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We hope all our readers, advertisers, local businesses and everyone in our communities are exercising caution and staying safe.

As you probably know by now, the *Lakeview Area News* had some issues beyond our control this week. Therefore, the paper is out a day later than usual. We should be back on schedule next week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Debbie Ashbaugh who knits hats for the homeless and other people in need has put out a request for yarn. She is running low. If you have yarn that you can spare, you can drop it off at our office. Our hours are Mon. and Tues. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wed. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thurs. 3-5 p.m. and Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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Spring Forecast

Thurs., cloudy with high 51, low 34; Fri., partly cloudy with high 53, low 38; Sat., rain with high 49, low 47; Sun., showers with high 50, low 34; Mon., mostly sunny with high 52, low 32; Tues., partly cloudy with high 52, low 33.



Young Candidate Vies for District 70th Seat



Pat Outman

By Joe Tilton

Pat Outman, 28-year-old son of State Senator Rick Outman, wants your vote to seat him in Michigan's House of Representatives being vacated by Jim Lower. The eighth-generation Outman family has been in the excavating business since 1947, and Pat continues work on the farm and in the business after graduating from Montcalm County Community College and Ferris University with a Business Administration Degree plus legal studies, completed in 2018.

"I worked my way through school," he told us, "plus I saved money by going to MCC and got my degree at Ferris." Outman managed to finish with no debt. As with his personal

life, Pat believes government should live within its means while advocating for this district.

"It's my goal to help local municipalities," the young Outman said. "Governor Snyder's administration took over a mess and managed a comeback. And, I learned a lot from my father, Senator Rick Outman, who was in the House of Representatives during that time. So, my dad is a big influence on me, particularly as he helped his constituents. I saw my dad help business people get licenses and other things to make a big difference in their lives."

While complimenting his father, Outman also praised Representative James Lower, saying, "He's been accessible and he knows government

well." Lower also praises Pat Outman.

The Outman family has been deeply involved in education for years, and Pat has some strong opinions relating to career centers and their importance in education. "For every retiring skilled tradesmen, we have one potential replacement," he said. "And, we need more adult-friendly facilities for people who want to change careers." He mentioned ways of providing educational assistance between Pell grants and cost of education. "We're way behind the curve in addressing this issue." When asked about the high cost of tuition in colleges and universities, Outman responded, "That's out of control." Additionally, he indicated that more educational funding hasn't seemed to solve problems in education, but since Republicans took control of both the Senate and House, allocations to education are up by 23-percent. Outman wants more equity between school districts too to provide a higher-quality education for students regardless of where they live. "Get them on the same level," he said. "We've made progress using the two-X formula."

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Spectrum Health United and Kelsey Hospital to Open Outside Triage Tents

By John Norton
Public Information Office

Spectrum Health United and Kelsey Hospitals are taking additional steps to care for the community and keep patients and team members safe by opening COVID-19 triage tents, as the need arises, as an extension of its emergency departments.

In accordance with the CDC, Spectrum Health recommends those with mild COVID-19 symptoms stay home and self-quarantine.

Tents will be erected this week adjacent to hospital emergency entrances and will not be for "drive through" use.

When the tent is in use, patients coming to the emergency departments will be met by a team member who will help

them navigate to either the main ED entrance or through the COVID-19 tent entrance. Patients entering the COVID-19 tent will be asked to wear a mask and sanitize hands, which will provide the safest means for staff to offer service while avoiding unnecessary exposure.

"The tent ensures continued patient access to emergency services for those with non-COVID-19 conditions while also ensuring those with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are cared for appropriately," said Carol Dwyer, chief nursing officer of both hospitals. "We've been preparing for this for months with a rapid uptick in those preparations in the last few weeks."

Patients will be evaluated by an emergency department provider. Those

with mild symptoms, no breathing difficulties and stable vital signs will be directed home and provided education on COVID-19 care. People with mild symptoms should stay home and self-quarantine, watching for worsening symptoms. If you are concerned about your symptoms, call for a free phone screening at 616-391-2380.

People coming to the emergency department triage tent will be charged for the visit. Most insurers have indicated they will waive the charges for screening so future reimbursement is expected.

For more information about COVID-19, including information on symptoms and prevention, visit www.spectrumhealth.org/covid19.

Angels during Quarantine



Tamarack District Library Director Beth Nettleton and her staff (see below) work diligently to supply movies and books to those drive through patrons. The library is temporarily closed but the library staff are continuing to work on projects, and disinfecting the library for a safe place to return of the public once the quarantine is lifted.



Volunteers from the Lakeview Community Church, the school, and community fill up boxes of food and other items that were donated from the local school to assist families in need.

Coloring books, crayons, books, milk, and other food supplies were received with gratitude.

Thanks to Emmy Lou Killinger for these "Angels" pictures.

Do you know of angels in your community or in your life that are making the quarantine more bearable. Send us their stories and/or pictures. We would love to honor them. At a time like this, we all need positive stories.

Email their stories and pictures to: lanewsroom@gmail.com.

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