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Summer wildflowers bloom at Sturgeon Point north of Harrisville. Sturgeon Point Lighthouse stands guard in the background. Review file photo.

2019-20 School year ends with contingency plans for fall

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

As students and teachers

wrap up another school year, albeit much different than in years past, school boards and staff are working hard to predict what next fall will look like.

Community Alcona Schools ended its 2019-20 school year on Monday, May 25, however, according to superintendent Dan O'Connor, the work continues to protect the health and well-being of students and staff.

In a recent online video and in a online presentation give May 20 during the Alcona County Commissioners board meeting, O'Connor said there are three possible plans for the fall semester, but so much is unknown it is hard to predict what plan will take

Plan A for the fall would be active face-to-face instruction with 100 percent of students back on campus, much like that of past years, but with safety measures in place. "We would have some basic restrictions and probably try to

use outdoor spaces, gyms and auditoriums to spread kids out for larger classes," O'Connor said.

With Plan A, O'Connor is concerned about parent confidence in keeping students healthy and said he has been getting a fair amount of questions from parents about the return of students in the fall.

"They want to know if they chose not to send their student back, what we will be able to do for their student. We have been offering one hundred percent online options for students who want that type of education. It would be different from the distance learning the students have had over the last few months where our teachers conducted those classes. Online teachers are contracted through a company

that would be responsible for educating those students," O'Connor said.

Plan B, which O'Connor, felt may be the most likely scenario based on current information, is to have the student population broken in half to attend on different days. "This would be set up as A and B days, where As would come in two days a week to attend classes and then Bs would attend. Students would attend distance learning the other days of the week," O'Connor said.

Under Plan B the school would minimize student movement and have teachers move from one classroom to the next, rather than students. Lunches would not be eaten in the cafeteria, but in the classroom and proper

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School districts brace for financial hardships due to COVID-19 economy

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

With only one month left in its fiscal year, Alcona Community Schools, along with other schools throughout the state, are facing a desperate portrait of financial concerns due to COVID-19 and the economic shutdown.

School district superintendent Dan O'Connor told Alcona County Commissioners at the May 20 board meeting of the school's financial concerns. "The challenge is that school budgets have less than a month left with no way to save funds with the majority of the staff already completing their work," O'Connor

explained to the commissioner's revenue forecasts for the Michigan School Aid Fund would fall \$1.2 billion short of previous projections, resulting in possible cuts to school aid by \$600 to \$800 per student.

"This will be a three to four hundred thousand dollar impact for Alcona Community Schools and next year they are projecting a \$1.1 billion dollar deficit which would mean another cut of \$500 to \$1,000 per pupil reduction on top of the \$600 to \$800 (per pupil) they are taking away this year," O'Connor

A positive aspect O'Connor

is hopeful for, is that 31 school districts in the state are considered out-of-formula and seasonal resort areas where property values are higher than what the state allocates.

"Currently, we get a little over \$8,000 per student. Outof-formula districts would mean local property tax revenues apply 100 percent because of unique economic conditions. If cuts should happen, we may be shielded a bit because of the number of non-homestead properties located in the county, O'Connor said.

Commissioners agreed with O'Connor when he mentioned the state's general fund is worse off than the school aid fund. "Everyone is scrambling trying to figure out what to do. The schools won't know if they are going to have to pay back the \$600 to \$800 per student figure for another month or so.

"It will be at the end of our fiscal year and there is nothing else we can do but to take it out of our general fund balance and go from there.

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Pop-up pantry expands to eight locations

By Cheryl Peterson

Feeding residents has become one aspect of the Alcona County Commission on Aging and starting Friday, there will be pop-up pantries at eight locations throughout the county every week this summer.

According to Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) Executive Director Lenny Avery on Friday, June 5 the first distribution for the Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry will be held in Glennie, South Shore of Hubbard Lake, east shore of Hubbard Lake, Lincoln, Greenbush, Black River, Barton City, and Mikado.

Avery explained the Food Bank of Lincoln, a recently developed food distribution entity of the ACCOA, received a "grant" of food from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to distribute 14,000 cases of food for 32 weeks or for as long as food is available. Gordon Foods is a partner with USDA for this

Avery was hired in January as ACCOA director, and feeding people was his plan. "God told me to feed people in our community, so I contacted the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to find out how to set up a food pantry in the Lincoln center," Avery said. "I cleaned out a closet, made some space and opened it the first week in March. Little did I (or anyone) know there would be an executive order (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) for everyone to stay home – then I started to feed our community.

Avery, with ACCOA staff members and volunteers, began distributing food through a pop-up pantry in front of Alcona Elementary School every Wednesday. Designed as a drive through delivery in order to maintain



ACCOA Executive Director Lenny Avery at a board meeting last winter. Photo by Marv Weber.

the health and safety of workers and those receiving the food, the same model will be used at all new locations this summer.

He explained food distribution is for Alcona County residents only and they do not have to show any proof of need. "The pop-up pantries are not a hand-out," Avery said. "The original focus was to make sure people had food because they couldn't go out. Now, it is to feed them so they don't have to go into stores for food and risk the potential of contracting the coronavirus."

According to Avery, the food being distributed by the USDA was ear-marked for restaurants. Since restaurants have been closed for several months, the food would have gone to waste and most likely thrown away. However,

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Robert J. Perry

Robert J. Perry, 88 of Greenbush, passed away Friday, May 22, 2020 at his home.

He is survived by his wife and soul mate of 40 years, Nancy Perry, four sons, Kenneth (Sharon), David, Ronald, and Jeffery Perry, four grandchildren Jessica, Kasie-Lynn, David and Chance Perry, two brothers, Dale (Carol) and Michael Perry.

Robert is also survived by his extended family, David (Joann) and

Keith (Linda) Updike, Dawn Olley and

Karen Bonar, nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, as well as his beloved dog Koko.

He was preceded in death by his sister Barbara (Delbert)

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Obituaries



Rufus J. "Jack" Compton Jr.

Rufus Jackson "Jack" Compton Jr., 83, of Spruce died on Friday, May 22, 2020 at home.

He was born September 13, 1936 to Rufus and Eliza (Hall) Compton Sr. in Tazewell, Va., where he was raised.

He served in the U.S. Air Force.

He worked as a welder for ABTCO in Alpena for many years. Mr. Compton is survived by two daughters, Peggy (Rod Budreau) Compton and Debbie Reames; three sons, Robert (Tania) Compton, Allen Compton and Douglas Compton; eight grandchildren, Shaun Compton, Rhianna Compton, Jessica Smith, Adrian Scott, Anthony Reames, Kevin Herbin, Austin Compton, and Maddison Compton; and four great-

He was preceded in death by his wife, Theresa (Santino) Compton; one daughter, Patricia Herbin; one granddaughter, Cheyenne Smith; one son-in-law, Patrick Reames; one sister; and one brother.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Gerald A. Spencer

Gerald A. Spencer, 83, of Lincoln, died on Saturday, May 30, 202 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born March 20, 1937 in Armada, Mich. to Glenn and Eva (Apt) Spencer.

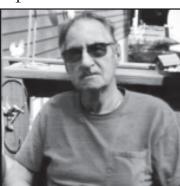
Mr. Spencer retired in 1991 from General Motors of Detroit, Mich.

He served two years in the United States Army.

He married Diane Fike on February 14, 1959 in Richmond, Mich.

His favorite hobby was feeding the birds and watching the neighborhood deer.

Mr. Spencer is survived by his wife, Diane; two sons, Glenn Spencer and Garry Spencer; one daughter, Tina



Spencer; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Nancy Friedt; and his loving pet Lucky.

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

Carol Minkley

Carol Minkley, 78, of Ray Township, Mich. died on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the Martha T. Berry Nursing Home in Mt. Clemens, Mich.

She was born March 6, 1942 to William Paxton and Theresa Ann (Starr) Faught in Wooster, Ohio, where she was raised. She attended Wooster High School in Wooster, Ohio.

She married Rex Rodney Minkley on June 29, 1979 in Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Over the years they lived in Chesterfield, Mich., Eastpointe, Mich., and Harrisville. Mrs. Minklev enjoyed the Harrisville area and had a second home there for more than 40 years. She and her husband spent many summers in Harrisville and wintered in Lakeland, Fla. for several years.

Mrs. Minkley worked for Metal Masters in East Detroit, Mich. and retired from St. John's hospital in Detroit,

She enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling and going on vacations. She especially loved Clearwater Beach,

Mrs. Minkley is survived by three sons, Bradly (Gail)



Vaughan, David (Heather) Minkley and William Vaughan; three daughters, Vanessa Vaughan Bey, Regina Vaughan Cheyanna Minkley (Charles) Roy; many grandchildren; two sisters, Sharon King and Kathleen Goodman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex "Rod" Minkely; one son, Shawn Vaughan; one sister, Karen Bolick; and one brother, Richard Faught.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held later.

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Calendar of Events

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

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 6

The Sunrise Gardening Club Plant Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Craftmakers' Cabin, corner of US-23 and M-72, in Harrisville. Perennial plants from members' gardens will be available to purchase. Proceeds from the sale will be used toward grants to local groups. Wear masks and folsocial distancing prototcols.

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-

Super Crossword



Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,

Hello, my name is Lenny Avery and I have the pleasure of serving Alcona County as the executive director of the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) — a job that I have found great joy in.

Today, May 27, I was leaving the center to go purchase a trailer for our foodbank, when I was stopped by a man standing outside the door. I have to admit I was surprised to see someone that didn't work for ACCOA.

I asked how I could help him and he stated that he wanted to donate to the Food-

Some citizens remain in

denial over COVID-19 or use

it to push a political agenda.

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Jamieson's letter to the edi-

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To the Editor,

bank of Lincoln. I stated that he could write a check addressed to ACCOA (Memo line Foodbank) P.O. Box 218 Lincoln, Mich. 48742, or go to www.alconaseniors.org website and click the donate tab.

After a few seconds, he smiled and stated that he wanted to donate his stimulus check. He said, "I don't really need it, and I would like to help those that do." I told him that would be a huge blessing to the people of Alcona. Both he and I left and I didn't think anything of it until a few hours later. I go an email nated \$700 to the Foodbank of Lincoln. Wow! I have to say I am floored by the generosity of our community.

I am so appreciative of everyone who has and is still donating to help us serve our community. I am deeply humbled by this man's generosity. I hope that God blesses him like he has been a blessing to our Alcona fam-

> Lenny Avery **Executive Director** Alcona County Commission on Aging

notification that someone do-Michigan, the infection and death rate are 55,000 and 5,200, respectively. These are

Many of these infections and deaths could have been avoided with timely federal action restricting movement and social contact. In that void, Governor Whitmer's prudent Stay Safe/Stay at Home order along with similar orders imposed by dozens of other governors, helped slow down the U.S. infection rate.

COVID-19 is referred to as a novel virus in that it was not a pathogen previously known to infect man. Little to nothing was known about its origin, how it spreads, symptoms, how to test for it, and how to treat those infected.

Whitmer's court-tested order bought us time to better understand these things, allowed citizens time to acquire personal protective gear, and spared most medical facilities from being overwhelmed. Her order has saved countless lives.

We are all just trying to get through COVID-19 alive. This is not the time for partisan politics. This is the time we rely on epidemiologists, doctors, scientists, other specialists, and our political leaders to tell us what we need to do to survive. Should you choose not to take their advice, do so at your own peril, but do not put the rest of us at risk.

> Joe Lukasiewicz Greenbush



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Local Notes



Community Garage Sale

The annual Community Wide Garage Sale "event" typically held on the Saturday of Father's Day weekend will not be organized this year. The committee has decided to let individuals plan sales as they feel appropriate this year without organizing and producing the annual map that includes many sale destinations. The committee is looking forward to organizing the event next summer.

Gardening Club Plant Sale

Although the pandemic prevented the Sunrise Gardening Club's Spring Plant Sale normally held at the ARA site at the end of May, there will be another opportunity to purchase plants from members' gardens on Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to noon adjacent to the Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville on the corner of U.S. 23 and M-72

The number of plants will be less than usual, so come early for the best selection. Plant material will include Dutch iris, Siberian iris, Hosta, queen of the prairie, Shasta daisies, climbing hydrangea, Annabella hydrangea, a Lenten rose and more.

"We will be following COVID-19 restrictions so wear a mask and bring small bills as you will be ask to make your own change," said Becky Bean, Sunrise Gardening Club president. "We are looking forward to seeing everyone. If there is something specific you are looking for, call ahead and we will try to find it for you." For more information or to ask about plants, call Bean at (989) 724-

Giving Back

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) recently gave donations to the Food Bank of Lincoln (\$1,000) and the Alcona Baby Pantry (\$511.66).

The Food Bank of Lincoln is designed to meet the food needs of residents throughout Alcona County. The Alcona Baby Pantry provides food and supplies to families within Alcona County in need for newborns up to five years in age. The funds donated will be used to replenish their supply of much needed items like diapers, formula, and clothing.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Robert R. Robinson Scholarship, awarded annually by the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), is offering financial assistance to students aspiring to leadership roles in their community. The scholarship is designed to help Michigan students who are preparing for a career in public administration. Applicants must be a junior, senior or graduate student in a Michigan college or

The scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis, and applicants are considered on several factors including academic achievement, community involvement and commitment to local government administration. Requirements include: a letter of recommendation from a professor or instructor; a copy of a resolution of support from an MTA-member township board in good standing; and a short essay on an important issue facing local gov-

All applications are due by July 15. More information is available online at www.-

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CryptoQuip answer

If a judge is buying shampoo and toothpaste, maybe he'll just prefer trial-size tubes.

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of May 25-31, 2020

88 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 2 Domestic; 4 Citations.

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Complaint Statistics						
Car/Deer Accidents	2	Traffic/Traffic Stop	21			
Mental	1	Medical	20			
Personal Injury Accident	2	Assist	4			
Animal/Dog	7	Fraud	1			
Miscelaneous	3	Suspicious Situation	6			
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Domestic	4			
Drive While License Susp.	1	Sex Offender Violation	1			
Larceny	1	Neighbor Trouble	1			
Civil	4	Kennel Inspection	1			
Gun Shots	1	Lost Person	1			
Fire/Power Lines Down	1	Runaway	1			
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Trespass	1			

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	7	Caledonia 7	7	Curtis	15
Greenbush	11	Gustin 1	11	Harrisville	8
Hawes	5	Haynes 2	2	Mikado	5
Millen	4	Mitchell 2	2		
Harrisville City	5	Village of Linc	oln	1	



#olice Report



A Harrisville woman has been released on bond after being charged with three assault felonies last week.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Darlecia Gwendolyn Oneal, 33, of Harrisville allegedly assaulted a man who was living at the same address on May 23.

Officers were dispatched to the home at 1:45 p.m. and found the man suffering from cuts on his right hand and arm from an axe. He was also allegedly struck in the head with a beer bottle and choked.

He was transported to Mid Michigan Medical Center in Alpena by Alcona EMS. He since has been released from the hospital.

Oneal was arrested and lodged in the Alcona County Jail. She was arraigned on May 25 in 81st District Court on assault by strangulation, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence, a misdemeanor. Oneal was released on \$50,000 cash surety 10 percent bond.

According to the sheriff's department, alcohol appears to be a contributing factor. The investigation is ongoing.

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michigantownships.org/ scholarship.asp, or by contacting MTA at (517) 321-

Opportunities for Grants

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 ap-

Community Impact Grants are for a broad range of projects and programs. 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 postmarked by the grant deadline date and sent to the CFNEM office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

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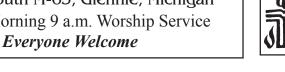
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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to make the most of your telehealth appointment

Dear Savvy Senior,

I manage a large doctor's clinic that treats hundreds of seniors each month. We are moving to more telehealth visits to help keep our patients safe at home during the coronavirus pandemic, but this new way of seeing a doctor is befuddling to many of our elder patients.

Can you write a column educating patients on how to prepare for a telehealth appointment?

Regular Reader

Dear Regular,

I'd be happy to help! To help keep patients safe and at home during the coronavirus crisis more and more doctors and other health care providers are turning to telehealth (a.k.a. telemedicine) appointments, which are remote e-visits using a digital communication device like a smartphone, tablet or computer.

Although telehealth has been around for a few years now, recent updates to regulations and a surge in de-

mand has made it the easiest way to get many different types of medical care. Most telehealth appointments today tend to be primary care or follow-up visits that can assess symptoms or check on people who have had a medical procedure.

Telehealth also works well for some specialties like dermatology or mental health care (counseling/therapy) services.

So, what can patients expect from a telehealth visit, and how should they prepare?

The first step is to call your doctor's office to find out whether telemedicine visits are available and whether you will need to set up an account or install special software on your computer, phone or tab-

Until recently, doctors were required to conduct telehealth visits through platforms such as Doxy, Thera-Link or MyChart that were compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, or HIPAA. But

some of those requirements have been relaxed in the current crisis, so many providers are using popular apps such as FaceTime, Skype and Zoom to conduct visits.

Once you know what technology you will be using, get familiar with it. You don't want to spend the first 10 minutes of your visit trying to figure out how to unmute the

For older patients that aren't familiar or comfortable with technology, ask a relative or friend with a smartphone, tablet or laptop to assist you.

Take the time to clarify the purpose of the televisit before it begins. Prioritize a written list of three or four issues you want to discuss with your doctor and make a list of the medicines you're taking, along with the dosages.

Also, have relevant medical devices or logs on hand, such as a penlight or smartphone flashlight for viewing a sore throat, a blood-pressure cuff and thermometer (or recent readings), blood-sugar



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logs if you're diabetic or a food log if you have gastrointestinal problems.

If you've received medical care at different places, such as an urgent care facility or another doctor's office, have your latest medical records with you during the telemedicine visit.

Wear loose clothing that will allow you to show your medical provider what is concerning you.

The length of the appointment may depend on the problem. A routine visit could be very quick, while others, such as a physical-therapy appointment, may last as long as a session at a clinic. Waiting rooms are sometimes replaced by virtual waiting rooms.

Before the visit ends, make sure you know the follow-up plan. Do you need to schedule an in-office visit, fill a prescription or get a referral to a specialist?

Right now, Medicare and Medicaid are covering the cost of telehealth visits (see medicare.gov/coverage/ telehealth for details), and most private insurers are following suit.

If, however, you don't have a primary care physician or need urgent care, you can get help through virtual health care service like Doctor on

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Alcona Community Schools Notice of a Public Hearing On Proposed 2020-2021 Budget

Please Take Notice that on June 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Alcona Community Schools' Innovation Lab, Lincoln, Michigan, the Board of Education of Alcona Community Schools will hold a public hearing electronically pursuant to Order 2020-75 through Michigan Executive Zoom to consider the District's Proposed 2020-2021 budget. The link to the Zoom meeting is located under the events section on the School District's website at www.alconaschools.net.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2020-2021 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at Alcona Community Schools District Office at 51 North Barlow Road, Lincoln, Michigan 48742. Please contact Nicholas Cordes, Business Manager/Food Service Director at 989-736-6212 or cordesn@alconaschools.net to set up an appointment to obtain an electronic or hard copy.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

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spacing between students would have to be mandatory as well as staggering recess time.

Plan C would be remote distance learning for some or all of the school year. "We would be looking to simplify the scheduling, possibly repurpose some staff and lower the class size so teachers could have more personal interaction with each student.

"We are particularly concerned about the kindergarten through third-grade students and the lack of face to face instruction with plan C. I can't fathom how a kindergarten teacher would try and get to know her students and begin to teach reading successful, but that may be where we are at in the fall," O'Connor said.

He told commissioners the school has some major curriculum needs, particularly at the elementary level where they are trying to find a curriculum that will better translate from face-to-face instruction to online instruction. "It's got to seamlessly transition and teachers will have to be able to teach it face-to-face and remotely rather quickly," O'Connor said.

Since there are many unknowns, O'Connor felt the school may start with one plan in mind and then need to change to another depending on restrictions.

O'Connor has already no-

Telehealth

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Demand (doctorondemand.com) or TeleDoc (teladoc.com). These services currently do not accept original Medicare, but they may be covered by private insurers including some Medicare Advantage plans – be sure you check

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.) tified teachers that anyone working in the building next fall will need to wear a mask. He was not sure if students will be required to wear a mask or not and that will depend on what happens over the summer.

"We will have to invest substantially in sanitizing the school building and provide personal protective equipment for the staff," O'Connor said.

He also said staff would have to be added as screeners to make sure sick students and staff do not enter the building.

Another challenge with social distance teaching is providing transportation. "State transportation directors have said we should have no more than 12 to 16 students per bus to abide by social distance guidelines. If you have eight bus runs with 12 students on the bus, that poses some logistical challenges for us," O'Connor said.

O'Connor was confident they will be much better prepared if they have to start the school year with Plan C or go back to in at any time during the 2020/2021 school year. Starting next school year all students will have access to devices for distance learning from home.

He commended the Alcona County Economic Development Connectivity Team for helping to get students up and running with Internet Wi-Fi access and said soon they will be doing a pilot run of a school bus equipped with a Wi-Fi router to test Internet speeds around the county. According to O'Connor, it may be possible to park school busses with Wi-Fi for students to access or possibly set up hot spots at township halls.

O'Connor said with so many unknowns it is hard to pin anything down. "Currently, we are focusing on screening and protocols we will need to have in place for this fall and haven't looked too hard at Plan B yet because of so many unknown factors."

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now that restaurants are beginning to open again, he wasn't sure how long food would be available for distribution. "We committed to 32 weeks, so that is what we are planning for," Avery told the ACCOA board of directors at a recent special meeting.

"I am trying to be a good steward for my community... my job is to serve my community by feeding my community," he said.

Alcona County Pop-Up Pantry food give away will be held on Fridays in June from 4 to 6 p.m. or until food is gone as supplies are limited each week at the following locations:

• Alcona Township Hall, 5576 US-23, Black River.

- Barton City Fire Hall, 1868 W. Trask Lake Road, Barton City
- United Methodist Church, 4257 (M-65) State Street, Glennie.
- Greenbush Fire Hall, 5063 Campbell Street, Greenbush.
- Alcona Elementary, 181 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln.
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- Smokey's bar parking lot, 5982 N. Hubbard Lake Road, Spruce.
- South Shore Fire Hall, 367 W. Mt. Maria, Spruce.

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Local Life in Poetry

The following poem was submitted by Harrisville resident Janice Sutherland who is often inspired by current issues and gazing out on Lake Huron. She dedicates this poem to her Harrisville friends and neighbors.

Window Dreams

by Janice Sutherland

Bees are working hives Birds are nesting high visiting, enjoying lives Perched on a favorite tree We watch inside windows Wishing we could be free To fly among the clouds And land somewhere fun Moving along with crowds Talking, playing with pals Visiting, enjoying our lives We human guys and gals Envy the birds and bees As they carelessly wing In nature's sweet breeze I'm thankful for this rest To dream out my window

Alcona Health Center expands COVID-19 testing in Alcona County

With the new guidance and new classifications for priority testing for COVID-19 that has been provided by the State of Michigan, Alcona Health Center is expanding testing availability to more people at the Drive-Up COVID testing site in Lincoln.

The site will be open to testing for anyone 12 years old and up with a healthcare provider's order for following new classifications:

High Priority

- Any health care worker, first responder, or congregate care facility worker with symptoms.
- Residents in any congregate care facility, including prisons and shelters, with symptoms.

Priority

- Persons with symptoms of potential COVID-19 infection
 - Asymptomatic patients

in preparation for surgical procedures, as deemed necessary by the treating clini-

- Asymptomatic people with known exposure to a person with COVID-19 or exposure to a person with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Asymptomatic people living or working in a congregate care facility or other highrisk setting (such as nursing home, jail, prison, homeless shelter, assisted living facility, etc.) that:
- * Had a confirmed case among residents or workers.
- * Is located in a region of medium risk or higher, or
- * Is receiving patients from an area of medium risk or higher.
- Asymptomatic people who work in a profession that puts them at high risk of exposure, including:
 - * Repeated close contact of

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- * Working in a high-risk profession where clusters of infections have been identified (such as migrant workers, food processing facilities, etc.)
- * Working in-person during a period of strict social distancing or, in areas with some sectors re-opening, having worked in-person during the period of strict social distancing.
- Persons identified by clinicians or public health officials who can be tested for public health monitoring research purposes.
- People without symptoms who live in communities where there has been inequitable access to testing and a need to increase the rate of people tested per day such

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We hope to stay above the state early warning indicator which is five percent fund balance at the end of that pull back, but it will be close," O'Connor said.

Due to the budgetary concerns, the school is on a hiring freeze and will not be replacing teachers who are retiring or leaving the district. He said some reassigning of staff will be necessary and something the teachers will probably not be comfortable with, but the school is just trying to keep everyone employed until they know more about the budget situation.

The district has suspended independent contracts it had, one being the school resource officer. O'Connor also mentioned the partnership it had with the Alcona County Library is on hold for now and the Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency School Success program is up in the air.

"We are focusing on maintaining current programming for the students and to be ready for the unknown. Our budget has to be passed by June 30 and we may not even know what will be taken away from us this year by then, let alone what will be taken away next year," O'Connor said.

Not all school news given to the commissioners was bleak. According to O'Connor, there is a big push in Lansing through local associations to try for stimulus funds for next fall to help offset some of the budget crunches, but it was speculative whether that would happen or not.

He also told commissioners of recent grant funding the school had acquired, a \$10,000 Michigan College Access Network grant for devices and Internet connectivity to assist with distance learning for students and a \$250,000 federal grant which was offered in early March, just after the COVID-19 shutdown, for school-based health for students at home.

"We are no different than any other school at this point. We have a lot going on. On a positive note, we have served over 55,000 breakfasts and lunches since the school closure to students and families. They have actually extended the waiver program for that and the school will be able to continue its once a week Grab and Go food program through June, July and August," O'Connor said. The Grab and Go provides six breakfasts and six lunches per child and is given once a

week to children up to the age of 18.

He reminded commissioners the school will be placing two millage proposals on the ballot to be voted on this August. The first is a renewal of the schools operating millage which funds 70 percent or more of the annual budget which is taxed on non-homestead properties. The second is a renewal of the school's sinking fund which goes toward facility upgrades of infrastructure and cannot be used to offset any staff wages.

O'Connor said over the last four years the school's sinking fund has been mostly used to replace roofs on the schools and this year, the last of five years until a renewal is voted on, they will be replacing and making efficiency upgrades with all heating, venting and air conditioning controls in all classrooms and removing carpeting from several elementary classrooms.



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Harrisville garages are up to the minute

Brief Mention of Service at the Auto Owner's Command

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C. M. Lund has made important changes in the interior of his garage which adds decidedly both to the appearance and convenience of the

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The garage part, or repair room, in charge of Clair Wickham, has been brought up to standard in the matter of equipment, including free air, battery charger and various other appliances needed in an up-to-date garage.

Robert Ritchie's garage, located in the barn formerly occupied by Sam Anderson's livery business, is complete in equipment to do all kinds of repair work.

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Susan Armstrong, a member of the sophomore class, was organist, and played the prelude and processional.

The Invocation was given by Rev. J. Russell Hughes of the St. Andrews by-the-Lake Episcopal Church Harrisville. The Senior Class President, Alan Stephenson. welcomed all in attendance, and Susan Frederick spoke on "Responsibility - Yours and

Mr. Richard Tobias, superintendent, introduced the speaker Mr. Jack Petoskey, president of Alpena Community College. His topic was "The Youth of Tomorrow" and he opened his remarks by saying "the people of today must be mobile in thoughts, education and living," and went on to explain what this mobility means to the young people entering colleges, jobs, or lives, as wage earners.

Phillip Sanborn and Kristen Frederick, members of the graduating class, spoke on "Future Expectations" and "It Tolls For Thee," respectively. Mr. Taylor Mathieson of the Burt-McCullough Post No. 476, American Legion, presented the annual Legion Award to two students, chosen by the faculty, Ki Ann Kruttlin and Carl Litchfield.

President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Alcona County Post No. 6466, V. F. W., Mrs.

Exercises in the high school Elizabeth McArthur, presented achievement awards to two students, Martha Lobaugh and Bonnie Marie Rustand, who were selected by the faculty and committees from the Post and the Auxiliary. This award is given to a student, or students, who is worthy of recognition and has received no other awards, and this year was in the form of a certificate and a gift.

Scholarships and special awards were announced by Mr. John Gruden, principal. He began by stating that there were 78 graduates, including 3 foreign exchange students. Of this number, 21 are entering four year colleges, 13 two year colleges, 1 a one year college, 1 a nursing school, and I has received the Congressional appointment to the U. S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, the first such appointment given to an Alcona High School graduate.

He then introduced the Top 10 Seniors of the 1969-70 Graduating Class, namely: Phillip A. Sanborn Jr., Nancy Steadman, Tim Ranger, Judy Park, Ki Ann Kruttlin, Susan Frederick, Kristen Frederick, Jaqueline Conklin, Mary Burgoyne and Carol Abram.

Judy Park, on behalf of the class, thanked "teachers, parents, friends, relatives, classmates and staff members for making this graduation night possible."

The diplomas were pre-

sented by Mr. Arthur Katona, president of the Board of Education, with Alan Stephenson announcing the name of each graduate as they were congratulated by their superintendent, principal and school board members, who are Mr. Katona, Mrs. D. Janice Emerick, Mr. Grant Leonard, Mr. Calvin Will, Mr. Donald Read Jr., Mr. Willard Fogelsinger and Mr. Joseph

In closing the benediction was given by Rev. Fr. Charles Klingshirn of St. Anne Church, Harrisville.

The Baccalaureate Services for this graduating class were Sunday night, May 31, at the high school auditorium, with Rev. Aaron Givan of the Lincoln Baptist Church, delivering the message to the graduates and the audience.

-Class Of 1970-

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Weekly Report

Temperature (F°) **Miles Per Hour** Av. Wind High Dominant Water Date <u>High</u> Direction Low Content <u>Speed</u> <u>Speed</u> 50 S May 24 56 0.27 2.5 15 SSW May 25 52 48 0.00 2.0 SW May 26 67 53 0.00 2.6 11 May 27 SW 61 55 0.00 3.0 13 May 28 55 0.31 SW 65 4.4 23 NNE May 29 63 52 0.99 1.4 16 May 30 42 25 **NNE** 61 0.11 4.0

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Normal</u>
Weekly Total	1.68	1.11	0.58
May to Date	3.11	3.96	2.53
Year to Date	9.16	10.05	10.08

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. ANATOMY:** What is a more common name for the medical condition called desquamation? **2. TELEVISION:** Who uttered the catchphrase "you rang?" in the sitcom "The Addams Family"?
- 3. GAMES: How many dominoes are in a standard set?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: In which city is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
- 5. MOVIES: Actress Meryl Streep won her first Academy Award for which movie?
- **6. LITERATURE:** What kind of creature was Bagheera in "The Jungle Book"?
- 7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient of bouillabaisse, a type of stew?
- 8. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called coulrophobia?
- **9. MUSIC:** What is the name of blues guitarist B.B. King's Gibson guitar?
- 10. U.S. STATES: In which state is Elvis Presley's estate (Graceland) located?

Answers: 1. Peeling skin; 2. Lurch, the butler; 3. 28; 4. Barcelona, Spain; 5. "Kramer vs. Kramer"; 6. Panther; 7. Seafood; 8. A fear of clowns; 9. Lucille; 10. Tennessee (Memphis) (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

FIRST-CLASS ATHLETES







• On June 10, 1935, in Akron, Ohio, Bill Wilson and Dr. Robert Smith, two recovering alcoholics, found Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.), a 12-step alcohol rehabilitation program. Today there are more than 80,000 local groups in the U.S.

• On June 8, 1949, George Orwell's novel of a dystopian future, "1984," is published. The novel's all-seeing leader, known as "Big Brother," becomes a universal symbol for intrusive government and oppressive bureaucracy.

• On June 13, 1966, the Supreme Court hands down its decision in Miranda v. Arizona, establishing the principle that all criminal suspects must be advised of their rights when in custody and about to be interrogated.

• On June 9, 1973, with a victory at the Belmont Stakes, Secretariat becomes the first horse since Citation in 1948 to win America's coveted Triple Crown. Secretariat won the Belmont by a record 31 lengths.

• On June 11, 1982, the science-fiction classic "E.T.: the Extra-Terrestrial" is released. The film captures the story of the wise, kind and cuddly alien botanist who is stranded on Earth and needs the help of a sensitive boy, Elliott, to get back home.

• On June 12, 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson, ex-wife of football player O.J. Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman are brutally stabbed to death outside her Los Angeles condominium. Simpson became the chief suspect. Although the evidence against him was extensive, a jury acquitted Simpson on two counts of murder in trial that lasted 11 months.

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Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

• Italy was the only country to issue stamps specifically for mail traveling through bank tubes until the practice was discontinued in 1966.

• Kleenex tissues were originally developed as crepe paper and used for gas mask filters.

• Proof that human nature is the one thing that never really changes: The oldest "your mama" joke was discovered in 1976 on a 3,500-year-old Babylonian tablet in Iraq.

• The "Jesus Nut" on a helicopter fixes the rotor blades to the vehicle. It comes by its unusual moniker because, if it should fail, your only option is to pray to Jesus!

• Do you, like most people, normally skip reading the fine print? You might want to reconsider that. In 2017, 22,000 people who signed up for free public Wi-Fi from the UK-based technology firm Purple learned their lesson when they inadvertently agreed to 1,000 hours of community service that included cleaning toilets and "relieving sewer blockages." The company said it inserted the clause in its contract "to illustrate the lack of consumer awareness of what they are signing up to when they access free Wi-Fi."

• In 2014, a new species of vine was discovered in Chile that can mimic the leaves of many different host trees by changing the size, shape, color, orientation and even the vein patterns of its leaves to match the surrounding foliage. It is the only known plant that can do this.

• When asked how he was able to portray battle scenes so accurately, Stephen Crane, author of "The Red Badge of Courage," replied that he learned all he needed to know about war from football.

• Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Thought for the Day: "Every child is an artist. The problem is staying an artist when you grow up." --Pablo Picasso (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

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: R equals L

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HTO JMMJKFHEJC, YHAQC KC'RR

SVEJ FPCICP JPWHR-EWBC JVQCE.

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GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Major called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on May 12 via Zoom. Two guests were present, all joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor C. Lee Major, clerk Shannon Story, treasurer Pat Dailey, trustee Mark Parent, and trustee Sheila Scott.

Dailey/Parent: Motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Roll call. All ayes. Carried. Story/ Scott: Motion to approve the March 11 regular board meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call. All ayes. Carried. Story/Dailey: Motion to approve the March 19 special meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Dailey/Parent: Motion to approve the March 19 Budget Public Hearing minutes as submitted. Roll call. All ayes. Carried. Dailey/Story: Motion to approve the May 8 special meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comments: Rex Vaughn from Cedar Lake Improvement Board stated that the Township of Greenbush has an open representative position due to Dave Dailey resigning. Major added CLIB member to 11. c. to the agenda. Pat Dailey asked if it has to be a member of the township board. Rex stated traditionally it has been an elected official but anyone can be appointed by the board. Carolyn Brummund suggested Sheila Scott. Some discussion. Pat Dailey stated that Dave Dailey is still interested if Sheila declines. Rex stated meetings can be attended via video or phone.

Financial report given by treasurer Dailey: March -- \$235,799.45 general fund; \$150,163.89 road fund; \$108,277.30 fire fund; \$29,201.98 Prince Drive.

April -- \$242,954.15 general fund; \$150,188.51 road fund; \$140,123.24 fire fund; \$29,204.14 Prince Drive.

Major/Story: Motion to approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Roll call. All ayes Carried.

Clerk Story presented bills and budget. March payroll: check numbers 18273-18297 - total \$7,083.94. Bills - general fund check numbers 18298-18320 - \$11,923.82 plus E336-E352 \$4,189.43 subtotal \$16,113.25; fire fund check number 1074, \$14,430.94, plus E12 \$199.57, subtotal \$14,630.51. Total bills \$30.743.76.

April payroll: check numbers 18321-18328 - total \$4,257.94. Bills - general fund check numbers 18329-18341 - \$4,323.57 plus E353-E363 \$2,291.04, subtotal \$6,614.61; fire fund check numbers 1076-1078, \$5,163.99 plus #E13 \$147; subtotal \$5,310.99. Total bills \$11,925.60.

Major questioned Consumers LED lights. Story will research. Parent/Major: Motion to approve the bills as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Budget for March and April were reviewed. Dailey asked about budget amendments. Story stated she thought they were on the agenda. Major added as 11. d. to the agenda. Many questions. Story is working on switching accounting program with the auditor to fix and finalize; new reports will be generated for the next meeting.

Miscellaneous reports: Planning commission – Tony Przybylinski

reported no meeting since March 5. Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority (OWAA) - Dave Dailey. Story reported no meetings per Dave Dailey. County Commissioner Carolyn Brummund submitted her report to the board and previously reported Precious Paws gift certificate offer for donations to the Alcona Humane Society flier was shared via Zoom. Constable Bill Beatty was absent. Story reported that he stated all are compliant. Fire Chief Steve Franks was absent. Hall rental: Major reported March -June rentals and cancellations were displayed and reviewed. Dailey asked him to add June 5 audit. GRAC - Story reported no meetings have taken place since last year. Dave Dailey would still like to remain on this board. Jaime Chase will work on some proposed ideas that they have talked

Zoning administrator Dave Pelland issued three permits, received numerous complaints, wrote letters for yard cleanups, he is seeing progress; has written a ticket and he asked about Alcona courthouse opening. Scott stated that he should call to get specifics. He also stated that Alyssa Pickler is leaving and Jennifer Lewis will be new court administrator. She also offered help with phone numbers

about and parks are being worked

Assessor Nancy Schwickert was absent.

Correspondence: Major-ACCOA Executive Director Lenny Avery contacted about adult daycare at the town hall. He will get more info. Dailey received a thank you letter from Sharon Winter for sending a sympathy card and thinking of her due to the passing of Art Winter.

Pending business: Fence at 3928 E. Cedar Lake Drive – no report; short term rental R1 - no change; township hall keys - Major will ask when he replies to Mr. Avery; OWAA representative pay - some discussion

Major/Scott: Motion to pay Dave Dailey as the representative for the Township of Greenbush up to 14 meetings. Roll call. All ayes Carried.

HSRUA pay: Story stated that Carolyn Brummund should be compensated even though she previously accepted the task and did not expect pay. Scott reported all other meetings are compensated for and this should be also. Some discussion. Carolyn Brummund was asked about receiving pay. She stated that she will accept mileage compensation but would like her meeting pay to be donated to the fire department. Story will check with the auditor to see if this can happen. Parent brought up that the township does have a policy to allow donations

Michigan State Police report: Story stated this was done as of March 17 and will email the confirmation to board members

Insurance split- no report. Contracts: plowing – no more information to report. Garbage: Story reported without numbers that cancellation will cost close to the cost of paying out the contract. She will supply the board with the contract and cancellation wording via email; attorney should be contacted.

Website: no report. Porta potties: one bid from Alcona Septic Service. Still have the bid from Oscoda Septic Service. Story will put together on one sheet and send to the board members. Training pay/professional de-

velopment: board suggested Story check with the auditor to determine the difference.

Meeting hours: board of review (BOR) - some discussion. Major pulled up board policies, stated that he would pay BOR for full day of over four hours in one day, not two half meetings. It is posted as one meeting with a break in the middle: board policies will be looked at by Story and propose changes.

Oaths: Forward oaths taken and not taken to the board. Electronics: nothing new, still need to pull and put on the stage. Par-Plan: Forward info to the board to look over. Constable vs. sheriff: Leave status quo, if need, will revisit in the future. GIS payment: Last payment was made in April of 2017. Major has submitted paperwork, waiting for some clarification.

New business: Master plan should be updated every five years. Story to get info to the planning commission. Salary resolutions: Dailey read the four salary resolutions for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Story/Dailey: Motion to accept the salary resolution 2020-0327.001 - supervisor \$11,880 for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Roll call. All ayes. Carried. Parent/Story: Motion to accept the salary resolution 2020-0327.002 - treasurer \$15,510 for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Story/Major: Motion to accept salary resolution 2020-0327.003 -clerk\$15,510.00 for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Roll call. All ayes. Carried. Story/Major: Motion to accept salary resolution 2020-0327.004, trustee \$1,650 for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

CLIB member - Sheila Scott declined. Some discussion. Have Dave Dailey attend or write a letter of interest – next meeting will be late June.

Budget amendments 2019-2020 read by Story: \$500 from 206-339-861.000 to 206-345-704.001;\$100 from 101-101-970.000 to 101-262-861.000. Major/Parent: Motion to accept the budget amendments presented for 2019-2020. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Public comments: Rex expressed concern to the ZA about the employees of Cedar Lake Marine using Huron Cedar Road to park. Tony asked about MTA ZBA webinar. Major will handle enrolling ZBA members. Tony about a printed version of the Master Plan. Story will get info to him. Tony stated the porta-potties company used should carry their own insurance for vandalism. Tony stated keep in mind when considering pay for meetings that research is done previous to meetings. Scott Parent questioned the date stated in the Alpena News for the dam at the end of Cedar Lake Drive. Major stated the board has just as much info as the paper gave. Rex Vaugh stated that he talked to Alcona County Road Commission Drain Commission staff. October 1 is the deadline for drawdown which is very important to preserving aquatic life, not the deadline for completing the project. Sheila Scott read the Oath of Office requirements Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. Shannon Story

Greenbush Township Clerk Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

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Turning in tagged fish could net cash reward

People who regularly fish Michigan waters are likely familiar with the state's marked and tagged fish program. Through assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Great Lakes states, including Michigan, are mass marking popular gamefish (like steelhead, Chinook salmon, Atlantic salmon, brown trout and lake trout) before those fish are stocked.

As more anglers get on the water this summer, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds them that catching a trout or salmon with an adipose fin clip could be worth a \$100 reward. The adipose fin is the small, fleshy lobe on the fish's back, just forward of the tail fin.

Most trout and salmon with an adipose fin clip also have a coded-wire tag in the snout. Because the tags are small – like the tip of a lead pencil – they must be removed by lab technicians. If anglers catch and want to keep an adipose fin clipped fish, they are asked to turn the head in at one of the local drop-off stations.

Randy Claramunt, the DNR's Lake Huron Basin coordinator, said the department relies on the help of anglers to supplement the marked and tagged fish pro-

"We have limited capacity to take that important data from sport-caught trout and salmon," he said. "We have creel clerks at some ports, but there are several areas – including some river systems with unique fisheries, like Atlantic salmon or steelhead – where we don't have staff. To get enough tag returns to learn about these species, we're asking people to take a little extra time to turn in those heads."

The Great Lakes Salmon Initiative recognized the need for citizen science in this effort and teamed up with Captain Chucks II in Ludington, Mich. and Moonshine Lures to sponsor 33 rewards worth \$100 each. Fish with tags submitted before November 1,2020, will be eligible for the rewards, which will be randomly selected.

Additional details about the reward program:

- Each head with a tag that is turned in equals one drawing entry.
- Eligible tagged fish include steelhead, brown trout, and Chinook or Atlantic salmon.
- The drawing will occur around January 2021.
- Contact information (name, address, phone number) must be provided with

each head.

- Catch data (date, location and body of water) must be included with each head.
- The head must be left at a Michigan drop-off location.

According to Jay Wesley, Lake Michigan Basin coordinator, fish tag returns help biologists understand survival, age and movement of important sportfish.

We are particularly interested in confirming how naturally reproducing Chinook salmon contribute to the fishery; the movement and wild contribution of steelhead in lakes and rivers; and survival and movement of Atlantic salmon," Wesley said. "This reward program sponsored by Captain Chucks II, Moonshine Lures and the Great Lakes Salmon Initiative will help incentivize anglers to become citizen scientists, and that ultimately helps us collect valuable data.'

For more information on how to recognize a tagged fish and how to fill out the proper information, visit Michigan.gov/TaggedFish.

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as areas with higher proportion of racial/ethnic minorities, rural communities.

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For further information about Alcona Health Center's testing locations and procedures, visit the COVID-19 page of the website at www.alconahealthcenters.org. General questions on COVID-19 can be addressed by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services hotline (888) 535-6135 or visit cdc.gov/coronavirus.

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