penalty-free hardship withdrawal, you must either have been diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19), have a spouse or dependent diagnosed with it or experienced adverse financial consequences as a result of being quarantined, furloughed, laid off, having work hours reduced, being unable to work due to a lack of child care due to COVID-19, or closing or reducing hours of a business you owned or operated if you had COVID-19.

Bigger Loans

The CARES Act will also allow you to take larger loans against the money you've saved in your 401(k) or 403(b) during the six-month period after the law was implemented, which was March 27.

IRAs do not allow loans.

Normally, you can borrow only up to \$50,000 or 50 percent of your vested account balance, whichever is less. The CARES Act will double that: up to \$100,000 against the amount you've saved in your plan.

Borrowers typically have five years to repay a loan or the amount will be treated as a distribution and taxed. But you also need to know that if you leave or lose your job, you may be required to pay back the balance early, or owe taxes and, possibly, an early-withdrawal penalty.

This provision also helps those with an existing 401(k) loan by allowing them to delay repayments that are due in 2020 for one year.

Suspended RMDs

Starting in 2020, individuals who turn 72 are required to take annual mandatory distributions from their tax-deferred 401(k)s and IRAs. In prior years, this requirement kicked in after savers turned 70.5 years of age. This is



Savvy Senior

known as the required minimum distribution or RMDs.

The CARES Act suspends RMDs for 2020, including those for inherited IRAs, which means you can skip taking your required distributions this year if you wish.

The one-year waiver of RMDs will help retirees, who would otherwise have been forced to base their minimum

withdrawals for 2020 on their account balances as of December 31, 2019, when the stock market was near record levels. It will also give the market time to recover before resuming distributions in 2021.

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

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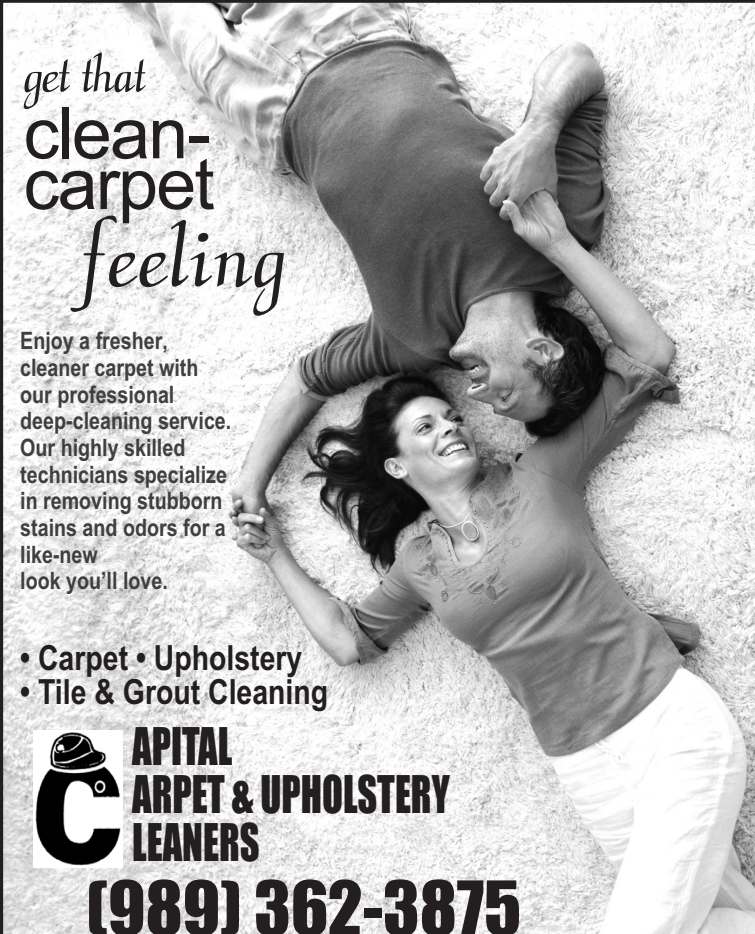
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Quarantine brings new challenges for families

By **Mary Weber**
 Staff Writer

Besides keeping their children safe from COVID-19, parents across the world are facing new challenges daily to keep children actively engaged and educated during quarantine.

For many, just to stay afloat while being laid-off from work is a struggle, especially hard hit are the families who were already struggling to make ends meet before the virus closed much of the country down.

For others, it is a dilemma of providing adequate care, exercise and instruction for their children during school closure while they stay working.

Fred and Kim Siebert fall into the latter category; they are grateful to be working. Kim is an essential employee of Alcona Health Center. Fred is employed as a master mechanic for Viking Marine and just went back to work recently.

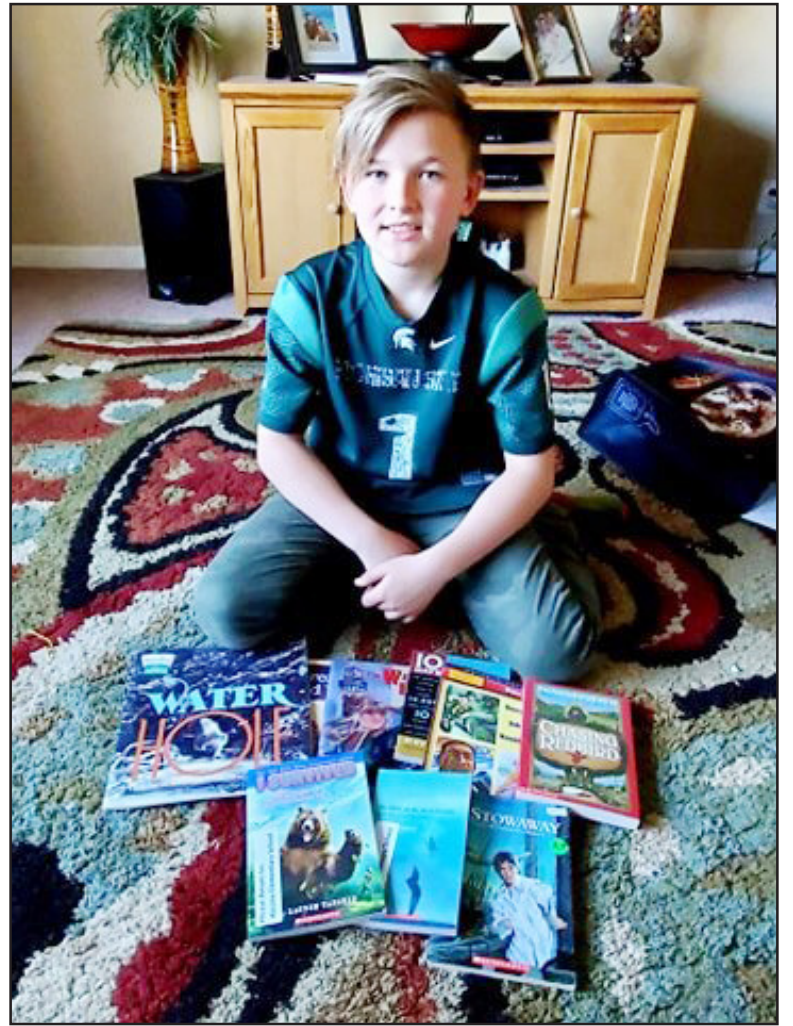
The only unfortunate part about them working is their sons, Jaydon, a ninth grader in high school and Josh, a fifth grader in elementary school, are on their own a lot.

Josh isn't a fan of the quarantine orders and school closures. He misses school and his math class which is his favorite subject. He also misses his friends and teachers. He is also missing 4-H group activities and team sports, which he loves.

The one thing he is not missing is spending a lot of time with his older brother, which hasn't been all that bad, according to Josh. Kim feels the boys have tightened their bond through this ordeal.

"The boys begin each day with a mile-long run when the weather is nice and spend time on the family trampoline. They are also spending a lot of time with their 4-H farm animals. But it has been a challenge. It's been awful trying to keep them on any schedule, they are up until midnight and sleeping in until 10," Kim said.

She explained the boys know the rules of the house while they are at work and that they must stick together. There is no going outdoors without asking permission and they each have cell phones and contacts to call.



Josh Siebert, a fifth-grade student of Alcona Elementary, with his first distance learning education packet. Student across the state have gone back to school at home. *Courtesy photos.*



Jayden Siebert, a ninth-grade student of Alcona High School, was happy there was a 3-D art project in his education packet.

"We check on them often and have relatives who live close by who will drive over and check on them. The relatives cannot come in though and visit. We just don't know who has this virus and who doesn't. No one has come into our home besides us in six weeks," Kim said.

The Sieberts, like many parents, are concerned with how their children will continue their education and even more important, how to keep them safe from the virus. "This is all just so scary. We don't know what lies in the future. Will school pick up again in the fall? There is talk that it won't. If it does, will I feel it is safe for them to go? I worry about the boys a lot. I fear they will get this virus. I don't want to lose my

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Away at School

An annual Alma College event, Kapp Honors Day recognizes the original research and creative work of student presenters across all academic majors. The 24th annual event, originally scheduled for Thursday, April 2 was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which prevented students, faculty and staff from gathering in person for presentations and poster sessions.

However, the college celebrates and acknowledges the achievements of the nearly 100 students slated to participate through the Honors Day abstract book. Senior Jack Montgomery of Mikado was one of the students who made a presentation. It was titled "Quantitative Taqman PCR Mapping of Antibiotic Resistance Gene tetW in Gratiot County Drainages." He is a graduate of Oscoda Area High School.

COVID-19 Testing

As testing increases in northeast Michigan, District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) wanted to make residents aware of some important information when considering getting tested. As it currently stands, there are four priority areas for testing laid out by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. These include:

- Priority 1: Hospitalized patients and healthcare facility workers with symptoms.
- Priority 2: Patients in congregate living facilities with

symptoms, patients over age 65 with symptoms, patients with underlying conditions with symptoms and first responders with symptoms.

- Priority 3: Infrastructure workers with symptoms, individuals who do not meet any of the above criteria with symptoms, asymptomatic healthcare facility workers and first responders, individuals with mild symptoms in communities experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 hospitalizations.

- Priority 4: Essential workers whether they have symptoms or not.

In addition, some facilities are only testing priorities 1 or 2 based on supply availability. This is a testing facility decision and may be adjusted as more supplies become available. DHD2 recommends individuals call testing sites to see which priorities they are testing. A list of testing sites, as well as their contact information, is available on the DHD2 COVID-19 webpage in the General Information section at www.dhd2.org/COVID-19.

Also, be aware that some testing sites are requiring a doctor's order to do testing. This is also a testing facility decision. Anyone who does not have a primary care provider or insurance, is encouraged to call the testing site and they will work with individuals to determine if a test is needed and provide a doctor's order.

COVID-19 Data Dashboard

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) is launching a

COVID-19 data dashboard that will be available on the COVID-19 web page at www.dhd2.org/COVID-19. The COVID-19 data dashboard will present the most up to date information available regarding COVID-19 in the four counties.

As testing capabilities and availability increase, DHD2 is able to share more meaningful data regarding positive cases without violating confidentiality as testing increases. This increase in testing will identify more positive cases, to better understand the pattern of COVID-19 in the area, and to more easily share relevant data with the public.

"We want to remind residents that although new information and contact tracing of positive cases can give us a better idea of how the virus could be spreading, the best method to reduce the spread and protect our communities is still to stay home and leave only to provide or receive essential services," said Denise Bryan, DHD2 Health Officer.



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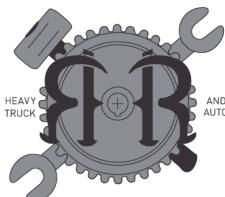
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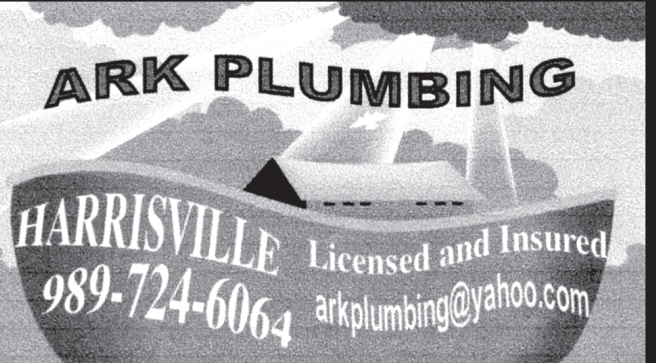
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Alcona County Review under new management

May 3, 1995 ~ On Friday, April 28, Jim and Barbara Dunn, former Alcona County Review owners, handed the helm of the newspaper to Cheryl Peterson.

Peterson, new Review publisher and editor is a native of Oscoda and graduated from Oscoda High School in 1984. She is the daughter of Steven Peterson and Jayne Peterson, both of Oscoda.

Joining Peterson in publishing the county's only newspaper and commercial printing business is John Boufford, a native of Ionia, Mich. Boufford will handle the production end of the print shop and newspaper. He is the son of Elmer and Mary Boufford of Ionia, Mich.

"This is really a dream come true for me," Peterson said. "There is nothing like living in Northern Michigan. I love the area and feel at home after living in various parts of the state during the last 10 years.

I'm very happy to be living and working in Alcona County."

102-year-old church torn down

April 30, 1970 ~ The old St. Anne Church, built in Harrisville 102 years ago, was torn down during the past three weeks, with Kenneth Brown in charge of the demolition. This church was replaced by a new one completed in November 1961, and since that time had been used as a parish hall until the new parish hall was built last year.

The original church was built in 1868, on what is now US-23, just south of the US-23 and M-72 junction, on property donated for this purpose by Francis Chapelle, under the direction of Fr. Patrick Murray of Alpena. In 1874 the building was enlarged, and was blessed "St. Anne Church" on July 26, 1875.

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A few years later the auditorium of the church received a new ceiling, new wall board was put on the side walls, and a new tile floor was installed. This was the last major remodeling done to the original church.

Rev. Fr. Charles Klingshirn, of St. Anne Church, said that future plans include landscaping of the grounds where the old church stood, and two beams were saved to make a cross, with a plaque attached, which will be placed on these grounds as a shrine.

Peterson graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1989 with a degree in broadcasting.

She spent three years in Cheboygan as a reporter and then editor of the Cheboygan Daily Tribune. After more than a year at the Ionia Sentinel Standard, Peterson decided to tackle the challenge of owning a business and publishing a weekly newspaper.

Boufford worked at the Sentinel-Standard in Ionia and at a local commercial print shop for 10 years

"While I'm extremely excited about this venture, I realize the importance of a community newspaper, and I look forward to continuing the traditions that have been set over the last 118 years.

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Bolzman will serve up to 18 years for murder

May 3, 1995 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

The Cass City man convicted of killing his wife last July will serve 18-30 years in prison.

Nelson Oscar "Jim" Bolzman, 42, stood quietly and made no comment before or after the sentence was handed down by Circuit Judge John Kowalski Tuesday morning.

Bolzman's attorney, Robert Betts, asked Judge Kowalski to consider the acts of kindness Bolzman has performed during his lifetime when handing down the sentence.

Bolzman was convicted of the second degree murder of wife, Eileen, 37, on March 9 after seven hours of deliberation by a jury.

Eileen Bolzman's body was found on a dirt road intersection near Curtsville on July 15. The Bolzmans had traveled to the area with a group of friends for a canoe trip on the AuSable River.

Bolzman was found later on the morning of July 15 sleeping in a truck some 100 yards from where his wife lay dead.

The victim's mother, Doris Mester, of Deford, told the court Tuesday that "this tragedy would have never happened if it hadn't been for the abuse of alcohol and drugs."

She said Eileen's family, friends and especially her three children, have had to deal with sorrow and grief. "Especially the children. They are too young to go through life without a mother," she

said.

"I'm thankful to the Alcona judicial system for seeing that justice has been done... We have to go on now, but in Eileen's case justice will never be served.

Before delivering the 18 to 30 year sentence Judge Kowalski said, "I have no idea how this happened or what happened, but a victim's life was taken and I have to abide by the verdict of the jury."

When discussing guidelines for sentencing Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas Weichel told the court, "There is no mathematical formula to replace a life... There are no points given for prior assaults that the court heard in testimony."

The maximum sentence for second degree murder is life in prison.

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ing months, his last visit home being in July of last year, prior to leaving for overseas duty from San Diego, California.

He took part in the Invasion of Leyte and Okinawa.

The last letter received by his parents was written on board the ship enroute to Okinawa. He was with the 96th. Infantry Division.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020

Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour			Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed		
April 19	51	27	0.01	4.9	29	NNE	
April 20	54	24	0.01	8.7	32	SSW	
April 21	41	26	0.03	4.9	31	N	
April 22	34	30	0.00	5.7	20	SE	
April 23	36	33	0.28	10.9	18	ESE	
April 24	41	28	0.00	8.6	19	NNE	
April 25	46	26	0.00	3.1	12	NNE	

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
2019-2020 Season			
Weekly Total	0.33	0.6	0.56
April to Date	0.72	1.4	1.91
Year/Season to Date	3.88	55.4	7.15

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. **EXPLORERS:** Which Western explorer discovered the Grand Canyon?
2. **TELEVISION:** In the "M*A*S*H" series, which U.S. state did Radar O'Reilly hail from?
3. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin phrase "acta non verba" mean?
4. **GAMES:** What are the names of the utilities in the Monopoly board game?
5. **COMICS:** Who is Garfield's girlfriend in the comic?
6. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the traditional birthstone for April?
7. **MUSIC:** What does the musical notation "allegro" mean?
8. **MOVIES:** In which 1970s movie does the Cahulawassee River play a major role?
9. **LITERATURE:** What do the abbreviations stand for in the poet e.e. cummings' name?
10. **ROYALS:** What was Princess Diana's maiden name?

Answers: 1. Francisco Vasquez de Coronado; 2. Iowa; 3. Deeds, not words; 4. Water Works and Electric Company; 5. Arlene; 6. Diamond; 7. Lively and brisk; 8. "Deliverance"; 9. Edward Estlin; 10. Spencer (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword WHOO-HOO!

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Laid fresh concrete on</p> <p>8 Waste</p> <p>13 Found</p> <p>20 Like gushing actors</p> <p>21 Malia's sister</p> <p>22 Kildare locale</p> <p>23 More with-it red fish?</p> <p>25 Runs fast</p> <p>26 1980s NBC sitcom</p> <p>27 "Teh" for "the," for one</p> <p>28 Jazzy singing</p> <p>29 "Growing Pains" actor Alan</p> <p>30 Tower for fodder</p> <p>32 Uncanny</p> <p>34 24-hr. money sources</p> <p>36 Japan natives, e.g.</p> <p>38 "Lookie there, muscle-building stuff!"</p> <p>42 Terrestrial chapeau?</p> <p>44 Dem.'s opponent</p> <p>45 — -cone (frozen treat)</p> | <p>46 "Just you wait, — 'iggins ..."</p> <p>47 Near-failing mark</p> <p>48 Analyzed</p> <p>52 Cochlea site</p> <p>54 "Will — learn?!"</p> <p>58 Beer brand</p> <p>60 Microwave saltines?</p> <p>66 Orchestra section</p> <p>67 — Moines</p> <p>69 Old Spice alternative</p> <p>70 Reagan speechwriter</p> <p>71 Cyberspace address</p> <p>72 Pars?</p> <p>75 Lose power</p> <p>76 "Later!"</p> <p>79 Arduous trip</p> <p>80 Suffix with Japan</p> <p>81 45 half</p> <p>83 "My gripe is as follows ..."</p> <p>86 Coup, e.g.</p> <p>88 Lay new turf on</p> <p>89 Not well-lit</p> <p>91 Crab claws</p> <p>92 Bullfighting cheer</p> <p>95 Gaudy scarves</p> <p>98 Be soaked</p> | <p>100 Zool. or ecol.</p> <p>101 Skeptical egg layer?</p> <p>105 Disease-free sea predators?</p> <p>110 Actress Matlin</p> <p>111 Rat catcher</p> <p>113 '60s conflict site</p> <p>114 "Star Wars" royal</p> <p>115 Royal home</p> <p>117 Gillette shaver brand</p> <p>119 "— yellow ribbon round ..."</p> <p>122 Journalist Nellie</p> <p>123 Not unusual</p> <p>124 Things found at discount shoe stores?</p> <p>127 Italian city</p> <p>128 Steel, for one</p> <p>129 Adversaries</p> <p>130 Agrees (to)</p> <p>131 "Black Velvet" singer Alannah</p> <p>132 Orchestra leader</p> | <p>2 Mrs. Oskar Schindler</p> <p>3 Easy-to-catch hit</p> <p>4 Org. for Rafael Nadal</p> <p>5 — Cong</p> <p>6 "— Time We Say Goodbye"</p> <p>7 Dictator</p> <p>8 Air marshal's org.</p> <p>9 Copies Dr. Dre</p> <p>10 U.S. humane org.</p> <p>11 Put away, as a sword</p> <p>12 "NewsRadio" co-star Phil</p> <p>13 Shopping aid</p> <p>14 Oliver Twist, e.g.</p> <p>15 Bright red</p> <p>16 Silverstone or Keys</p> <p>17 Tall ale mug</p> <p>18 International compact</p> <p>19 Cavity filler's deg.</p> <p>24 Branching-out points</p> <p>31 "— Next Chapter" (Winfrey series)</p> <p>33 Eat in style</p> <p>35 Least lenient</p> | <p>37 "— loves me ..."</p> <p>39 California's Point —</p> <p>40 Astra automaker</p> <p>41 Biblical ark builder</p> <p>43 — and terminator</p> <p>48 Waylay</p> <p>49 "Yes, —!"</p> <p>50 Peak climber, e.g.</p> <p>51 Dumbbell</p> <p>53 Chastised</p> <p>55 SUV cousins</p> <p>56 Prefix with warrior</p> <p>57 "Bringing Up Baby" studio</p> <p>59 Sang loudly</p> <p>61 Radius site</p> <p>62 Part of CRT</p> <p>63 Alternative to lettuce</p> <p>64 Oakland footballer</p> <p>65 Smiles villainously</p> <p>68 Dinar earner</p> <p>72hovels</p> <p>73 Once named</p> <p>74 Lop the crop</p> <p>77 "— goin' down!"</p> <p>78 Suffix of sugars</p> <p>81 Pianist's seat</p> <p>82 Communal</p> <p>84 Boxcar rider</p> | <p>85 Bait biter</p> <p>87 Smack</p> <p>90 Complain</p> <p>92 Unit of resistance</p> <p>93 Frogs and kangaroos</p> <p>94 Angers a lot</p> <p>96 Patriarch of Judaism</p> <p>97 Majestic</p> <p>99 Juan's silver</p> <p>102 Enlighten, in poems</p> <p>103 Kevin of "Saturday Night Live"</p> <p>104 Pour gently, as wine</p> <p>106 "Relapse" rapper</p> <p>107 Hang a new worm on</p> <p>108 Word with app or bee</p> <p>109 Makes the assertion</p> <p>112 Green shampoo</p> <p>116 Periods</p> <p>118 Burn balm</p> <p>120 Ferber or Krabappel</p> <p>121 Chick chaser?</p> <p>123 Nipper's co. Abbr.</p> <p>125 Procedure: lengths</p> <p>126 Dash lengths</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 9, 1671, in London, Thomas Blood, an Irish adventurer better known as "Captain Blood," is captured attempting to steal the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London. King Charles II was so impressed with Blood's audacity that he made him a member of his court.
 - On May 10, 1749, the 10th and final volume of Henry Fielding's novel "Tom Jones" is printed. The serialized novel told the humorous story of the attempts of the illegitimate but charming Tom Jones to win his neighbor's daughter.
 - On May 7, 1902, Martinique's Mount Pele begins the deadliest volcanic eruption of the 20th century. The city of Saint Pierre was buried and virtually everyone died instantly when a cloud of superheated gas sent an avalanche of boiling ash down the mountain.
 - On May 6, 1937, the airship Hindenburg, the largest dirigible ever built and the pride of Nazi Germany, bursts into flames upon touching its mooring mast in Lakehurst, New Jersey, killing 36 passengers and crewmembers.
 - On May 4, 1965, San Francisco Giants outfielder Willie Mays hits his 512th career home run to break Mel Ott's National League record. Mays would finish with 660 career home runs, good for third on the all-time list at the time.
 - May 8, 1988, Stella Nickell is convicted of murder by a Seattle jury. She was the first person to be found guilty of violating the Federal Anti-Tampering Act after putting cyanide in Excedrin capsules in an effort to kill her husband. She began planning his death after their 1976 honeymoon.
 - On May 5, 2002, the comic book adaptation of "Spider-Man" becomes the fastest movie ever to earn more than \$100 million at the box office. Its \$39 million opening day bested the previous record of \$32 million, set by "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" in 2001.
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- The first real shampoo dates back to the 1500s. In India, "sapindus," aka soapberries or soapnuts, were boiled with dried Indian gooseberry and other herbs. The extract created a lather and resulted in soft, shiny hair.
- A single human hair can hold up to 100 grams in weight, while an entire head of hair could bear up to 12 tons -- the equivalent of two African elephants.
- On April 1, 1974, black smoke was seen rising from Mount Edgcumbe, a volcano in Alaska. When a Coast Guard pilot came closer to investigate, he found 70 tires burning and the words "APRIL FOOL" spray painted into the snow.
- While it's hard to imagine that anyone would dare to steal an infant Jesus, especially during the most wonderful time of the year, BrickHouse Security's "Saving Jesus" program offers a free GPS tracker for the star of your nativity scene.
- U.S. park ranger Roy C. Sullivan had the flabbergasting distinction of being struck by lightning the most times and surviving: seven times between 1942 and 1977.
- Speaking of distinctions, Buzz Aldrin holds the curious title of being the first man to urinate on the moon, shortly after stepping onto its surface.
- At the end of the 19th century, American con artist, gangster and crime boss Jefferson Randolph Smith earned the nickname "Soapy" for his scheme of wrapping soap bars in notes of varying denominations and covering them with plain paper, then pretending to mix them in with bars devoid of money and selling the latter at an inflated price while maintaining the pretense that some of the packages contained cash.
- Ben & Jerry learned how to make ice cream by taking a \$5 correspondence course (which they split between them) offered by Penn State.

Thought for the Day: "Sometimes you put walls up not to keep people out, but to see who cares enough to break them down." -- Anonymous
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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 **P**

ZC UTJ OXJOWX YBX GXNYUZVQ UDX
RXBZUI JC UDXBRJIUYUI, TJSWG ZU
NX Y DXYUXG YBQSRXVU?

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Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Rare bird



Collectibles were sometimes made to fool people. A tiny teddy bear could hide a perfume bottle. Pincushions hide beneath the fabric skirts of half-dolls, ceramic figures stitched to the skirt. Some collectible canes hid thin flasks that held forbidden whiskey to drink secretly while on a walk. And bronze statues sometimes could open to reveal a naughty scene. In the early days of television, a ceramic black panther was really a lamp lighting the room and the TV set.

But almost forgotten are the loudspeakers made for early radios that looked like statues of birds or kings, instead of the large horns usually used. Most famous were the Andia loudspeakers, their radio parts inside a metal base with a glazed pottery top. One that was auctioned recently looked like a bright red, blue and yellow 14-inch-tall parrot. It was made by Royal Doulton & Co. of England for Artandia Ltd. in 1927. Other designs include Miss Muffet, a Persian king, a Chinese scribe and other figures that would attract buyers. It sold at Auction Team Breker, a German auction of radios, music machines and other technical collectibles, for \$906.

Q: My mother gave me the metal dentist chair from my father's

This rare bird, a ceramic parrot, conceals the working parts of a radio loudspeaker made in 1927. It substituted for the large horn used to amplify the sound of the radio and sold for about \$900.

office. It is not like today's dentist chairs; it's more like a lightweight skeleton chair with a round enameled metal seat, rectangular slotted metal back and spindles for the headrest, legs and mechanical parts. There are no arms. It looks small and very uncomfortable. Is it worth anything? How was it used? How old is it?

A: The 17th-century dentist held the patient on the floor to pull a tooth. By the early 18th century, a Windsor chair with a piece of wood added as a head rest was used. Then inventors made improvements to metal, me-

chanical and upholstered chairs. Your chair was made in about 1910, a time when enameled metal furniture was very popular due to worries about bacteria. Large, padded dentist chairs are bought today for a family room or home bar as a conversation piece. They are hard to sell. A collector of dental antiques might pay a few hundred dollars, or a dental museum might give you a tax deduction if you donate it.

CURRENT PRICES

Blown glass flask, amethyst, swirled pattern, spiral ribs, Stiegel type, sheared mouth, 5 inches, \$190.

Sterling silver stuffing spoon, Hester Bateman, Elk monogram, England, 11 3/4 inches, \$355.

Wooden box, pine, sliding lid, painted stylized tulips on all sides, 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 7 inches, \$585.

Coffee mill, Landers, Frary & Clark, No. 20, Crown, double wheel, cast iron, black paint, hinged lid, wooden handle, 12 1/4 inches, \$1,045.

TIP: When packing a piece of pottery for shipping, look at the shape. If it has a hollow space larger than 1 inch across, fill the space with sponge, foam or bubble wrap.

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Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

VA garners awards

The Gears of Government Award is a program that recognizes individual federal employees and teams for performance and dedication to their agency mission. There are 29 agencies and councils in government, ranging from NASA to the Treasury Department.

The Department of Veterans Affairs won 16 Gears of Government Awards this year. Here are a few of them:

- Patient safety was high on the list. Procedures were put into practice to prevent in-hospital pneumonia and the prescribing of unnecessary drugs to veterans. VA police now carry opioid-reversing medication should there be an overdose emergency. These two steps lowered VA costs by \$24 million and improved care for 120,000 veterans.
- Technological advances allowed eye-

glasses to be created in minutes rather than a whole day.

- Over 350,000 VA customer-service employees were trained on modernized and improved data systems, allowing real-time feedback.

- Processing times for disability compensation claims were reduced by automating 40% of those claims.

- A group of VA individuals analyzed criminal information and provided assistance to nab five criminals involved in identity theft and fraud schemes targeting VA employees and veterans. The schemes were stopped before veterans' personal and banking information was compromised.

- Changes in the way vocational rehab counselors exhibited proficiency in job skills eliminated inefficiency, leaving more time for direct service to veterans.

- The VET TEC group managed an educational program giving veterans more job opportunities through high-tech accelerated learning programs.

- A training and response team developed a safety program for patients receiving anesthesia, which prevented the risk of emergence delirium (panic when coming out from under anesthesia). This has reduced the risk of injury for both the veterans and staff across the country.

- Individuals were recognized, too, including one employee who worked with community, state and federal organizations across Illinois to benefit homeless veterans and those facing incarceration.

Wow! We knew there were some good people at the VA. Now we know where they are and what they've been doing.

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council held a special meeting on April 22 at 7 p.m. via Zoom due to the COVID-19 shutdown. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included president Phillips, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers and council members Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers, Wambold and Zielinski. Also joining the meeting were attorney David Cook, village maintenance man Warren MacNeill and Ronald Stout.

The purpose of the meeting was to open bids for lawn mowing service for the 2020-2022 years for the village. A bid was received from Stouts Lawn Ser-

vice. A motion was made by Mahalak, with support from Wambold, to accept the bid and award the contract to Stouts Lawn Service. Motion carried unanimously.

Following a brief discussion, Healy stated that she wants to be sure that we are following the governor's orders which currently is not allowing for lawn maintenance by contractors. She was assured that we will be in strict compliance with the order.

A motion to adjourn was made by Zielinski with support from Healy. Motion carried.

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4/15 thru 4/29

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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 The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **City of Harrisville, 200 North 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **9:00 AM and 12:00 PM**, or at the Engineers Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **9:00 AM and 12:00 PM** and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents as described below.
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 Owner: **City of Harrisville**
 By: **Jeff Gehring**
 Title: **Mayor**
 Date: **April 21, 2020**

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children. This is serious and I don't know anyone who is not taking it seriously," Kim said.

Recently, Kim picked up bags from school for each of her sons containing reading material, essential school items and education packets for them to begin distance learning at home.

Before the packets, Kim said the boys were doing about 30 minutes of reading and 30 minutes of math work each day on their own and science was being taught through taking care of the farm animals which includes baby pigs and lambs.

Kim expects the packets will take the boys two to three hours five days a week to get through.

They also just received confirmation their Hot Spot jet pack from Verizon is in shipment which will allow the boys Internet access to education. "Josh's teacher will be checking with him once a week online and will be doing some kind of group instruction," Kim said.

Jaydon's education is even more concerning, since he is in high school, has dyslexia and is in speech therapy. Kim explained he will have teachers and his speech therapist contacting him two or three times a week for online instruction.

"He's going to be busy. We have been informed the education packets do not contain

new instruction for the boys, but more of a review of what they have learned all year. They should already know how to do this work, but they won't be able to stay up to midnight anymore and I'll have to figure out a daily schedule of what needs to be done," Kim said.

Both boys were excited to receive their new school bags, although Josh was disappointed there were not enough math challenges for him. Jaydon, however, was excited his package included a 3-D art project and information about dual enrollment for

college. His bag also included a few bottles of pop and some snacks which he gladly shared with his brother.

"It's nice they have each other. I know this has changed them," Kim said. "Jaydon never wanted to sleep in the same room as his brother, but now he does all the time. This is a scary time for them too, there is so much uncertainty. There are kids out there who don't have any siblings to connect with and parents who are struggling to get by. We just hope we all get through this without getting sick."

Grants Continued from page 1

tured unemployment system," Avery said. He is seeking some additional funding to set up employees to do certain jobs from their homes.

Essential employees such as food and in-home service, drivers and management, who must come into the center to do their job, will also benefit from the loan and receive a hazard pay bonus of \$300 per month for the next eight weeks.

"I believe in investing in employees and these individuals should be protected. They are putting themselves at risk by working," Avery said. Employees coming into the building must wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines to the best of their ability.

Additionally, ACCOA was one of the few organizations to receive a small business award through Target, Alpena's Small Business Relief Fund, for about \$4,200 which will also go toward payroll protection.

With the onset of COVID-19 shutdowns, Avery and ACCOA began working on an idea to provide food to the whole community, not just seniors. Through collaboration with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (FBEM), ACCOA was able to provide pop-up mobile pantries to help the community's need for food.

"We have been able to feed 1,480 families in a month with shelf-stable food, meat, milk, fruits and vegetables," Avery said.

He has also been working to set up a new shelf-stable food pantry located inside the Lincoln senior center. The pantry will be called the Food Bank of Lincoln and is set to open May 1.

Avery explained to the finance committee the idea started small with about \$1,000 in funds the senior center had which was not being utilized. Since the inception of COVID-19 execu-

tive orders, Avery has been able to secure funds through grants, awards and personal donations from the community to build on to over \$7,000.

Avery said a phone number will be released to the public so anyone in the community in need of food could call and utilize the service and that their need will not be income-based during the crisis.

In addition, the National Guard is sending 80 boxes of food to be dispersed to the community through ACCOA and they would make up any additional boxes necessary through the \$2,000 worth of food they currently have in the pantry. Food boxes will be delivered on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the crisis.

Those already getting boxes are people who have said they have a food need through ACCOA's new phone reassurance program, which calls on seniors to check on them every week. Others needing the food delivered will have to call the pantry.

Once the COVID-19 crisis is over, Avery would like the Food Bank to remain an option for the community along with collaborative entities to help people out of poverty.

ACCOA recently received a \$4,520 grant through Michigan Works for four employees to attend training and become certified community health workers.

It was also awarded a \$5,000 grant through the Aging and Adult Service Agency (ASSA) which is the governing organization over the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA). Those funds will be used for physical and mental wellness workshops for seniors such as Tai-Chi, Yoga, balance workshops, how to prevent social isolation and how to use Facebook and Facetime for seniors once the executive orders to stay home are lifted.

MEETING NOTICE

The Barton City Volunteer Fire Department Inc. will hold a Corporation Membership meeting at the Barton City Fire Department 1868 W. Trask Lake Road Barton City on May 7, 2020 at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposal of the addition to the Fire Station, discuss the proposal of borrowing money to finance the addition and updates, and any other business that comes before the Board of Directors.

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