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County commissioners reduce building hours to save money

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

To be proactive to an ever-tightening budget and reduce risk to staff and the public from COVID-19, the Alcona County Building has new reduced hours in effect.

The new hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays.

The reduction in hours was made possible through the WorkShare program from the Michigan Unemployment In-

surance Agency which offers flexibility to the county and some additional income to its employees.

According to Alcona County Board of Commissioners Chairman Craig Johnston, only county departments, such as the register of deeds, county clerk, treasurer, equalization and the court offices will take part in the WorkShare program by reducing hours by 10 percent, but employees will not see a reduction in their wages

due to the program.

Johnston said by starting the program now, not only will the county save money and reduce the chances of spreading the virus, employees will be able to take advantage of an additional \$600 per week through the end of July, which has been offered by the government for eligible unemployed workers due to COVID-19.

For employees to be eligible for the additional funds last week, commissioners voted to close the building at 1 p.m. last Friday, just hours after the county was approved by the state to enter the WorkShare program. The clo-

sure was to meet the 10 percent reduction requirement for the week.

"There are a lot more businesses using this program and may continue to do so even after the \$600 additional per week funds are gone. With this program counties and companies can lower their workforce by 10 or 20 percent, but they don't have to lay anyone off. The benefits are there to make up the difference they lose from work and all their fringe benefits remain intact.

"It's a lot easier to keep employees if you don't lay them off. We value our work staff and think we have a

great group of people who are well qualified. In the job environment before COVID-19, it was tight to find good people. We didn't want to lose anyone," Johnston said.

He explained the flexibility of the program and how some offices, if needed, can work extra hours one week and reduce hours the next. "Closing an hour and a half early each day will reduce the work for some offices, but certain offices, such as the clerk's office, has a pretty continuous workload, so there may not be as much of a reduction in that office," Johnston said.

Alcona County Deputy

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This Monarch caterpillar (above) and butterfly were photographed at Reid Lake in Alcona County on July 12 by Maggie Berch. Female Monarch butterflies lay between 300 to 500 eggs in a span of two to five weeks. Less than 10 percent of the eggs laid survive to become adult butterflies. *Courtesy photos.*



Too many dams, too little money

By Cassidy Hough
Capital News Service

A combination of heavy rain and aging infrastructure led to the collapse of the Edenville and Sanford dams along the Tittabawassee River in Midland County on May 19.

Close to 10,000 residents were evacuated.

"There are many dams across the state that we have concerns about," said Joe Nohner, a resource analyst with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "In the future they are going to need management, either a repair or removal, in order for the dam to be safe."

However, the state can afford to address only a fraction of those dams with current funding. Most dams cost millions of dollars to remove, Nohner said. Removing larger hydroelectric dams can cost anywhere from \$10-50 million.

"It's a really, really big job," he said. "And given the number of aging dams in the state and given the ability of our grant programs right now, I expect that the demand is going to continue to exceed the supply of funding for these projects."

The DNR has a fund of \$350,000 allocated specifically for dam management. Besides that, it has \$1.25 million for habitat projects, which sometimes involve dam removals or repairs, and \$244,000 in the habitat improvement account, which provides some funding towards removal projects. "In total, you're looking at about \$1.8 million per year from the Fisheries Division that could potentially work on dam removal and repair. But that also addresses all of the other

habitat needs," he said. "So, we're doing a lot with that money. Not just working on dams."

But even if all \$1.8 million were put towards dam removal, that would cover the cost of only one medium-to-small dam. "When you look at that amount of money from the state relative to the need out there, we have to be very strategic about which projects we work on," he said. "And we can't work on all of them."

"If we removed this, we'd never hear the end of it. People from across the state come here to camp by it, to recreate on it, to kayak on it, to fish on it. It would be a lot easier for us, but we'd be losing a great fishery."

~ Tim Cwalinski,
DNR Fisheries Biologist

Although some funding also comes from federal sources like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it's still nowhere near enough to meet the needs of every aging dam in Michigan.

Even if funding weren't an issue, time is. "It took about 13 years to get three dams removed," said Kimberly Balke, the project coordinator for Conservation Resource Alliance, in reference to the Boardman River Renewal Project. "So, it's best to decide to remove that dam when you have the time to safely remove it."

The Boardman River Renewal Project in Traverse City, Mich. began in 2005 after four dams on the river were deemed economically inefficient and hazardous to the community and the environment. Since then, three have been removed and one is being restored.

While it cost a significant amount of money to remove

the dams, it would have only become more expensive the longer it was put off, Balke said. The longer a dam is in place, the more time there is for things like sand, fallen trees and leaves to build up. Removing that sediment is pricey.

"But it was a one-time cost," Balke said. "Rebuilding the dams would have been awfully significant, and that would have required maintenance into the future."

Many environmental ben-

efits come with dam removal as well. Besides eliminating the risk of a future collapse, dam removal can allow for nutrients and debris to flow naturally, more water-related recreation and tourism, and native fish habitat restoration.

Dams can also injure fish and other aquatic life that try to pass through, Nohner said. But sometimes removal isn't an option, according to Tim Cwalinski, a DNR fisheries biologist.

The Cornwall Creek Dam in Wolverine is one of six high-hazard, poor-condition dams in Michigan. That means it could fail during an

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
Enjoy a virtual musical event with Dynamic West's Rockin' Fairy Tales via the Alcona County Library. To access the exclusive link, visit the library's Facebook page

or website (<http://www.alcona.lib.mi.us>) on July 15 from home, or use the Wi-Fi at the branches in Harrisville, Lincoln, Caledonia, or Mikado. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

THURSDAY, JULY 16
Give the gift of life at the Community Blood Drive from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the auditorium at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena. Donors should enter through the hospital entrance. Donating blood takes about an hour. Anyone age 17 or older in good health who meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to give. Parental consent is required for donors age 16 to give. Donors should bring a photo ID that includes their birth date. Donors will be required to wear a mask. To register for a donation appointment or to view more dates and locations for community blood drives, visit <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip>.

James Kemp Larson

James Kemp Larson, first Director of the University of Toledo's Honors Program, died on July 7, 2020 at Tidewell Hospice of Lakewood Ranch in Sarasota, FL. He had Multiple Myeloma and had been in remission for over five years. He was born in Robinwood Hospital during an ice storm on April 14, 1933—Good Friday—to Ellen Seburn Larson and Kenneth Larson. He attended Longfellow Elementary School, DeVilbiss High School, and Columbia University where he earned a Master's Degree. Upon being graduated, he worked in the Admissions Department at Columbia.

Being proudly called to duty during the Korean War, Jim served in the Army supporting the Eielson Air Force Base, Fairbanks, AK from 1956 to 1958. He was the Chief Finance Officer for the Yukon Command. He then returned to Ohio to teach English at Bowling Green State University. Not happy with the drive in winter, he joined the Toledo University faculty and was asked to institute the first Honors Program now the Jesup Scott Honors College. It was a success. Every Honor Student that applied to a graduate, medical or law school of their choice was accepted. His former students kept in touch by phone from as far away as Chile! He has touched so many lives making them richer. As a result, Jim was named the first recipient of The University of Toledo's Outstanding Advisor Award.

Jim spent summers at 3964 N. Lakeshore DR, Black River, Mich. 48721-9750 for more than 50 years. He loved swimming in Lake Huron.

His contributions to society were many, because Jim was passionate about equality and quality of life for humankind. He was a charter member of the Ben Locke Choral and a founder of The Old West End Association and The Old West End Festival. Loving architecture, he founded the Toledo's Landmarks Commission. Jim formed the Ottawa Coalition and became President (a group of 39 organizations, including The Toledo Hospital, which surround Ottawa Park). That led to the ABC Initiative (Arts Bridging Culture) which nurtures inner city children from birth through kindergarten and their families to better prepare the children for later success in school. As a result, Jim was the first recipient

of the Leadership Toledo Award. Later he became President of the Westmoreland Association.

Jim was passionate about the arts and nature. Weekly he read at least three books and The New Yorker cover to cover. He played the piano for over 60 years with his last teacher being Sung IChoe. He was a lover of nature walks, and as an avid birder, he went yearly to Point Pelee National Park in Canada. His treasured birding hot spots included Crane Creek, The Everglades, Cuba, Costa Rica, England, and the Dry Tortugas. He helped found The Friends of Negwegon State Park, north of Harrisville. He volunteered as a ranger at Emerson Point Preserve in Palmetto, Fla. He continued teaching at The Longboat Key Education Center with courses including, the Hudson River School of Painting, Florida's Predators, and the Baroque.

He is survived by his husband and life partner of 45 years, William P. Mies; his sister, Karen Fredle (Gilbert Fredle, deceased); his brother, Jon Larson (John Jennings); brother-in-law, Robert C. Mies (Denise Hollow); and many nieces and nephews.

Jim had a charismatic personality and made friends wherever he went—he was genuinely interested in them. These include special friends Dan Kobil (Cathy Johnston), Sue and Barry Keller, Julie and Paul Nunn, Phyllis and Nino Mauro, Mary Ann and Jerry Vallad, Penny and Rich Crawford, Ron Gauthier, John and Patti Blakemore, Kim and Manny Pompa, Jill Rice, Billie Thompson, Adam and Madeline Beckta, Jerry Kahn and Michelle Glazier, and Carol Lund.

Because of COVID-19, there will be no visitation or service. Private arrangements will be for close family and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to Friends of Negwegon State Park, P.O. Box 326, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and Alcona Historical Society, P.O. Box 174, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

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

Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks are required.

FRIDAY, JULY 17
Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry (for Alcona County residents only) will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. (or until food is gone) at the following locations: Lott Baptist Church, (4257 M-65) Glennie; South Shore Fire Hall, (367 W. Mt. Maria) Spruce; Smokey's Bar parking lot (5982 N. Hubbard Lake Road) Spruce; Alcona Township Hall, (5576 US-23) Black River, Barton City Fire Hall (1868 W. Trask Lake Road) Barton City; Mikado Fire Hall (2226 S. F-41) Mikado; Greenbush Fire Hall (5063 Campbell Street) Greenbush; and Alcona Elementary School (181 N. Barlow Road) Lincoln. Drive through only pickup. Limited supplies. First come, first served.

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.

SATURDAY, JULY 18
There will be a Trunk Sale for crafts and craft supplies from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville (106 S. State Road). Rain date will be July 19. Call (734) 904-0108 for details.

The American Legion in Mikado is hosting hog roast and live music with Kim Casey and her country band. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Cash bar. Bring own chair for the concert. This is to benefit the building fund.

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Obituaries

Roger E. Armstrong

Roger E. Armstrong, 70, of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at home.

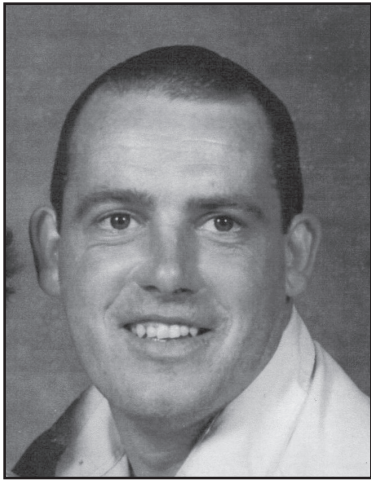
He was born October 3, 1949 to Edwin and Frances (Tibor) Armstrong in Haynes Township; he was a life-long resident of Alcona County.

On July 31, 1971, he married Deborah Baker.

Mr. Armstrong was a carpenter and a mechanic. He could fix anything, and built his own house.

He loved cars, hunting and sports.

Mr. Armstrong is survived by his wife, Deborah; one daughter, Christine (Grant) Cook of Perrysburg, Ohio; one son, James Armstrong of Harrisville; three granddaughters, Allyson Cook, Anna Cook and Myra Armstrong; one sister, Susan



Armstrong; and two brothers, Steven Armstrong and Thomas Armstrong.

The funeral was held Saturday, July 11 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. The Rev. Christina Bright officiated. Burial was in Mt. Joy Cemetery.

Susan J. DonovanQuinn

Susan J. DonovanQuinn, 53, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at home.

She was born November 16, 1966 in Flint, Mich. to Max and Phyllis (Eaton) Donovan. She was raised in Clio, Mich.

On September 9, 2002, she married Thomas Quinn in Tawas City.

Mrs. DonovanQuinn enjoyed reading, especially the "Game of Thrones" series and gardening. She had a newfound enthusiasm for watching and identifying birds.

Her grandchildren meant the world to her. She loved children, and throughout the years, provided a home and cared for many children.

Mrs. DonovanQuinn is survived by her husband, Thomas; her mother, Phyllis Donovan; four children, Krystal (Adam) Moses, Max



(Murphy) Donovan, Dorene (David) Blaine, and Skyler Donovan; seven grandchildren, Olivia Moses, Alexa Moses, Emelia Moses, Layla Blaine, Ian Blaine, Jordan Blaine and Poppy Donovan; seven sisters including, Colleen (Donovan) Wilber and Asha Donovan; and one brother, James Shamblin.

She was preceded in death by her father, Max Donovan, and one grandson, Owen Moses.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Private services have been held.

Richard A. "Dick" Johnston

Richard A. "Dick" Johnston, 82, of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 in Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

He was born August 7, 1937 to Arnold and Letha (Deforest) Johnston in Haynes Township. He was a life-long resident of the Alpena and Harrisville area.

He served in the U.S. National Guard.

Mr. Johnston worked for many years at Fletcher Paper Company.

In 1961, he married Marilyn Wallace. She preceded him in death on October 30, 2003.

In retirement, Mr. Johnston enjoyed working at Alcona Motors for several years.

On April 30, 2005, he married Ruth LeCuyer.

He was a member of the Alcona Classic Tractor and Engine Club. He enjoyed hunting, cutting wood and spending time with his family.

Mr. Johnston is survived by his wife, Ruth; one daughter, Kim (Fred Busse) Johnston; one son, Michael



"Petey" Johnston; one grandson, Ryan Johnston; three stepchildren, Brian (Rene) Holmes, Jeff (Louanne) Holmes; and Mark (Teena) Holmes; several step grandchildren; several step great-grandchildren; one sister, Linda (Robert) Fox; and two brothers, Robert (Virginia) Johnston and G. Mike Johnston.

He was preceded in death by one sister-in-law, Carole Johnston and one brother-in-law, Robert Wallace.

The funeral was held on Monday, July 13 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Angela Lovegrove officiated. Burial was in Westlawn Cemetery, Harrisville.

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MONDAY, JULY 20

White Pines Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. Join them for fellowship, inspiration and quilting ideas. For more information, call Judy at (989) 335-4283.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks are required.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

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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Medical	34	Warrant Arrest	1
Property Damage Accident	2	Personal Injury Accident	1
Assist	6	Animal/Dog	6
Miscellaneous	5	Well Being Check	3
911 Hang Up	2	Suspicious Event	7
Malicious Destr. of Property	2	Larceny	1
Threats/Harassment/Stalking	6	Fireworks	3
Found Property	2	Suicide	1
Civil	1	Drive While License Susp.	1
Domestic	2	Assault	1
No Insurance	1	Identity Theft	1
Trespass	1	Open Door	1
Minor in Possession/Alcohol	1	Alarm	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	6	Caledonia	11	Curtis	13
Greenbush	7	Gustin	6	Harrisville	16
Hawes	11	Haynes	8	Mikado	11
Millen	7	Mitchell	4		
Harrisville City	7	Village of Lincoln	5		



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
As Alcona Community Schools begin to plan for the reopening of school, the issue of providing masks for the staff and children is being considered. The cost to the district to provide multiple masks for everyone to use during the day will clearly be high and have a serious impact on the school budget. Using paper masks in such large numbers will be costly and wasteful during this national effort to control the spread of the coronavirus, so the possibility of providing cloth masks is being considered.

The Alcona County Commission on Aging has been distributing masks that were made and donated by local residents for distribution to Alcona residents. The center staff would like to organize another effort to make masks for the school district. All ma-

terials and a uniform pattern would be provided to people who are willing to join the sewing circle.

We need to know if people are willing to do the work. More specific information on the plan will be available, once we know if people will again volunteer. If you don't sew, you can sign up to measure and cut the materials. There will be a need for each staff and student to have multiple masks and those masks will have names on them and be laundered at school, I believe.

Please contact the Senior Center at (989) 736-8879 or email to info@Alconaseniors.org and give your name, phone number and interest in being involved in the sewing circle. You can also call Patty Thomas at (989) 607-0187.

Thank you to all the essential workers and everyone who is doing whatever they are able to do during this difficult time. Your efforts, your prayers and your involvement will help us be a safe and healthy community.

Patty Thomas
Harrisville

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To the Editor,
Almost two years ago, the voters of Caledonia Township chose Cyndi Apsey to serve as their supervisor. Cyndi's accomplishments during the two short years since then have proven that the voters made the right choice and we encourage continued support for Cyndi in the August 4 primary election.

Some of her impressive accomplishments include: successful grant application for the Caledonia North End Park, implementation and organization of work bees and community involvement on township properties, transparency to the public through use of the township website, providing agenda emails to the township citizens, encouraging public attendance at township meetings and uploading to the website the audio recordings of meetings.

Cyndi has also been responsible for several hall improvements (new floor, walls, upgraded sign with attractive mini garden); a veteran's representative to handle veteran issues at the cemetery; a return to reasonable, affordable township hall rental rates resulting in increased rentals and has brought WiFi to the township hall.

Please remember that the upcoming primary election determines the next supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustees of Caledonia Township for the next four years, as all township candidates are running on the Republican ticket; there are no candidates running on an opposing party ticket.

Cyndi is a tireless worker and promoter of Caledonia Township and has become a valuable asset to the township and citizens. Please support Cyndi in her bid to continue as Caledonia Township supervisor.

Ken and MaryAnn
Hubbard
Hubbard Lake



SENIOR LIFESTYLES

What happens if you die without a will?

Dear Savvy Senior,
What happens to a person's possessions if they die without a will? I'm almost 60 years old and have never gotten around to making one, but the coronavirus crisis has made it a priority.

Will-less Willie

Dear Willie,

The coronavirus crisis has lit a fire under many Americans when it comes to getting their affairs in order. Currently, fewer than half of American adults have prepared a will or living trust.

If you die without a will, the state you reside in will determine what happens to your assets. Every state has intestacy laws in place that parcel out property and assets to a deceased person's closest living relatives when there's no will or trust in place. But these laws vary from state-to-state.

Here is a general breakdown of what can happen to a person's assets, depending on whom they leave behind.

• Married with children:

When a married person with children dies without a will, all property, investments and financial accounts that are "jointly owned" automatically goes to the surviving co-owner without going through probate, which is the legal process that distributes a deceased person's assets.

But for all other separately owned property or individual financial accounts, the laws of most states award one-third to one-half to the surviving spouse, while the rest goes to the children.

• Married with no children or grandchildren: Some states award the entire estate to the surviving spouse, or everything up to a certain amount (for example the first \$100,000). But many other states award only one-third to one-half of the decedent's separately owned assets to the surviving spouse, with the remainder generally going to the deceased person's parents, or if the parents are dead, to brothers and sisters.

Jointly owned property, investments, financial ac-

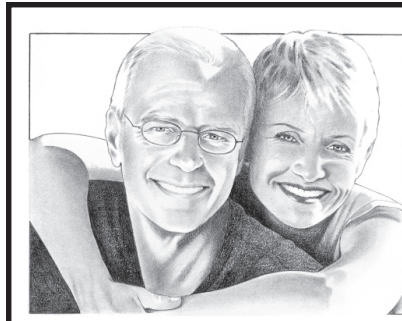
counts, or community property automatically goes to the surviving co-owner.

• Single with children: All state laws provide that the entire estate goes to the children, in equal shares. If an adult child of the decedent has died, then that child's children (the decedent's grandchildren) split their parent's share.

• Single with no children or grandchildren: In this situation, most state laws favor the deceased person's parents. If both parents are deceased, many states divide the property among the brothers and sisters, or if they are not living, their children (your nieces and nephews). If there are none of them, it goes to the next of kin, and if there is no living family, the state takes it.

Make a Will

To ensure your assets go to those you want to receive them, you need to create a will or trust. If you have a simple estate and an uncomplicated family situation,



Savvy Senior

there are do-it-yourself resources that can help you create all these documents for very little money.

Some top-rated options include the Quicken Will-Maker & Trust 2020 down-loadable software (available at nolo.com) that costs \$90 and works with Windows and Macs and is valid in every state except Louisiana; LegalZoom (legalzoom.com), which offers basic wills for \$89 or \$99 if you'd like assistance from an independent attorney; and Trust & Will (trustandwill.com) which charges \$89 for a basic will.

If, however, you want or need assistance or if you have a complicated financial situ-

ation, blended family or have considerable assets, you should hire an attorney. An experienced attorney can make sure you cover all your bases, which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

Costs will vary depending on where you live, but you can expect to pay anywhere between \$200 and \$1,000 for a will.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (actec.org) websites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area.

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Art Show Cancelled

The Harrisville Arts Council has, after much consideration, cancelled the annual Arts and Crafts Show held on Labor Day weekend. "We have found that it is necessary to cancel this year's Labor Day Arts and Crafts Festival that was scheduled for September 5 and 6," said Carolyn Merkel, Harrisville Arts Council president. "With the most recent information available, and guidance from Michigan Festivals and Events Association, we know it is not possible to safely hold our event this year. Although we are saddened that the 56th Annual Harmony Festival will not happen in 2020, we will all look forward to 2021 with great anticipation."

For more details, see the web page at www.harrisville-artsCouncil.com.

Maple Syrup Celebration

Alcona FFA has rescheduled the Maple Syrup Celebration Day for Saturday, Jul 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcona FFA Sugar Shack north of the football field. According to Alcona FFA Advisor Connor Hubbard, the event has been combined with the group's annual banquet.

"The purpose of this event is to offer the community the opportunity to attend our annual Maple Syrup Celebration Day which provides our famous pancake, sausage and maple syrup breakfast and to recognize FFA members that are receiving awards that would usually be recognized at the annual Banquet. We hope you will consider joining us as we try to do our best to bring you a modified Maple Syrup Celebration Day and combine the most important component of our Banquet—recognizing the achievements

of our FFA members," Hubbard said.

A few event details:

- All meals will be provided in take-out containers and will be for grab and go only. Limited seating following social distancing guidelines and proper sanitization techniques will be provided on the baseball field - depending upon the weather.
- State guidelines will be followed which include limiting the amount of people that can be present at outdoor gatherings—this may mean some wait times.
- Maple Syrup Sales will be available — now with the option to use a credit card.
- No tours of maple syrup production at the Sugar Shack will be provided and no attendees will be allowed to enter the Sugar Shack.
- In lieu of tours, attendees are invited to review display boards to learn more about FFA awards and what FFA members have accomplished this past year.

Away at School

- Britny Faugh recently received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Michigan University in neuroscience/cell and molecular.

She graduated Magna Cum Laude.

- Chad A. Garton of Glenie recently graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

- Lauren K. Yokom of Harrisville recently graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

- Robert C. Collins of Oscoda recently graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

- Jessica L. Faylor of Ossineke recently graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

- Adam Neveu of Black River received academic honors for the semester that ended in May 2020 at Ferris State University. To achieve this honor, students must have a 3.5, or higher, grade point average while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

- Trenton Lavergne of Lincoln received academic honors for the semester that ended in May 2020 at Ferris State University. To achieve this honor, students must have a 3.5, or higher, grade point average while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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Clerk Trena MacNeill said there was some concern among staff members because this is something they haven't experienced before. "They have a lot of questions. We just opened back up to the public and now we are cutting hours. We're not caught up yet," she said.

Johnston explained employees were concerned if they would still be able to get their jobs done and serve the public. "I think that's a good testament to the quality of people we have working here. The public may have to understand there could be some reduction of service for a time, but the way the revenue and the budget was looking, we were up against a wall," he said.

"We are service-oriented. Employee costs are the largest piece of the general fund. That's true for most service businesses. You can only cut paper, pencils and copy toner so far, which we have already done by putting a freeze on any additional expenditures," Johnston said.

Johnston said the WorkShare program was a proactive approach to save county funds. "We anticipate a reduction in state aid and state funding, plus the first six months of the year we are down on revenue from the strain of COVID-19 shut downs. This will save the county a little bit of money because we will probably need it next year," Johnston said.

Commissioners felt the WorkShare program could save the county about \$12,000 by the end of August.

Johnston explained that even before the pandemic the county was concerned about the budget and was struggling with flat revenue and expenditures. Normally, the county tax revenue doesn't come in until the end of July so it isn't unusual for expenditures to be higher than revenue at this time of year, but this year has been worse than most. "There has also been talk of an extension for summer tax bills and if that happens, our cash flow will be negatively impacted," Johnston said.

Another aspect the commissioners liked about the WorkShare program was there was no cost to the employer to have employees utilize unemployment insurance. The federal government is subsidizing unemployment expenses to the employer.

At this time, according to Johnston, the sheriff's department will not be included in the WorkShare program and will remain on the job in the usual manner for this time of year, however, it could be a tool utilized later on during the winter months. "If workload reduces and we have to trim budgets, this is an easier way to do it, without losing qualified employees," Johnston said.

The county plans to utilize the WorkShare program and reduce county building hours until the end of August but may look at extending that date if necessary.

For more information about the county's COVID-19 response and protocol visit its website at alconacounty-mi.com.



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Scientists to explore mysterious Lake Huron sinkholes in August

By Carin Tunney
Capital News Service

Scientists will return to Lake Huron this summer to explore one of the deepest mysteries of the Great Lakes – underwater sinkholes.

Lake Huron sits on a layer of 400-million-year-old limestone – remnants of an ancient seabed. Groundwater runs vertically under the lake and pushes through the limestone, making deep, underwater sinkholes, according to Steve Ruberg, a researcher with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, which leads the research that begins this August. The project includes scientists from across Michigan and Wisconsin.

holes with divers, multi-beam sonar and robotic vehicles.

They've retrieved samples from about 410 feet below the surface, but some sinkholes may be deeper, Ruberg said. There are both nearshore and offshore sinkholes. Previous research projects gathered water samples from one about 16 miles from the coastal community of Rockport.

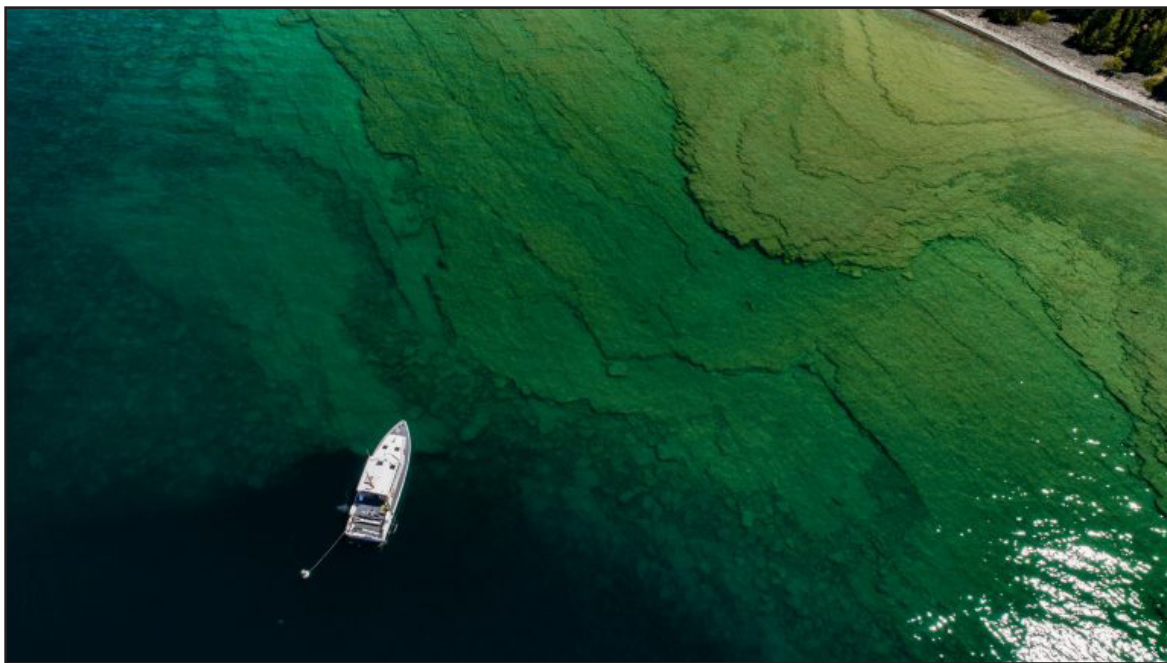
Researchers said exploring sinkholes may lead to the discovery of new organisms. The cyanobacteria found in offshore sinkholes have genetic markers only seen in the ocean off the coast of Africa. Those closer to the shore are matched to organisms found in ice-covered lakes in Antarctica.

"So, the mystery here is pretty incredible," Ruberg

to have these environments right in our Great Lakes."

Another unique quality of cyanobacteria is that it can potentially be combined with antibodies to make pharmaceuticals, said David Sherman, a researcher with U-M's Life Science Institute. "We can tell a lot of the capabilities are to make certain types of biologically active peptides, so these are very simple proteins," Sherman said.

"These smaller peptides are often very biologically active, and the one that is currently FDA-approved that comes with the cyanobacteria is used for a cancer agent. The peptide is what kills the cancer cells, the antibody is like a guided missile that attaches to the cancer cells," he said.



Research boat explores a sinkhole on the northern edge of Rockport's Middle Island. Photo courtesy of NOAA/David Ruck, Great Lakes Outreach Media.

Much of the mystery involving the sinkholes relates to a unique "microbial community" that includes a type of cyanobacteria that live on sulfur and other bacteria.

Cyanobacteria are one of the oldest organisms on earth. They are notable for their ability to switch between oxygen and sulfur to produce the energy they need through photosynthesis. According to experts, the billions-of-year-old cyanobacteria may hold the secret of how earth went from inhabitable to habitable, sustaining plant and animal life.

Scientists with the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena first discovered deep depressions in the Great Lakes about 20 years ago while searching for shipwrecks. Advanced techniques to map underwater environments helped scientists identify the depressions as sinkholes. The sinkholes average about 330 feet in diameter.

Scientists used to think sinkholes only existed in oceans. There's a lot to learn about these underwater ecosystems, Ruberg said. "When you look at the Great Lakes, we have a good understanding of ecosystems and how things work," he said. "But the remarkable thing is how little of the bottom areas we have mapped and how little we understand."

Scientists explore sink-

said. "It wouldn't be surprising if we found something, a microbe that had not been found anywhere else."

Greg Dick, an associate professor of earth and environmental science at the University of Michigan, said the cyanobacteria may also hold secrets about early earth before plants and animals evolved. Cyanobacteria were the first organisms to produce oxygen and make life on earth possible.

"We are hoping to learn what controls oxygen production systems with hope of understanding how that might inform our knowledge about how this earth became what it is, how it became habitable," he said.

Dick also studies the relationship between the cyanobacteria and other organisms that form extremely rare "carpets of microbes" that look like dense purple mats inside the sinkholes. He said the mats may explain why oxygen production is limited to earth.

"The big picture thing is that we have this really extreme and unique environment right here in our backyard in our Great Lakes," Dick said. "I think that these mats rival ecosystems like Yellowstone National Park and ice-covered lakes in Antarctica. So, for me, I've spent my career going to the bottom of the ocean and all over the world, and it's really exciting

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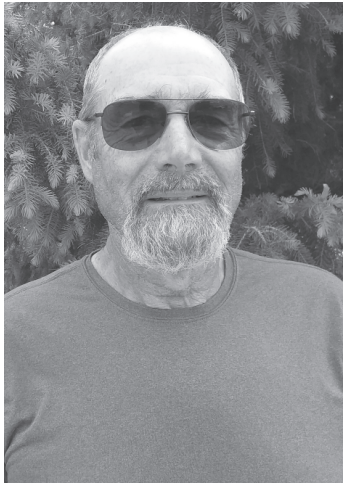
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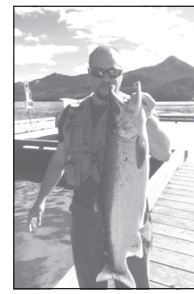
On the Fourth of July we went tubing on the AuSable and instead of shivering, the water felt like bath water.

All I could think was, "the trout have to be miserable."

The same holds true for the lakes -- just like bath water. I'm told anglers using fish hawks on downriggers are having a difficult time finding temperature in the Great Lakes for trout. As a result of the hot weather we're enduring, even the water temperature on the Great Lakes is very high.

Just the same, its summer and we've waited all year to be out on the water fishing. One good thing, high pres-

Dog day fishing



Exploring the Outdoors

By Gregg Schefferly

sure systems often result in more calm days making it easier for anglers to get on the water.

As many may know, I'm kind of partial to walleye fishing -- not catching, just fishing. However, every now and again, I have a good day and manage to put enough in the freezer. A common problem is with such limited time to fish and so many different methods to catch them it's hard to really get dialed in. I can't tell you how many times I've gone home after a fruitless day of fishing wishing I could go out the next day to try a different location or method. So, until I retire, I just have to talk to my fishing buddies and make the best of it.

Considering how tactics change with the seasons, one thing I can't advocate enough is to keep a fishing log in your boat. My memory is terrible. I can't remember what I had for dinner last night much less recall what depths and lures I used a year ago to catch fish.

July and August are traditionally some of the best fishing for walleye. As the water temperature warms up they move deeper and it's not uncommon to find them suspended and spread out. Warmer water temperatures normally mean higher trolling speeds, which allows you to cover more water looking for the fish spread out in the water column.

Walleye are very unpredictable, some days spinners (crawler harnesses) work best and other days they're more interested in crankbaits. Some days the bite can be pretty good during the day, but normally the best fishing for walleye is dawn, dusk, and after dark. There are times I've fished for several hours during the day to catch my limit. There have been times I've limited out in less than an hour in the evening or after dark.

It's those times when you're fishing alone and have all three boards go back at once.

Or when you have a fish tangled in the net lying on the floor of the boat and you're forced to hoist additional fish in hoping the hooks will hold.

One evening Shannon's son, Holden, and I were catching walleye so fast he wanted to take a break because he was whipped from reeling so many in so quickly. He kept trying to count them in the live well and was repeatedly coming up with nine or 10. We quit because with two anglers the limit is 10; so, nine or 10 is better than 10-11.

These are the memories that keep you going when they aren't biting.

So many decisions -- do you jig or troll? Pull cranks or spinners? Do you fish day or night? Where do you fish? What depth? What lure size? What colors? This is why having a good relationship with other anglers is a must, especially if you're working full-time. Even if you aren't working, there's so many options, so many choices.

More often than not I enjoy trolling. When I'm fishing on Huron during the day, I'll often troll in the 50-foot range. Occasionally, I'll fish crawler harnesses. Normally, I'll run cranks. You can run six lines when you have someone fishing with you, which makes it easier to figure out what the fish want. If I'm running six lines I'll run some lead core, mono with snap weights, with a combination of deep diving crank baits.

Suspended walleye that deep normally show up on the fish finders between 25 to 40 feet down. Because fish can see up, run your tackle above them. I'd be lost without the Precision Trolling app on my phone. Every lure model dives to different depths; the app will tell exactly how much line to let out of the line counter reel to get your tackle to the desired depth. This definitely increases the odds of success.

Another method I occasionally use is jig fishing. Anglers fishing jigs will use lead headed jigs with either rubber bodies or live bait. A more recent tactic anglers have had success with is ice fishing jigs -- that's right, ice fishing jigs on open water. At times they will jig them vertically and other times they cast them and work them back to the boat.

Regardless of what tactic you try, the time is now, get out on the water and give it your best shot.

Good fishing.
(After spending several years in Afghanistan, Alaska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, Gregg Schefferly has recently returned to writing and Lincoln where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, July 6 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Phillips, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers and council members; Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, and Wambold. Council members Somers and Zielinski were absent. Also present were attorney Cook and guests. The minutes of the June meeting were approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Mahalak. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Healy with support from Putsky. A question was raised by treasurer Hussain from a sewer owner regarding whether or not she should have to pay her sewer payment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Village attorney David Cook stated that we cannot relieve anyone of their payment because it would set a precedent that could cause a great deal of problems for other users. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Healy, supported by Mahalak. Carried. Mahalak gave a report on the funds that have been collected for a well at the Flights of Imagination. To date \$5,660.30 has been

collected. She will be contacting the health department to get a permit and it looks like we are about two weeks away from getting the well drilled. Marsha expressed appreciation for the help received from Huron Distributors, Dorene Schick, Warren MacNeill and Jacob Tanner. The Village Council would like to send out a huge thanks to Marsha Mahalak for her vision in helping this become a reality. Troy Somers, zoning administrator sent three letters to property owners regarding things that need to be cleaned up. Only one has responded so far. Attorney Cook will be working with Troy to see what needs to be done next. Warren MacNeill gave his maintenance report. Things are going along nicely. He is going to try to affix something to the swim platforms and the slide so that they cannot be moved around at the beach. Putsky said the sewer system is now doing much better than last month. He will be taking a test for certification in Gaylord later this month. Mike Serafin gave his report. There were three fire runs and 10 first responder runs in the past month. The training for Fire fighter one and two has been completed. There have been some repairs done to various

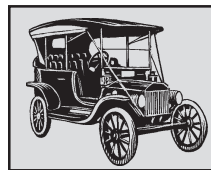
pieces of equipment. Mike attended a DDA meeting and the group gave a donation to buy a compressor that will be used to fill tanks. President Phillips has been talking with Joe James regarding the roadwork along Barlow Road. He has concerns about the turn lanes in/out of the Bistro parking lot. We can't use grant dollars for the work on that section of roadway due to restrictions. Holly expressed concerns about where the funds will be coming from since we are going to be expending a lot of our budget on the projects already. We will revisit the issue at a later meeting. In old business, Gustin Township sent a thank you note for use of our dumpster during the cemetery cleanup. There will be testing of the water at Brownlee Lake beach by the local health department. A motion was made by Mahalak to contract with the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce for the fireworks presentation in the amount of \$100. Wambold offered support. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Putsky with support from Healy. Carried.
Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

BOARD OF REVIEW

PUBLIC NOTICE for Haynes Township July 2020 Board of Review Will be held at the Haynes Township Hall 3930 E McNeil Road, Lincoln, MI 48742 Tuesday, July 21st From 1 to 2 p.m. or until such time all business is concluded.

The purpose of this meeting is for correcting qualified errors, clerical errors, and mutual mistakes of fact. The July Board of Review also has the authority to grant principal residence exemptions, disabled veterans exemptions, and poverty exemptions. The owner of the property for which a principal residence exemption has been rescinded may appeal that recession to the July Board of Review. An owner who owned and occupied a principal residence exemption by June 1st of 2017, 2018, 2019 &/ or June 30th of 2020 (*PA 96 of 2020) may appeal to the July Board of Review if the exemption was not on that year's tax roll. Qualified Disabled Veterans or their surviving spouses may file for an exemption on the 2020 Tax bills for the property they own and occupy as their homestead. Affidavits must be filed with the assessor by July 20th. Property owners may apply for a hardship poverty exemption on their principal residence if they have not already applied for the exemption in the 2020 calendar

year. A fully completed application for consideration of a hardship poverty exemption must be submitted to the assessor prior to July 20th.
***Executive Order 2020-87 Due to COVID19, the 2020 the July Board of Review has been granted expanded authority to ensure that all taxpayers are provided due process for the 2020 Assessment year. July Boards of Review must also hear protests under section 30 of the GPTA, MCL 211.30, (as long as no petition was previously filed in 2020).
***All protests &/or appeals may be submitted by mail &/or Email.
***Face Masks are Mandatory within the Township Hall, additional directions for in-person appeals to limit person-to-person contact will be posted on the door. Please contact the Assessor prior to July 20th if you have questions or if you have a matter to bring before the board.
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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Schorn summer home robbed of many articles

July 15, 1920 ~ When N. J. Schorn brought his family here from Detroit to spend the season at his summer home at Springport, he found that the place had been broken into and several hundred dollars worth of household articles taken. The theft included a Victrola, some silverware, several firearms, sugar, inner tubes, and even pictures from the walls.

This sort of thievery is exasperating and calls for energetic action by our officials to land the guilty parties behind the bars. It is discouraging, to say the least, for people to come here and be subjected to this sort of thing.

The officers are busy on the case and a reward has been offered by responsible citizens, who hope to see the criminals punished.

Every citizen should feel personally interested in the matter and lend every assistance to the officers in their search.

Notice of reward

July 15, 1920 ~ A reward is hereby offered in the amount of \$100.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke into the summer residence of Nicholas Schorn about two miles south of Harrisville some time since last fall and stole and carried away numerous articles of household goods. Payment of this reward is guaranteed by responsible citizens of the community
Herman Dehnke,
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Dr. Miller's hospital is being enlarged

July 15, 1920 ~ Dr. Miller has found it necessary to enlarge his quarters to take care of his rapidly growing business. Workmen are now at work on the upper story of the hospital which had been left in an unfinished state, and three rooms with beds will soon be ready for use. Both inside and outside stairways have been installed and when all the new work is completed the place will be much improved as well as enlarged.

With all this improvement the doctor is not satisfied, however, for the location of

the building precludes the additions and extensions that he feels he really needs to make the place right.

From a rather commodious suite of offices, which two years ago the doctor thought would give him ample room for many years, the place has become too small and while the improvements now making will relieve the situation somewhat, it will not be at all surprising in view of past experience, if the erection of an entirely new and larger building may become necessary in the not distant future.

Hubbard Lake Marina entered

The South Bay Marina, located at the south end of Hubbard Lake, was broken into by thieves and approximately \$7,500 worth of merchandise was stolen, early Monday morning, between 1 and 7:30

The establishment is owned by John Stump of Route 1, Hubbard Lake, who had opened the business on July 4 and held an Open

House the past weekend. Stump reported that 11 outboard motors, between 5 and 115 horsepower, and 10 mini-bikes were taken. Entrance to the building was gained by kicking in a front door and unlocking an overhead door, allowing a trailer to back into a storage room. State police are investigating.

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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	
July 5	74	58	0.00	2.8	14	SW
July 6	78	58	0.00	1.8	9	NNW
July 7	86	66	0.00	1.8	12	WSW
July 8	76	63	0.00	2.7	11	NE
July 9	79	66	0.06	2.5	31	WSW
July 10	80	67	0.01	2.3	15	SW
July 11	83	63	0.00	3.6	20	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2020	2019	Normal
Weekly Total	0.07	0.08	0.69
July to Date	0.07	0.23	1.05
Year to Date	10.24	13.07	13.74

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.)

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BOARD OF REVIEW

PUBLIC NOTICE
Township of Alpena
July Board of Review
meeting 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday, July 21, 2020
Alpena Township Hall
5576 N. US-23
Black River, MI 48721

The purpose of this meeting is to correct qualified errors, clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only. Executive Order 2020-87(3)(b) provides that "boards of review acting in July must also meet to hear protests under Section 30 of the GPTA, MCL 211.30, and any other matters that are properly before a March Board of Review under MCL 211.30." In addition, Boards of Review meeting in July "must allow a resident taxpayer to file his or her protest before the board of review by letter without personal appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent," the same option already available for non-resident taxpayers by statute. For Principal Residence Exemption an owner who owned and occupied a principal residence on June 30, 2020, for which the exemption was not on the tax roll may file an appeal with the

July Board of Review in the year for which the exemption was claimed or the immediately succeeding 3 years. MCL 211.7cc(19) as amended. For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on June 1, 2020 may appeal to the July Board of Review for the current year and the immediately preceding tax year pursuant to MCL 211.7ee(6). An eligible Veteran or their surviving spouse may appeal their 2020 Property Tax on their Principal residence at this meeting. A person in Poverty may appeal to the July Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on June 30, 2020 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Assessor by Friday July 17th 2020.

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everyday rainstorm, and the results could potentially be deadly.

Upon collapse, it could produce a flood wave strong enough to wipe out nearby roads downstream. But Cornwall Creek Flooding, the lake created by the dam, is important to a lot of people.

"If we removed this, we'd never hear the end of it. People from across the state come here to camp by it, to recreate on it, to kayak on it, to

fish on it," Cwalinski said. "It would be a lot easier for us, but we'd be losing a great fishery."

David Marsh, the owner of the Thirsty Sturgeon bar and grill in Wolverine, says the lake is important to locals. "It's very well known for fishing and a lot of guys in this area locally fish it," he said. "It's very valuable to us."

That leaves the DNR with the task of rebuilding the dam. But with what money?

Although still unsure of what the project will cost, Cwalinski said he expects it will start around \$300,000—an amount that far exceeds what the DNR is able to pay on its own.

The fate of the project now lies in the hands of Huron Pines, a nonprofit conservation association that works with northern Michigan communities to help fund and manage environmental projects. It secured grant

funding for the rebuilding of the Cornwall Creek Dam and is now managing the project.

While Huron Pines has worked on the removal of many dams, this is the first time it's helping to rebuild one, according to associate director Lisha Ramsdell. "After looking at it from different perspectives and looking at it from the health of the river, we do agree that replacement of the structure is a really important thing to do," Ramsdell said. "Letting it be is just not an option for these structures anymore."

And as the climate continues to warm and Michigan begins to experience more heavy rain events, these

structures are at a higher risk of collapse than usual, she said.

The demand for dam removals and repairs is high, but organizations like Huron Pines can only address so many of them. "It takes a lot of time and it takes a lot of money, and those are finite resources," Ramsdell said. "I mean there's thousands of them across northern Michigan, and that's a lot."

Rebuilding of the Cornwall Creek Dam is set to be complete by fall of next year.

No money has been added to the state's dam maintenance fund since the collapse of the Edenville dam, and there's currently no plan to.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Public Accuracy Testing for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election will be held at the following voting precincts as follows:

TOWNSHIP	DATE	LOCATION
Alcona	July 20, 2020 at 9:00 am	Twp. Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River
Caledonia	July 20, 2020 at 11:00 am	Twp. Hall, 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce
Curtis	July 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm	Fire Hall, 5019 Bamfield Road, Glennie
Greenbush	July 30, 2020 at 6:30 pm	Twp. Hall, 5039 E. Campbell St., Greenbush
Gustin	July 21, 2020 at 4:15 pm	Twp. Hall, 113 S. 2 nd Street, Lincoln
Harrisville	July 21, 2020 at 2:15 pm	Twp. Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Rd., Harrisville
Hawes	July 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm	VFW Hall, 2120 W. Trask Lake Rd., Barton City
Haynes	July 21, 2020 at 9:30 am	Twp. Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Road, Lincoln
Mikado	July 28, 2020 at 5:00 pm	Twp. Hall, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado
Millen	July 20, 2020 at 3:00 pm	Twp. Office, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City
Mitchell	July 20, 2020 at 1:00 pm	Twp. Hall, 6849 W. Tower Road, Curran
CITY		
Harrisville	July 21, 2020 at 11:45 am	City Office, 200 N. Fifth Street, Harrisville

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of the law.

Stephany Eller, County Clerk

Fishing deep for post-spawn bluegill

After spawning, bluegills will move to deeper water for the rest of the summer, and larger bluegills can be hard to locate. They can be found living near the top of the thermocline (the layer of water between the deep and surface water), where water temperatures approach 69 degrees. Depending on the lake, this depth will usually be somewhere between 12 and 18 feet.

To locate this depth, either use a lake thermometer, available at most larger tackle stores, or contact the nearest DNR office. If the lake has a public access site, fisheries biologists will have surveyed it and will have a temperature-oxygen profile of the lake. This chart will identify the depth with a temperature near 69 degrees.

Try fishing at this depth, where the 69-degree temperature is close to the bottom – usually at the deep edge of weed beds. Use light line (four-pound test or less) tipped with a white ice-fishing teardrop jig baited with a wax worm. Some anglers use slip bobbers, while others fish European style with very long fiberglass poles. Early morning and dusk are most productive.

• Alpena: Anglers caught lake trout, steelhead, pink salmon and walleye when trolling spoons, spin-glos and

flies in 70 to 140 feet off the Nordmeer Wreck, Thunder Bay Island and the Humps. Fish were found throughout the water column, with silver fish coming up higher. Walleye, smallmouth bass and freshwater drum were caught on a crawler harness or body bait in 15 to 40 feet off North Point, in front of the harbor and toward the Black River. Early morning and evening were best.

• Thunder Bay River: Is producing smallmouth bass, rock bass, freshwater drum and a few channel cats when drifting or floating crawlers. A few walleye and pike were caught early or late when trolling or casting crawlers and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass and pike were caught in Lake Besser when trolling or casting crankbaits.

• Oscoda: Had good fishing for lake trout, pink salmon, steelhead and the odd Atlantic or coho salmon. The steelhead bite was consistent, with a few up to 30 inches taken in 80 to 130 feet or as deep as 180 feet. The fish are scattered throughout and were hitting spoons, spin-glos and flies. Green, orange, pink and blue were good colors. A couple walleye were taken on spoons up higher in 50 to 120 feet. Pier anglers caught smallmouth bass, freshwater drum and channel cats on crawlers or crankbaits.

• Au Sable River: Water temperatures between Parmalee Bridge, Mio Dam and Alcona Dam are in the 70s, so trout are becoming sluggish. A couple walleye were found between Foote Dam and the mouth when trolling or drifting crawlers and crankbaits. Those casting crankbaits and jigs caught pike and smallmouth. Large-mouth were found in the marinas and weed beds. Good catfish action at the mouth in the evening. Smallmouth, rock bass and freshwater drum were hitting crawlers. In Foote Pond, pike and smallmouth were caught trolling or casting crankbaits and floating sucker minnows.

• Tawas: Had good fishing, even with a mayfly hatch. Lake trout, brown trout, steelhead, Atlantic salmon and a good number of walleye were caught in 50 to 80 feet on spoons, flicker shad or crawlers.