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Two face charges in elder abuse cases, more investigations ongoing

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Two Harrisville men have been charged with elder abuse in the form of fraudulent activity, and there are several other similar investigations on going in Alcona County.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Roger Edwin Armstrong, 70, and Gene Elliot MacDermaid, 47, were arraigned in 81st District Court following an investigation that began in December 2019. The investigation was of an elderly Al-

cona County resident who was an alleged "victim of fraudulent activity that amounted in the loss of over \$116,000."

Armstrong was arraigned on February 12 and charged with one count of embezzlement from a vulnerable adult - \$100,000 or more, a felony punishable by 20 years in prison and/or \$50,000 or three times the value of the money involved. He was released on a \$50,000 personal recognizance bond. He waived a preliminary hearing and was

bound over to 23rd Circuit Court on June 3.

MacDermaid was arraigned June 1 and charged with five felony counts of financial transaction device - illegal sale/use. Each count is punishable by four years in prison and/or \$5,000. He was released on a \$25,000 personal recognizance bond.

According to Alcona County Undersheriff Keith Myers, the sheriff's department is investigating four other cases of elder abuse. "The Alcona County Sheriff's

Office takes this type of crime very seriously. It has been a focus since Sheriff Stephenson took office in May of 2019," Myers said. "We have a large elderly population that has worked most of their lives and are now trying to enjoy their retirement. We will investigate these crimes discreetly, thoroughly and judiciously. Through our partnership with the Alcona County Prosecutors Office we will obtain justice for these vulnerable victims."

Tom Weichel, Alcona

County Prosecutor, is increasingly concerned about the number of instances where seniors are being taken advantage of financially. He explained 20 to 30 times a year someone comes into his office with a letter that is promoting a fraudulent situation or "scam." "It's important that our elderly citizens know that nothing is free," Weichel said. "Do not send money to anyone you don't know. There are so many Internet scams out there... I think, in general, elderly folks tend to be lonely and want someone to talk to or want to help an individual or cause... so they send money by check or by wiring it. Most of the time we are not able to recover the money because we have no way of knowing where the money went."

He explained that seniors across the United States are falling for these types of tactics they see on the Internet - Facebook, dating sites, etc. "You really don't know who you are dealing with when you are online," Weichel said.

However, the most prevalent of fraudulent cases are closer to home for senior citizens, according to Weichel. "Nine out of 10 fraud cases will be by someone they know - a family member, a care giver, someone who helps," he said. "In some cases, this person is put on an elderly person's bank account or given access to their financial information - bank accounts, financial investments, etc. The methods are different, but they leave our elderly population with significant financial damage," Weichel said. "We really need to pay close attention as a community."

He explained the best way for seniors to protect their money is to make sure they communicate with their bank, investment firm, or any entity that manages or oversees their finances. He encourages seniors, when considering adding another person to any of their accounts, to go in person to the bank with that person and talk to the manager about it and make their wishes known. And, they can also put it in writing directions that specify a limit on how much the individual can withdraw, specify that no checks can be written to that

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Volunteers prepare to distribute food in a new program through The Food Bank of Lincoln, an entity of Alcona County Commission on Aging. Volunteers in eight locations in Alcona County helped distribute food totaling more than \$26,000 which was purchased through a grant with the United States Department of Agriculture partnering with Gordon Foods. The food delivery will extend through the end of June on each Friday starting at 4 p.m. at the same eight locations: Alcona Township Hall; Barton City Fire Hall; United Methodist Church in Glennie; Greenbush Fire Hall; Alcona Elementary; Mikado Fire Hall; Smokey's Bar; and South Shore Fire Hall. Volunteers are still needed, call (989) 334-FOOD (3663). *Courtesy photo.*

County library opens two branches in phases

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

As the threat of COVID-19 begins to dissipate and executive orders are relaxed, more and more businesses and public entities are opening back up with safety precautions, which are being advised.

The Alcona County Library will reopen in detailed phases according to library director Denise Bearre. A new touchless pickup service will begin Wednesday, June 17.

Bearre explained although they are confident phase one will begin next week, she does not know when future phase dates will take place, but the library provided a detailed outline of what those phases will look like.

"From June 8 through (June) 12, essential workers will be called back to work to prepare the Harrisville and Lincoln library branches for operation. On June 15 and 16 the workers will be trained to process materials and touchless pickup service will begin on June 17," Bearre said in a recent press release.

Touchless pickup will only be at the Harrisville and Lincoln branches during new reduced hours Monday

through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Harrisville. The Lincoln branch will open two hours later from noon until 6 p.m.

Through touchless pickup, patrons may order materials by placing holds in BiblioCommons which is the catalog section on the library web site or by calling the library. Each patron is limited to five DVDs and 15 books, magazines, or audio books per transaction. Items from other libraries such as Sirsi or MelCat, may not be available.

The patron will make an appointment for a pickup time through email or by phone. Pickup times will begin every 15 minutes.

The staff will pull materials as requested. Items are checked out and placed in a sealed plastic bag with the patron's name on it.

At the appointment time, the staff will place the bag on a table in Harrisville and in Lincoln it will be in the south lobby in the front vestibule. Only one bag for one patron will be on the table at a time.

"The staff will not accept in-person returns. All return

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Alcona County Building reopens to public

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

After being closed for nearly three months under executive orders to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Alcona County Building has reopened to the public.

During a county commission meeting via Zoom on June 3, Alcona County Commissioners voted unanimously to reopen the building to the public on Monday, June 8, with safety measures in place to protect both employees and the public from

possibly spreading the virus.

Since March 17 the Alcona County Building, which houses all county offices such as clerk, treasurer, register of deeds, veteran counselor, equalization, county commissioners office and meeting rooms, as well as the 23rd Circuit Court and 81st District Court, have been closed to the public due to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders to fight the spread of COVID-19.

Although the building was closed to the public, the

county continued to conduct daily business without laying off county employees who work in the building.

Alcona County Commission Chairman Craig Johnston said over the closure the county adjusted and adapted to a new normal. "Through a variety of methods, we have been able to continue to provide the services the public expects efficiently and effectively.

"We are happy to be open again and will be operating under the guidance of our

approved COVID-19 safety plan developed by District Health Department No. 2 and will continue to do everything possible to safely serve the citizens of Alcona County," Johnston said

The county building opened on Monday with regular hours and staff in place, however, the courts remain closed to the public. Social distancing and face masks are being asked of the public who enter the building.

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"They can bring their son or daughter or whoever to the bank or credit union and talk about what their wishes are," Weichel said. Seniors should "make sure they are talking to their bank or credit union and ask them to 'help me watch my money.' They should also give permission to contact law enforcement which will put bank officials at ease... the same with investment companies.

"Banks are in the best position to give a heads up to law enforcement, but some are leery because they don't want to violate confidentiality," Weichel said. "Investment companies have a fiduciary responsibility to watch over the assets of their clients and speak up if they see possible fraudulent activity. When you put written limitations on an account or accounts, the bank is responsible. If it isn't on there... without limits of withdraws that person can withdraw everything."

However, there are still risks because people close to vulnerable seniors can influence them - especially if they have memory issues or are not able to keep track of their finances. "An account can have limitations for an individual added to the account, but that person can still drive the older person to the bank and have them withdraw the money," Weichel said.

top ten

*Trending Nicknames as First Names**

1. Cassie
2. Toni
3. Nell
4. Tori
5. Winnie
6. Tilly
7. Eliza
8. Gwen
9. Tessa
10. Frankie

*girl babies
Source: babycenter.com

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"Anyone in a position of trust or care over a vulnerable adult cannot unjust enrich themselves. They cannot take money, they cannot be gifted money, they cannot take that vulnerable adult to the store and have them spend money on them," he said.

Weichel cited national statistics where eight in 10 seniors have been solicited with fraudulent offers and \$50 billion a year is lost to elder fraud.

Law enforcement officers across the state don't have to investigate crimes against vulnerable adults on their own any longer. They have variety of resources available through the Michigan Attorney General's Office which established an Elder Abuse Task Force in March 2019. Weichel said this task force has a hotline that anyone can call, and local law enforcement departments can work with the task force, hand a case over to it or work on it themselves with resources and guidance available if they

want it.

He explained that since this task force was formed, more than 100 cases of over \$100,000 are being investigated across the state.

In March when the task force was announced, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel stated more than 73,000 older adults in Michigan are victims of elder abuse. They experience physical abuse, financial exploitation, emotional abuse, or neglect. Elder abuse shares many of the dynamics of domestic abuse, including a vulnerable victim with emotional ties to the perpetrator, isolation from community resources and family support systems, and substantial under-reporting as a result of fear, shame, humiliation, or misplaced affection.

Anyone who is experiencing elder abuse or would like to report it may call the Alcona County Sheriff's Department at (989) 724-6271 or the attorney general's elder abuse hotline at (855) 444-3911.

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items must come through the book drop so they can be quarantined for three days," Bearre said. Staff at both libraries will be limited and will be separated by six feet. They will also be provided with masks and are required to wear them at all times if medically tolerated.

Phase two will open the library to the public but patron occupancy will be limited to 15 people at Harrisville branch and seven at the branch in Lincoln. Distancing will be encouraged with soft seating reduced and only one chair per table. Every other computer will be out of service to increase distance between patrons.

During the second phase, face masks will be available for staff and patrons and they will be asked to wear them while in the library. No toys, puzzles, games, or headphones will be available. Personal earbuds may be purchased at the desk for \$2.

Other safety measures will include Plexiglass at the service desk and doors between lobby and main floor will be propped open to reduce touch points. The staff and/or cleaning crew will sanitize touch points within the building at least twice daily.

Meeting rooms, community

room, Michigan room and lounges will be closed. Patrons may not operate the copier. Instead, staff will make copies.

Phase three will reopen all branches of the library at 50 percent capacity until phase four which will bring business as usual at the library.

During all phases, free Wi-Fi is offered for public use in the parking lot 24-hours a day, seven days a week, as it has been throughout the closure.

Bearre was eager and looking forward to starting the first phase of reopening. "We are excited to see and serve the people of Alcona County. We thank everyone for their patience during our closing and want to encourage a safe opening as soon as possible. Please call us for assistance."

For a detailed list of all phases and how library business will be conducted under each phase, visit www.alcona.lib.mi.us or call the Harrisville branch at (989) 724-6796 or the Lincoln branch at (989) 736-3388.

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Johnston said the commissioners have enjoyed offering commission meetings via Zoom to the public and said they will continue to do so.

Commission meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. Visit the county website at www.alconacounty-mi.com where a link can be found to use Zoom to view commission meetings.

The Alcona County Building is located at 106 5th Street in Harrisville.



Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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: United Methodist Church, (4257 M-65) Glennie; South Shore Fire Hall, (367 W. Mt. Maria) Spruce; Smokies 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, JUNE 13

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

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

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.

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

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New Arrival

Zachary Cecil James is the new son of Charisse and Matthew James of Lincoln. He was born on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Mid Michigan Hospital in Alpena. He weighed seven pounds and six ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He joins brother, Benjamin James, 1. His grandparents are Julie Mitchell of Harrisville, Brent Mitchell of Hubbard Lake and Joe and Carla James of Lincoln. His great-grandparents are Gwyn Bruske of Ossineke, Agnes Dubie of Alpena and Jan and Edwin Paulson of Hubbard Lake.

Away at School

- Madelyn Elisabeth Boyd of Spruce was named to the Central Michigan University honors list for the spring 2020 semester. She is a sophomore.

- Nathan Melvin Swinson of Spruce was named to the Central Michigan University honors list for the spring 2020 semester. He is a senior.

Grant Opportunities

- The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the summer

2020 grant cycles of its Community Impact Grant, and the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle (WGC) Grant. All nonprofit agencies with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation, schools, churches (for non-religious purposes) and government agencies serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle are invited to apply.

Community Impact Grants are for a broad range of projects, programs and non-profit needs. The maximum grant request amount is \$5,000. The deadline to apply is July 15.

Women's Giving Circle Grants are for projects and programs that address issues important to women in northeast Michigan. The maximum grant request amount is \$2,500. The deadline to apply for WGC grants is July 1.

Applications and guidelines for both grant opportunities are available at cfnem.org where they may be completed online and submitted via email or printed for completion. If applications are mailed, they must be post-marked by the grant deadline date and sent to the CFNEM office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

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Relief available for low income households

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

To respond to immediate needs in the wake of COVID-19 shutdowns and needs that will possibly follow over the next two years, low-income residents in northeast Michigan are being offered funding assistance for a variety of services.

The Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) unveiled its Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Services (CARES) program on June 1. According to NEMCSA outreach coordinator Frances Whitney, the CARES act was established through the Federal Department of Treasury as a virus relief fund to assist state/local entities and tribal governments navigate the impact of COVID-19.

"NEMCSA applied and received funding to provide some relief for people impacted (financially). Our goal

is to help people throughout our northeast Michigan 11 core county area, including Alcona County, over the next two years, depending on need and the application process," Whitney said.

The assistance offered through CARES could provide those who fall below the Federal Poverty Level home and auto repair assistance, transportation assistance, auto insurance assistance and more. "It could even help with funeral assistance if the family impacted a loss due to COVID-19," Whitney said.

Home repair assistance would help with funds for items like, but not limited to, water and septic systems, door repair and emergency furnace repair. Assistance in paying past-due water and/or sewer bills is also available.

Rent and mortgage assistance is available to qualifying families showing proof of

past due mortgage or rent on April 1, 2020, or after.

Auto repair and insurance assistance would be for repairs or past due insurance bills after April 1, 2020.

The CARES program transportation assistance would help individuals by giving those who qualify gas cards or bus tokens for reduction of a barrier, such as being able to get to a school meeting, job interview or a doctor's appointment.

Other assistance may be available for families of school-aged children for food, health, hygiene and even haircuts, when the salons and barbershops open again, but Whitney cautioned other qualification eligibility may factor in.

Eligibility requirements include an income below the Federal Poverty Level and/or an active recipient of a Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS) income-based service.

The Federal Poverty Chart is based on the number of members a household has. For example, a one-person household cannot have an income level greater than \$25,520 to qualify; a two-person household threshold would be \$34,480 and a three-person threshold would be \$43,440. The threshold on how much income the household can make continues to rise with the number of members in the household.

Whitney said public interest in the CARES program is already growing and she is very excited NEMCSA can offer it. NEMCSA has other programs such as the homeless program called FIRST which assists with people who need housing and many other community-related program services.

For more information on this program or other services NEMCSA offers, visit the website at nemcsa.org. To apply for the CARES program call (989) 984-5333 or email thomank@nemcsa.org.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Advance care planning in the age of coronavirus

Dear Savvy Senior,
All this horrible coronavirus carnage got me thinking about my own end-of-life decisions if I were to get sick. Can you recommend some good resources that can help me create a living will or advance directive, or other pertinent documents? I've put it off long enough.

Almost 70

Dear Almost,
Creating a living will (also known as an advance directive) is one of those things most people plan to do, but rarely get around to actually doing. Only about one-third of Americans currently have one. But the cold hard reality of the novel coronavirus may be changing that.

Here's what you should know along with some resources to help you create an advance directive.

Advance Directives

To adequately spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment

are two key documents: A "living will" which tells your doctor what kind of care you want to receive if you become incapacitated, and a "health care power of attorney" (or health care proxy), which names a person you authorize to make medical decisions on your behalf if you become unable to.

These two documents are known as an "advance directive," and will only be utilized if you are too ill to make medical decisions yourself. You can also change or update it whenever you please.

It isn't necessary to hire a lawyer to prepare an advance directive. There are free or low-cost resources available today to help you create one, and it takes only a few minutes from start to finish.

One that I highly recommend that's completely free to use is My Directives (MyDirectives.com). This is an online tool and mobile app that will help you create, store and share a detailed, customized digital advance di-

rective. Their easy-to-use platform combines eight thoughtful questions to guide you through the process. If you're not computer savvy, ask a family member or trusted friend to help you.

The advantage of having a digital advance directive versus a paper document is being able to access it quickly and easily via smartphone, which is crucial in emergency situations when they're most often needed.

If, however, you'd rather have a paper document, one of the best do-it-yourself options is the Five Wishes advance directive (they offer online forms too). Created by Aging with Dignity, a non-profit advocacy organization, Five Wishes costs \$5, and is available in many languages. To learn more or to receive a copy, visit FiveWishes.org or call (850) 681-2010.

Another tool you should know about that will complement your advance directive is the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment, or



Savvy Senior

POLST (sometimes called Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment, or MOLST). A POLST form translates your end-of-life wishes into medical orders to be honored by your doctors. To learn more about your state's program or set one up, see POLST.org.

Readers should also know that if you've already prepared an advanced directive paper document, a POLST form or the VA advance directive form 10-0137, you can upload, store and share these documents too at MyDirectives.com.

And finally, to ensure your final wishes are followed,

make sure to tell your family members, health care proxy and doctors. If you make a digital advance directive or have uploaded your existing forms, you can easily share them electronically to everyone involved. Or, if you make a paper advance directive that isn't uploaded, you should provide everyone copies to help prevent stress and arguments later.

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Exploring the back roads and two tracks

By Gregg Schefferly
Outdoor Writer

While I always dreamed of purchasing one, it was only after Shannon's co-workers told us about some of the adventures they've been having that finally caused us to make it happen.

I've had a quad (four-wheel all terrain vehicle) for a number of years and it came in very handy for plowing the drive, working around camp, and ice fishing. However, it wasn't built for two.

After deciding to purchase a side by side, (SxS), I started studying the different models as well as selling some toys to both help pay for and make space for one. After saving some money and selling my quad, snowmobile, and a pistol, I started searching.

Initially, my intent was to buy a new one. However, I came across a used one loaded pretty nicely with a soft cab, winch, and plow with only 850 miles on it. Saving several thousand dollars over the cost of a new one certainly made it more appealing. While there are a lot of brands and models available, I ended up buying a 2016 Honda Pioneer 1000. I'm not saying this particular unit is the best one made; it comes down to the individual's needs and what they can afford.

Some units are made purely for sport and have some incredible suspensions, lot's of horsepower, are made to go fast and have fun in the sand and mud. I would've loved to have one of those sporty models when I was in my 20s. Since I'm well beyond my 20s, I was looking for a model that was more practical.

I wanted something that Shannon and I could take for relaxing rides running the back roads and two tracks. However, I wanted something with a box that would allow me to load it up and run to camp or for ice fishing on Hubbard Lake. Additionally, having a winch and plow made it even more desirable. With the box it could be used to haul dirt, mulch, firewood -- practically anything. It also came with a receiver and the horsepower to pull trailers with it if the need arises.

The unit I bought was three years old in August and only had 850 miles on it. As I write this, Shannon and I have put



Exploring the Outdoors

By Gregg Schefferly

1,450 miles on it in only eight months. It's nothing to go for a ride and put 40 to 50 miles in four or five hours of riding. We've been exploring back roads and two tracks that I haven't been on since I was a kid.

There's something different about taking a ride in the SxS, opposed to the car or truck. I believe cruising along at 15 to 25 mph allows us to see more and is much more relaxing.

for long weekend with the gang a semiannual event. Currently, we have one to two trips planned up north between now and winter.

Personally accessorizing an SxS is a lot of fun. Everyone seems to have different interests. Some go all out and will purchase one with a hard cab. Some come with heaters and air conditioning. Radios, LED running lights, windshield wipers -- there are all kinds of options to personal-



Riding the trails in a side by side is a new pursuit for Gregg Schefferly and his partner, Shannon. *Photo by Gregg Schefferly.*

Last fall along, with four other couples, we rented a house on a lake and spent a long weekend riding the trails up in the UP near Strongs. It reminded me of the days when we had winters and you'd see caravans of snowmobiles running the shoulders and trails. Just as we used to do on the snowmobiles, we'd run the two tracks and trails stopping at bars and restaurants. While riding we encountered a number of other groups of riders also enjoying time on the trails. While on that trip we were able to visit Tahquamenon Falls as well as an overlook over Lake Superior.

We had such a good time that we've made traveling to the UP and renting a house

ize these machines. As I stated earlier, some units are made for sport, some are strictly made for farm use, and others try to find a balance between fun and work. Most come with four wheel drive units. Some have manual paddle shifters. Some even have a turf mode to work in the yard without tearing up the lawn. There are units with a back seat to take the family riding.

There are even tracks for them to use during the winter. GPS units with special programs are also available to help navigate the trails while exploring. One thing is certain; a lot of people are buying SxSs for recreation and work. Having one opens of many possibilities for the outdoorsmen.

Just remember, there are a rules associated with being a responsible SxS rider. In 2008 the state made it legal for individual counties to open the shoulders of roads to Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) -- all that is needed is an ORV sticker. If the county adopted it, folks can go anywhere except on state and federal highways. Otherwise state parks, campgrounds and roads posted by a county are closed to ORV travel. Many federal forest service roads are also closed to ORV traffic.

The rules require ORV riders that don't have a roll bar or seat belts to wear helmets. Quads without two up seating can only have one rider. Finally a speed limit of 25 mph is required for ORVs trav-



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Retirement parade sends farewell wishes

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Car horns blared and passengers tossed out golf balls wrapped with money as they paraded (while social distancing) past a local school teacher's home recently to celebrate his 25-year career and retirement from Alcona Community Schools.

Rick Sedgwick said it was an awesome feeling being celebrated that way and the fanfare touched him deeply. "Most of those people I knew but there were a few in the (car) parade that just got caught up with it and didn't know what they were celebrating. It was such a lot of fun," he said.

Sedgwick who was born in California, but raised with a brother in Saginaw, Mich., never saw teaching on the horizon as a career when he was young. It wasn't until he was married and working with developmentally disabled people for community mental health in Oscoda that he understood his potential as a classroom teacher.

Chuckling about the memory, Sedgwick said, "My wife, Robyn, went shopping and came home one day and said I needed to go to college, otherwise I'd probably still be working where I was in Oscoda. I like working with people. I liked training and helping people improve their lives by improving their skills. People said I'd be good in a classroom because of my academics and people skills."

Before long, Sedgwick had a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in earth science and geography and obtained a special education certificate through Saginaw Valley State University.

For most of his career at Alcona schools he taught special education because that was where his heart always was. He enjoyed working with kids, providing training and mentoring them.

"Being part of the Alcona school team was very special. Being around some of those folks for 25 years, sharing our lives, working for a common goal was special. Working at Alcona High School with the community, parents and staff, it's like being part of a family. The small-town experience was great," Sedgwick said.

He also enjoyed teaching at the same school both of his sons attended alongside his wife Robyn, who also had a successful career with the Alcona school district, first as a secretary and then as a paraprofessional.

The couple has been mar-



Rick Sedgwick, with his wife, Robyn, plans to travel and spend time with their grandchildren now that he is retired from teaching after 25 years. *Courtesy photo.*

ried for 43 years and both of their sons are Alcona High School graduates who went into teaching as well -- Zack is a principal in Marquette, Mich., and Jake is a teacher for Traverse City Schools.

Sedgwick said at 65 years of age he decided it was time to step back from teaching. "I'd like to do some traveling and different things. We have young grandkids over on the other side of the state and we'd like to have more opportunities with them," Sedgwick said.

The Sedgwicks have two granddaughters who are six and eight years old and a grandson who is three.

As for traveling, he hopes to visit the Rocky Mountains,

the California coastline, the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Canadian Rockies.

"People view me as a laid-back Jimmy Buffet. It's fun to be on the road. I have a Mustang GT that I like to travel in, turn up the music, make the pipes thunder, drive down a good road, play some golf, eat a hamburger and then wake up and do it again the next day," he said.

His imparting words were that he has worked with some exceptional people over the years and very special children and that the community has always been friendly. "My final quote would be — Live like you're gonna die, but die like you will live forever," Sedgwick said.

The Garden Bug

Dahlias grow best in a sunny location with rich, well-drained soil. The tubers of taller dahlia types need to be 3 to 4 inches deep in the soil, and about 20 inches apart. Plant shorter types 2 to 3 inches deep and about 10 inches apart. Water dahlias often during dry spells to keep soil damp, and mulch around them to help conserve moisture. Feed dahlia tubers weekly with a low-nitrogen liquid fertilizer, then after sprouting, and then every 3 to 4 weeks from mid-summer until early autumn.

—Brenda Weaver

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The 2020 Alcona County Fair scheduled for August 18-22nd, has been cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns.

The Fair Board did not make this decision in haste. Many components of the fair were taken into consideration. The health and safety of our kids, volunteers, participants and community is our top priority. We understand that this is a large part of our summer and will affect our community, sponsors, vendors and families.

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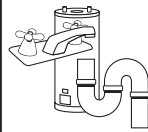
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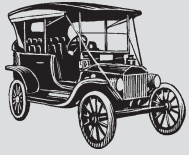
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Buggy Rides

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Jos. Sysak elected to school board

June 11, 1970 ~ Only 228 voters exercised their right to vote at the annual school election, held Monday, June 8, at Alcona High School.

The names of three men, Ralph Moore and Joseph Sysak of Harrisville, and Dr. J. L. Braamse of Hubbard Lake, were on the ballot, running for a four-year term as a member of the Board of Education of Alcona Community Schools District.

Sysak, who has been a member of the Board since 1959, received 90 votes, defeating Moore with 79 votes and Braamse with 56. There were three spoiled ballots.

Still catching big ones from Harrisville Mill Pond

June 14, 1945 ~ Edmund Hebert, above, of Bay City, has made several big catches as a commercial fisherman but none has given him as big a thrill as the trout catch he made Sunday, May 23, at the Harrisville dam. He returned to Bay City with the four browns, the smallest of which measured 18 inches and the largest 22½. The big fellow, dressed at four and a half pounds. This proves that our Mill Pond is still a popular place to fish for the big ones.

The largest brown trout caught here is recorded in the Review files as being 9½ lbs. and 30 inches long. This was taken by E. J. Thrasher, in August 2, 1909. It was also boasted at that date as being the largest trout ever caught in Michigan.

Went to wash auto caught two whale trout

Mill Creek Continues to Maintain Its Reputation for Big Fish

June 10, 1920 ~ Roy Freer and Jimmy McDonald went down to Mill Creek Tuesday to wash an auto. They were about to proceed to work when they were scared nearly stiff at the sight of two big fish in a shallow part of the stream.

They gave battle immediately, attacking with feet and hands and when the scrimmage was over both boys were rather damp, but each had a big rainbow trout that he had kicked and scraped out on to the bank.

Jim's fish weighed four and Roy's 3¾ pounds.

Married at Lincoln church

June 11, 1970 ~ A double ring wedding ceremony, at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, June 6, 1970, united in marriage, Gail Mary Higgison and Ronald Lewis Walienmaier. Rev. Carl Litchfield, of the Lincoln and Harrisville Methodist Churches, performed the ceremony at 1 p. m. before sixty-five guests. The altar was decorated with pink and white mums.

Miss Susan Armstrong, of Harrisville, organist, played the "Wedding March", "I Love You Truly" and "O, Promise Me".

Parents of the couple are

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Higgison of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wallenmaier of Mikado.

Escorted up the aisle by her father, the bride wore a white lace over satin gown, made by herself. It was floor length, fashion with empire waistline and puffed sleeves. She carried a bouquet of white baby mums and pink baby roses.

The bridesmaid, Pam Wilburn of Lincoln, a friend of the bride, wore a floor length pink dress, empire styled with silk sleeves, and a corsage of pink mums.

The bride's brother, Joseph

Higgison of Lincoln, was best man, and ushers were William Reames of Mikado and Arthur (Rocky) Higgison of Sanford.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Higgison chose a beige lace over beige sheath dress with red accessories, and Mrs. Wallenmaier mother of the groom, wore a 3 piece suit of white and lavender. Their corsages were of cymbidium orchids.

The bride's parents were hosts at a dinner and reception at their home, with about seventy guests attending.

Gail is a 1970 graduate of Alcona High School. Her husband, a 1965 graduate of Oscoda High School, is employed by the Alcona County Road Commission. They are making their home on Trask Lake Road, Lincoln.

Miller Hardware building purchased by Laverne Medor

June 14, 1945 ~ A real estate deal was completed last Thursday, whereby LaVerne Medor, Lincoln businessman, became the owner of the Miller Hardware Building in Harrisville. The building was owned and used by Eugene Miller as a hardware store, before his induction into the armed forces, and was the former Yockey Hardware and Novelty Works.

Mr. Medor plans to make extensive repairs to the property, and will open up a sales room for Chrysler Products, have a complete electrical appliance store and farm implements and plumbing.

Mr. Medor has secured the services of Eddie Symons of Saginaw who will have charge of the new business in Harrisville.

Laverne Medor is a well known Lincoln businessman, having been connected with his father, Peter Medor, veteran county businessman, for several years, until he purchased the Lincoln business from his father about a year ago. The Review joins his many friends in wishing him success in his new undertaking.

Cabin entered on Hubbard Lake Trail

June 11, 1970 ~ An estimated \$5,000 worth of goods were taken from the Yukon Club, on Hubbard Lake Trail, in Caledonia Township. The breaking into the camp was discovered by the owner, William Mitchell of Detroit, last Thursday night.

Officers said the looting occurred sometime in the past two weeks, and that the items were loaded into a van belonging to the camp. They said the van seats were removed, apparently to make room for the stolen goods. The van was abandoned east of Hubbard Lake where the stolen goods were evidently

transferred to another vehicle.

Among items missing from the camp were a garden tractor or and related equipment, a collection of electric tools, welding torch, chain-fall, a 15-watt generator, chain saw, household furnishings, two television sets, radios, food, a collection of animal rugs, a citizens band radio set and walkie talkies, hunting clothing and equipment, including four guns, shells, binoculars, liquor and fishing equipment.

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department is still investigating the crime.

Lincoln dog wins in Ohio show

June, 11, 1970 ~ Stormork's Greta, Doberman, female, owned by Nancy Peterson, of Lincoln, took a 3 point major at the Columbiana County Kennel Club Dog Show at Salem, Ohio on June 6.

She went best of winners and best of opposite sex, and has both major wins required by A.K.C. to acquire her Championship.

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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	
May 31	61	38	0.00	4.7	21	NE
June 1	71	39	0.03	4.0	17	NE
June 2	75	51	0.06	5.2	32	SW
June 3	61	53	0.00	1.9	15	WSW
June 4	59	52	0.00	3.1	17	NE
June 5	65	50	0.03	2.0	26	NE
June 6	69	51	0.00	5.8	26	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2020	2019	Normal
Weekly Total	1.12	1.53	0.56
Month May to Date	3.10	3.96	2.61
June to Date	1.02	0.53	0.48
Year to Date	9.28	10.58	10.64

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. **HISTORY:** Who was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence?
2. **MOVIES:** Which dwarf wore glasses in Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"?
3. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many years are in a millennium?
4. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** Which stand-up comedian once said, "There are two seasons in Scotland: June and winter"?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which country is home to Mount Kilimanjaro?
6. **MEDICAL:** What is the common condition known as "muscae volitantes"?
7. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which university's athletic teams are known as the Ducks?
8. **MUSIC:** Which singer/songwriter is known as the "Man in Black"?
9. **MONUMENTS:** Which U.S. monument is known as the Mother of Exiles?
10. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of Norm's favorite restaurant in the "Cheers" sitcom?

Answers: 1. John Hancock; 2. Doc; 3. 1,000; 4. Billy Connolly; 5. Tanzania; 6. Eye floaters; 7. University of Oregon; 8. Johnny Cash; 9. The Statue of Liberty; 10. The Hungry Heifer (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

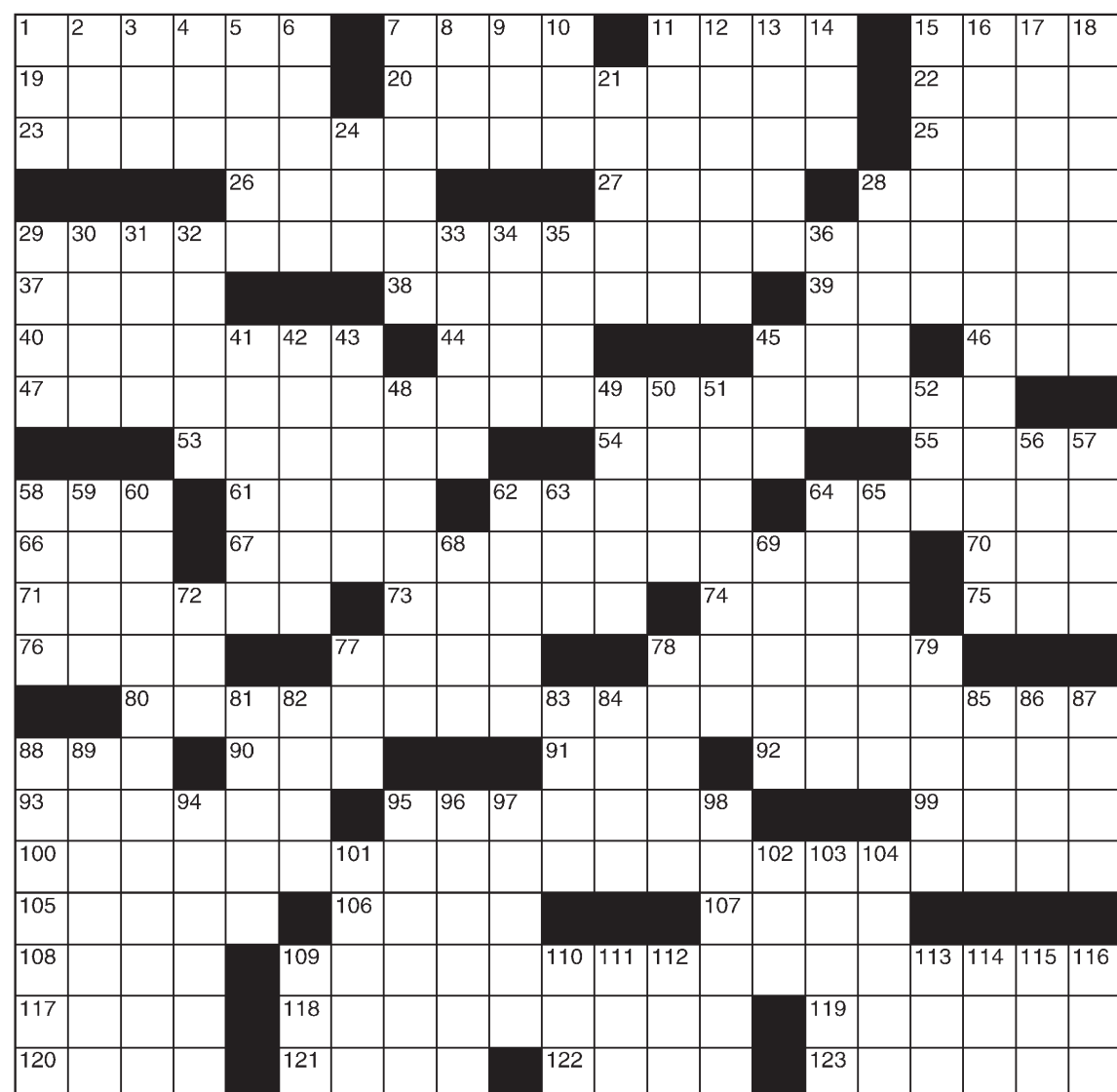
By The History Channel

- On June 18, 1812, the day after the Senate and the House of Representatives vote to declare war against Great Britain, President James Madison signs the declaration into law -- and the War of 1812 begins. It was partly in response to the forcible induction of American seaman into the British Royal Navy.
 - On June 15, 1846, Great Britain and the U.S. sign the Oregon Treaty, establishing the U.S.-Canadian border as the 49th parallel from the Rocky Mountains to the Strait of Georgia.
 - On June 16, 1884, the first roller coaster in America opens at Coney Island, in New York. Known as a switchback railway, the roller coaster traveled at approximately 6 mph and cost a nickel to ride.
 - On June 19, 1905, some 450 people attend the opening day of the world's first nickelodeon, located in Pittsburgh. The storefront theater boasted 96 seats and charged each patron 5 cents to view live vaudeville acts as well as short films.
 - On June 17, 1958, the Second Narrows Bridge, being built to connect eastern and northern Vancouver in western Canada, collapses, killing 59 workers. The bridge rose 175 feet above the water.
 - On June 20, 1975, "Jaws," a film directed by Steven Spielberg that made countless viewers afraid to go into the water, opens in theaters. The story of a great white shark that terrorizes a New England resort town became an instant blockbuster and the highest-grossing film ever at the time.
 - On June 21, 1982, John W. Hinckley, Jr., who on March 30, 1981, shot President Ronald Reagan outside a Washington, D.C. hotel, was found not guilty of attempted murder by reason of insanity. Hinckley's defense argued that he was obsessed with the 1976 film "Taxi Driver" and the lead actress, Jodie Foster. Hinckley was released from the mental institution in 2018.
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Super Crossword

FALL NICKNAME

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "Alto Rhapsody" composer</p> <p>7 Amount of medication</p> <p>11 Very close pals, briefly</p> <p>15 Lay away</p> <p>19 Handbook</p> <p>20 Among other things, in Latin</p> <p>22 A, in Austria</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>25 With the stroke of —</p> <p>26 Busily engaged</p> <p>27 Actress O'Grady</p> <p>28 Actor Baio</p> <p>29 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>37 Brain part</p> <p>38 Vends again</p> <p>39 New York port on Lake Ontario</p> <p>40 Some weather lines</p> <p>44 Untold millennia</p> <p>45 Gallery works</p> <p>46 Frat.'s counterpart</p> <p>47 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>53 Epitomize</p> | <p>54 Volcano outflow</p> <p>55 Waikiki whereabouts</p> <p>58 Coll. e-mail ending</p> <p>61 Coyote kin</p> <p>62 Stopped sleeping</p> <p>64 Actress Dana</p> <p>66 Truckload</p> <p>67 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>70 Kid's "it" game</p> <p>71 Four-time Indy 500 winner</p> <p>73 Supreme Court justice Sotomayor</p> <p>74 Get-out-of-jail fee</p> <p>75 Metal-bearing rock</p> <p>76 Tarnish</p> <p>77 — vu</p> <p>78 Mortar and —</p> <p>80 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>88 Mo. no. 10</p> <p>90 I-10, e.g.</p> <p>91 — mater (brain cover)</p> <p>92 Smears with holy oil</p> <p>93 Engender</p> <p>95 In dire —</p> <p>99 Songstress</p> <p>Eartha</p> | <p>100 End of the riddle</p> <p>105 Wise words</p> <p>106 Mr. Spock's pointy pair</p> <p>107 Flood figure</p> <p>108 Feeling, informally</p> <p>109 Riddle's answer</p> <p>117 "— do in a pinch"</p> <p>118 Desirous of equaling someone else</p> <p>119 Advanced to the starting point, as a tape</p> <p>120 Floor votes</p> <p>121 "Fat chance"</p> <p>122 Deleted, with "out"</p> <p>123 Salsa brand</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 German car</p> <p>2 Yell of cheer</p> <p>3 California's Santa —</p> <p>4 Castaway's shelter</p> <p>5 Irked with</p> <p>6 Sluggish mammal</p> <p>7 One trying to lose weight</p> <p>8 Yoko of music</p> | <p>9 Big inits. in fuel additives</p> <p>10 Elver, e.g.</p> <p>11 Lauren of "Key Largo"</p> <p>12 Natural talents</p> <p>13 Daughter, in Dijon</p> <p>14 Paradise of "On the Road"</p> <p>15 Manatee or dugong</p> <p>16 Praise with a cap motion</p> <p>17 "Just the last item is left"</p> <p>18 Tried to get</p> <p>21 Kingly</p> <p>24 Snapshot, for short</p> <p>28 Blues singer — Monica Parker</p> <p>29 Stepped off</p> <p>30 Little snack</p> <p>31 Wind instrument</p> <p>32 Prove false</p> <p>33 Indigent</p> <p>34 General — chicken</p> <p>35 Monopoly card statistic</p> <p>36 Spear</p> <p>41 Nonetheless</p> <p>42 Detach, as a book page</p> | <p>43 Clown prop</p> <p>45 Flat — board</p> <p>48 Radiates</p> <p>49 Hawaii "hi"</p> <p>50 Tolerate</p> <p>51 50-50 gamble</p> <p>52 Cheat</p> <p>56 Use one's 106-Across</p> <p>57 Impulse</p> <p>58 Guesses at JFK</p> <p>59 Judo hall</p> <p>60 Too large to be strained, maybe</p> <p>62 Former UN leader Kofi</p> <p>63 Doughboys' conflict: Abbr.</p> <p>64 Bleach</p> <p>65 Shout at</p> <p>68 Magic hex</p> <p>69 Actress Smith of Tyler Perry films</p> <p>72 Bullfight holler</p> <p>77 Passing grade, barely</p> <p>78 Greek philosopher</p> <p>79 Slezak or Eleniak</p> <p>81 Shaw playing a clarinet</p> | <p>82 Powerful car engine</p> <p>83 On — (of equal value)</p> <p>84 Nero's 53</p> <p>85 Faithful wife of Geraint</p> <p>86 Suffix with bachelor</p> <p>87 Booming jets of old</p> <p>88 Nero's wife</p> <p>89 Crassness</p> <p>94 Winged ones in heaven</p> <p>95 Absorb</p> <p>96 Part on a drama series, say</p> <p>97 Dreadlocks wearer, often</p> <p>98 Basked</p> <p>101 "I love you," in Spain</p> <p>102 Sushi sauce</p> <p>103 Vanzetti's partner in anarchy</p> <p>104 D-day time specification</p> <p>109 Forest lair</p> <p>110 Ingested</p> <p>111 Mingle</p> <p>112 Rd.'s cousin</p> <p>113 Authorize to</p> <p>114 Lofty work</p> <p>115 Floor cover</p> <p>116 Relaxing site</p> |
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Who says you have to be human to serve your country? Between 2001 and 2009, a goat called William ("Billy") Windsor was part of the 1st Battalion Infantry Unit of The Royal Welsh, with the title of lance corporal, no less. Although he was briefly demoted to fusilier following "unacceptable behavior" at Queen Elizabeth's official birthday celebrations, he eventually saw the error of his ways and regained his more esteemed rank.
 - Actor Brad Pitt chipped out pieces of his own front teeth to play the role of Tyler Durden in the movie "Fight Club."
 - And speaking of teeth ... in the American Civil War, soldiers were required to have at least four opposing front teeth so they could open a gunpowder pouch. Some draftees had their front chompers removed to avoid service.
 - What's in a name? Depends on where you're from. When the Coca-Cola Company was ready to import to China, it needed a moniker that fit with the majority of that country's spoken languages. The original choice, "Kekoukela," sounded phonetically similar, but in certain dialects translates to "bite the wax tadpole" or "female horse stuffed with wax." Further research yielded a far more satisfactory solution, "Kekoukele," meaning "tasty fun."
 - Romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley was one of literature's first prominent vegans.
 - Scientists studying a deadly disease transmitted from camels also found that the animals contained the pathogens from which the common cold was born. Do we now know whom to blame?
 - As many as 35% of people who hire a professional cleaning service admitted to cleaning up before the help arrives.
 - Native Southerners might well be surprised to learn that the word "y'all" dates to 1631! It was first used by the English scholar William Lisle in the sentence, "The captive men of strength I gave to you, the weaker sold; and this y'all know is true."
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- Thought for the Day: "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." -- Helen Keller
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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 **E**

L TPKLREO WNQMTKOQ ILW

WHDOGVEOG KP HPUNOKO MT L

UOOK, RVK DO GMWLNNOLQOG,

EPWK IMKDPVK L QLHO.

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, June 1 at 7 p.m. via Zoom due to the COVID-19 crisis. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included president Phillips, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers and council members Healy, Mahalak, Somers, Wambold and Zielinski. Putsky was absent. Also present were attorney David Cook and guests. The minutes of the May meeting were approved on a motion from Mahalak with support from Wambold. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Healy with support from Wambold. Treasurer Hussain presented the following: Request to have the following accounts declared delinquent as complete payments were not received for the 2019 billing cycle and these need to be placed on the tax roll. A motion was made by Mahalak, with support from Healy, to place the following on the tax rolls for delinquent sewer payments. Carried.

Brian Ankner, 052-000-027-004-00 -- \$129.00
Lenny Bobick, 052-000-023-003-50 -- \$258.00
Lincoln Truck & SUV, 052-900-012-080-00 -- \$64.50
Kirk Belt, 052-000-023-003-00 - \$134.19
Steve Golbeck, 052-000-024-010-00 -- \$308.30
Steve Long, 052-000-027-002-00 -- \$64.50
Craig Durfee/Restaurant, 052-000-024-001-02 - \$1,092.69

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Mahalak with support from Healy. Carried.

Rebecca Rivard of Huron Engineering was present to discuss some changes that are necessary for the construction on Barlow Road. The intersection of Main and Barlow roads is presenting a problem as a new catch basin will be needed. A discussion followed and a motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Healy, to allow the extra \$4,687 to be approved to cover the additional cost involved in adding a catch basin. Carried. Holly and Linda will look over the budget and bring an amendment at the next meeting.

Committee reports were given. Maintenance man Warren MacNeill stated that he will be needing some additional help over the summer. His helper from last summer is not available. Council members agree that he should be able to get some help as necessary. Warren expressed thanks to Daniel Hale for his help in putting up the flags for the holidays. The benches have been placed throughout town. The docks and slide will be put in at the beach area next week. The dump truck will be lettered soon. Warren will get an estimate and report back.

No reports were given by the parks and recreation, planning committee or RRC committees. Zoning Administrator Troy Somers will be addressing several property owners regarding cleanup of their yards. Mike Serafin gave the fire and first responder report. There has been a lot of activity in the departments over the past month. They are hoping to start training activities again soon. Bill Putsky was not available to give the sewer report.

A brief discussion was held to address the necessary changes

to the Sewer Connection ordinance NO 87-2. A motion was made by Mahalak, with support from Zielinski, to adopt and pass the following amended resolution. The amended resolution follows: Resolution to amend the Village of Lincoln Sewer Connection Ordinance No. 87-2.

Whereas, the Village of Lincoln adopted the Sewer Connection Ordinance No. 87-2 on April 7, 1987 and, amended the same on July 5, 1994, February 7, 2077 and August 3, 2015,
Whereas, said ordinance governs sewer use within the Village of Lincoln and said ordinance originally assigned the number of units applicable to each user based upon the usage anticipated when the ordinance was adopted in 1987 and,
Whereas, the character and nature of the user in the Village of Lincoln has changed and the Village of Lincoln is now desirous of amending the number of units paid for each user to conform with the current usage of property within the Village of Lincoln, and
Whereas, Section 2.06 of said ordinance governs per unit charges for public sanitary services to each premises within the Village of Lincoln, and,
Whereas, The Village of Lincoln retained the right to amend the per unit charge by resolution to reflect changes in the actual cost of maintaining and administering the system, now, therefore it is hereby resolved that the per unit charges addressed in Section 2.06 of the Village of Lincoln Sewer Connection Ordinance NO. 87-2 is hereby amended to adjust the per unit usage as set forth on the attached schedule.

All other provisions of this ordinance are ratified and shall remain in full force and effect.

This resolution passed by the Village of Lincoln on this 1st day of June 2020.

Yeas: Healy, Mahalak, Somers, Wambold, Zielinski, (5); Nays: None (0); Absent: Putsky.

Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

1. Scott Latham (1)
2. Kirk Belt (1)
3. Lincoln Truck & SUV (1)
4. Lenny Bobick (4)
- 5.
6. Gustin Township (1)
7. Robert Whiting (1)
8. Ralph Diamond (1)
9. Craig Durfee/Restaurant (3.6)
10. Mary Ross (1)
11. John McClellan (1)
12. Steve Golbeck (1)
- 13.
14. Gary Becker (1)
- 15.
16. Allen Werth (3.6)
- 17.
- 18.
- 19.
20. Steve Long (1)
21. Molly Adkins (1)
22. Brian Ankner (2)
23. John Budreau (1)
24. Craig Kilbourn (1)
25. HBDA (1)
26. US Post Office (1)
27. Gary Becker (1)
28. Frontier/Engie (1)
29. Timothy Hutchinson (1)
30. Mary Rivera (1)
31. David Snyder (1)
32. David Snyder (1)
- 33.
34. Alcona Motors (4)
35. Lincoln Outdoor Center (2)
36. Heather's House of Hair (1)
37. Lincoln Laundromat (5.5)
- 38.
39. Kohler's Flowers (1)
- 40.

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43. Methodist Church (1)
44. Roxanne Boeneman (3.6)

A motion was made by Healy, with support from Zielinski, to allow president Phillips to sign the letter of understanding with MDOT to use Barlow Road as part of a detour route during construction of US- 23. Healy, Mahalak, Somers, Wambold and Zielinski, all ayes. Absent, Putsky.

A motion to approve the Downtown Development Authority Budget for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 was made by Healy with support from Zielinski. Healy, Mahalak, Somers, Wambold and Zielinski, all ayes. Absent, Putsky. Carried.

DDA Budget FY 2021 Income

Balance from 2019/2020	\$387,975.06
Interest	\$1,500.00
TIFFA Alcona County	\$39,642.00
TIFFA Gustin Twp.	\$5,875.00
TIFFA Gustin Twp./Fire Millage	\$8,500.00
TIFFA Village of Lincoln	\$66,000.00
Subtotal	\$121,517.00
TIFFA Passthrough	
MSU Extension	\$1,252.00
Library	\$4,475.00
911 & Cen	\$2,237.00
ACCOA	\$1,118.00
Subtotal	\$9,082.00
Total Income \$518,574.06	
Expenses	
Administrative	\$500.00
Beautification	\$3,000.00
Capital Equipment	\$56,000.00
DDA Consultant	\$30,000.00
Economic Development	\$200,000.00
Financial Audits	\$3,500.00
Fire Department	\$4,000.00
Legal Fees	\$500.00
Membership Per Diem	\$3,600.00
Village Administrative Fee	\$20,000.00
Web Site	\$1,400.00
Subtotal	\$322,500.00
Passthrough Reimbursements	
MSU Extension Office	\$1,252.00
Library	\$4,475.00
911 & Cen	\$2,237.00
ACCOA	\$1,118.00
Subtotal	\$9,082.00
Total Expenses \$331,582.00	
Fund Balance \$186,992.06	

very well and anyone that wants to attend our meetings via Zoom is welcome to do so.

A motion to adjourn was made by Healy with support from Zielinski.
Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

SALES

Estate Sale, Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. 3 p.m. 7788 East Cedar Lake Road, Oscoda.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m., on June 17, 2020.

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

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Mortgage sale - A mortgage was granted by Richard G. Labonte Jr., a single man, mortgagor(s), to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, 1100 S. Bagley, Alpena, Mich. 49707, mortgagee, dated January 5, 2006, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, and state of Michigan on January 9, 2006, in Liber 426 on page 1,253, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of forty three thousand forty three and 12/100ths (\$43,043.12) dollars including interest at 6.625 percent per annum along with attorney fees and costs as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in

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Legal hearings continue, but courts still not open to public

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While the Alcona County Building has opened to the public, the courtrooms will not be open to the public and it may take a while for that to happen.

According to the Honorable Laura Frawley, trial court judge for 23rd Circuit Court, certain hurdles must be overcome before the Michigan Supreme Court will open courtrooms again to the public.

"We are open for business. People can still do business by phone or electronically, but if they don't have that capability they can call and make an appointment," Frawley said.

She explained the Supreme Court requires courts to meet certain deeding requirements from the health department and once those are met, they can move from phase to phase. Last week the 23rd Circuit Court passed into phase one, which is the same as it has been doing, operating with limited staff, some working from home, and not being open to the public.

The court has discussed with the health department about moving into phase two but, according to Frawley, with the slight upswing of positive COVID-19 cases in the county, mostly stemming from a small spread at Kalitta

Air, they are not going to phase two for a few more days.

"Right now, we have people working from home, as each phase progresses, we will be calling back those employees to work. We have made lots of changes and innovations since this began. We are still having court, but are doing that mostly by Zoom," Frawley said

On occasion, the court has had bench trials for people who didn't have access to Wi-Fi and Zoom. Frawley said those people can come into the courthouse, but the court must know ahead of time because they are not allowed to have more than 10 people in the courtroom at any given time and that includes staff.

Staff is typically five or more people including the judge, clerk, court recorder, prosecuting and defense attorneys and/or probation officer.

Frawley explained no jury trials will be allowed until after July. She has been working with a state court administrator's office and a core group of judges and attorneys from across the state to see what a jury trial, while keeping social distance, would look like.

"We've tried a mock jury trial by Zoom to see how it would work, but practically here in our location, we decided we can only do jury

selection by Zoom, so that is what we will be doing for the July trial," Frawley said.

She explained the jurors felt if they were being asked to deem whether a person was guilty they needed to be in the same room with that person and watch their body language. But to select a jury by Zoom could be easily done and a mock jury selection worked well.

To select the jury, questionnaires will be sent out to see whether or not the possible juror has access to Zoom and can appear that way. If they do not have Wi-Fi access, they will be asked if they can travel to the courthouse where there are a few rooms they can socially distance and access Zoom.

Many logistics and steps will be taken for the safety of all before a court trial takes place in July Frawley explained, "For the trial itself, no public will be allowed in the court. Jurors will sit in the gallery where the public usually sits, so they can be spaced out.

"We will turn the tables for the attorneys to the side and put plexiglass to separate the prosecutor from his officer-in-charge and the defense attorney from his client so they can sit next to each other but have glass between them. The witness will go in the middle so the jurors can see that person. The courtroom will also become the jury room and they can deliberate right there," Frawley said.

Frawley recently had a bench trial with 10 or less in her court and said everyone was so distanced she told people if they felt comfortable, they could take off their masks because the court recorder was having difficulty hearing people with their masks on.

Throughout the COVID-19 shutdown, Frawley was told she could do essential hearings, so she continued them by Zoom if possible.

"Some courts were not doing that and will now be log-jammed. We kept the docket moving except for jury trials. We did have a lot of jury trials scheduled for April and May, so we may be a little backlogged. I don't know if it was because of the wait or not, but some of those people are starting to plead, so those trials are going away," Frawley said.

Judicial offices for the 23rd Circuit Court can be reached by calling (989) 724-9400. For the 81st District Court, call (989) 724-9500.



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