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A STATEWIDE order closing K-12 schools in an effort to slow the spread of novel coronavirus in Michigan left Cass City Junior-Senior High School agriscience teacher and FFA Advisor Heather Middleton with the unique challenge of ensuring continued care of the school's livestock. Middleton, pictured above with Archi, an orphan lamb given to the program to raise, decided to pack up all of the animals and move them temporarily to her Mayville farm.

Safe and sound

Cass City teacher, FFA advisor takes her work home with her

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Talk about taking your work home with you. Like her fellow teachers in the Cass City Public Schools, Heather Middleton was recently sent home after state officials ordered all K-12 schools in the state temporarily closed in an effort to stem the tide of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading across the country. Unlike many of her fellow educators, however, she didn't go home alone. Middleton, who took on the roles of agriscience teacher and FFA advisor at Cass City Junior-Senior High School last fall, arranged to transport the small menagerie of farm animals kept inside the Cass City Ag Learn Lab — including sheep, goats, cows and a few rabbits — to her own home. "I made the decision on Saturday (March 14) to move all the animals to my farm," said Middleton, who along with her husband and four children own and operate a beef farm in Mayville. "The type of care the animals are accustomed to would not have been feasible if I were to leave them at the school facilities," she explained. "The animals are all very happy at the Middleton Farm — so much so we have a beautiful, brand new addition of a baby buck kid goat. "I have been trying to update students through Facebook on the birth of our goat," Middleton added. "When the students left (school), they were full of uncertainty and worried about the animals. I am hoping with the updates on Facebook, it eases their fears." Middleton noted the school's ag barn houses a variety of farm animals. "We have two adult sheep, the two lamb babies that were born at the school barn, and we have given an orphan lamb about a month ago to raise," she said. "We have two adult goats, with one giving birth (last

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Loans designed to aid businesses

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Thursday that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved her request for a statewide Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration, opening the opportunity to small businesses to access low-interest loans from the SBA. "This designation unlocks critical financial resources for small businesses across the state impacted by the tough, but necessary steps we have taken to mitigate the spread of coronavirus here in Michigan," Whitmer said. "While access to these loans is vital, we are continuing to look at every resource available to support our businesses, commu-

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Whitmer signs "stay at home" order for state

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed a "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order late Monday morning directing all Michigan businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life. The order also directs Michiganders to stay in their homes unless they're a part of that critical infrastructure workforce, engaged in an outdoor activity, or performing tasks necessary to the health and safety of themselves or their family, such as going to the hospital or grocery store. The order, which went into effect Monday at midnight and will remain in place for at least three weeks, states residents may only leave their home or place of residence under very limited circumstances, and they must adhere to social distancing measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) when they do so, including remaining at least six feet from people from outside the individual's household to the extent feasible under the circumstances. "In just 13 days, we've gone from zero to over 1,000 COVID-19 cases," Whitmer said in her address to the state Monday. "This is an unprecedented crisis that requires all of us working together to protect our families and our communities. The most effective way we can slow down the virus is to stay home. I know this will be hard, but it will be temporary.

If we all come together, get serious, and do our part by staying home, we can stay safe and save lives." "Taking aggressive action to protect our communities is the most important thing we can do to mitigate further spread of COVID-19," said Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Chief Deputy for

Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. "If we do this now, we can make sure our hospitals and healthcare workers are prepared to take care of the sickest people. It is crucial that people do the right thing by staying home and staying safe," she added. Executive Order 2020-21 pro-

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Village officials close all municipal offices

Cass City Village officials closed all municipal buildings to the public Monday in response to recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and executive orders issued by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in an effort to limit the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Village Manager Debbie Powell said all subcommittee meetings of the village council are canceled for March. However, the regularly scheduled council meeting will be held Monday, March 30, at 7 p.m. "Staff is working out the details to conduct the meeting in a public but safe environment in accordance with the governor's executive order," Powell noted. "More information will be forthcoming on the meeting arrangements. "Employees will still report to work," she said. Staff at the municipal building will be available to take phone calls and emails at ccvillage@casscity.org from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you need to meet with staff, please call and scheduled an appointment at (989) 872-2911." The village police department will continue to staff its operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Powell said utility payments can be mailed to the village of Cass City at P.O. Box 123, Cass City, MI 48726, or placed in the drop box located in front of the municipal building, or paid online at the website www.casscity.org. Powell added there will be no water shut-offs due to non-payment for the months of March and April.



HOLDING THEIR full-scale model rocket are Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team members (from left) Kian Hoppe, Sam Gordon, Ethan Thane, Teresa Tomasino, Mia Wright and Jannaeya Thomas. The team was recently named the second-place winner of this year's national Battle of the Rockets competition.

Dazzlers second in the nation in "battle of rockets" competition

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You couldn't blame members of the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team for the disappointment they feel after putting months of work into preparing for their first ever appearance in the Battle of the Rockets competition in Culpeper, Va., April 17-20, only to see the event canceled this month. Organizers of the national competition made the decision in response to the novel coron-

avirus threat. Much of the local 4-H rocketeers' disappointment, however, melted away last week. "Battle of the rockets (officials) decided to total the scores for the preliminary design documents and presentations, as well as the critical design documents and presentations for each team (scheduled to compete in the contest) — also looking at results from each team's test launch and rover designs — and then rank the teams one through sixth," said

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WHAT A SURPRISE - Pauline Hulburt recently spent her 100th birthday opening 267 birthday cards after her family placed an ad in the Chronicle asking for our readers to shower her with birthday wishes. Hulburt celebrated her birthday with her family at Petal N Bean in Cass City.

McLaren officials recognize Kretzschmer

March 8 was International Women's Day, and to recognize the observance, McLaren Caro Region officials singled out an

area woman to recognize for making a difference in the community. Brenda Kretzschmer, R.N., was selected for recognition.

Kretzschmer is the chief executive officer of the Tuscola County Medical Care Community in Caro. She has served in that role for three years.

Prior to being named CEO, she was the director of nursing for 10 years at the Tuscola County Medical Care Community.

Kretzschmer is very active in the Rotary Club of Caro and has been on the club's board of directors for the last seven years. She currently serves on the Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council as secretary and is a member of the Mid-Michigan College Thumb Advisory Board.

In addition, Kretzschmer, who lives in Owendale, has also served on the Owendale-Gagetown Board of Education for several years.



Brenda Kretzschmer

by
Taryn Pisarek

Be hopeful when others are fearful

As everybody knows, COVID-19, or the novel coronavirus, is everywhere you look. There are different statistics in each new article and the response is ever-changing.

One of these responses that is hitting quite a few students is the closure of schools statewide. Before going into this shutdown, there was some talk of how a break would be a great time for everyone to meet with friends and have fun.

I think we realized pretty quickly that this was not the case, but rather we would have to be staying away from others as much as possible.

This is an entirely new experience for everyone, and it can be scary if we let it be.

There are a lot of fears right now. Among seniors at Cass City High School, we are facing the probability that we will not have our senior prom, awards night, senior trips and maybe even the graduation ceremony that we have spent thirteen years of our lives working towards.

The next few months were supposed to be spent squeezing in as many memories as we could before venturing off to build our futures.

While we deal with these fears, we are also figuring out how to navigate a new way of learning. Some of the classes are switching over to online learning as there is no guarantee of a return to school any time soon. The school has taken many measures to make sure that kids have access to their work and even meals during the week if they need them.

These actions are helping to ease some of those fears we're facing, and it is appreciated. While there are still so many unanswered questions about this virus, there is one thing for sure; we must have hope.

In uncertain times like these, the strength and unity of our tight-knit community shines through.

I think the best thing any of us can do is listen to the recommendations of health professionals and leaders and stay positive. This can help in any bad situation and remind us to keep the end in mind.

Though we may not see it clearly right now, we will meet better days. I'm finding, along with a lot of seniors in Cass City and across the country, that having hope is how we will get through this difficult situation.

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Fighting a virus with truth, transparency

*Guest Editorial
by Ken Paulson, director
Free Speech Center
Middle Tennessee State University*

As the scope and threat of the coronavirus pandemic become clear, people all over the world hunger for two things: an effective vaccine and truthful information about the disease.

The former may be more than a year away, but the latter is critical to stemming the pandemic in the meantime.

This is Sunshine Week, a time each year when people like me write columns about some legislatures' wrong-headed move to limit access to public records, and then try to make the case for greater access to public information and transparency in government.

But we're facing something far more dangerous than any state legislature could conjure up. It's a worldwide crisis worsened by governments whose impulse is to hide, control and censor news and information.

When a Chinese doctor shared with his colleagues his concerns that a mysterious new virus might be emerging, he was reprimanded and silenced. The doctor, Li Wenliang, died last month of coronavirus.

After China mishandled and hid the virus from the public, the epidemic dramatically worsened. The Chinese government "is now leading a sweeping campaign to purge the public sphere of dissent, censoring news reports, harassing citizen journalists and shutting down news sites," according to the New York Times.

Similar suppression has appeared in other nations, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

In Thailand, the prime minister has threatened to arrest journalists who publish "fake news" about the virus, and Iran detained a journalist for posts critical of the government's response.

But even a democracy is going to be tempted to manage the messaging, as the United States did by initially channeling the government's comments through a single spokesman - Vice President Mike Pence. That has improved significantly in recent days.

When the public is desperate for information, government needs to maximize authoritative information from scientists and experts on the public payroll. That appropriately gives Americans what they need to know, and counters irresponsible pundits who have sought to minimize the threat to score political or ratings points.

Most encouraging, though, has been the response of state and local governments, schools and the private sector.

Governments at every level resist disclosure and scrutiny, but this has been a refreshing change, with leaders saying: "Here's what we need to do, here's why we're doing it and here's how you can find out more."

Sports leagues and private businesses, not known for transparency, have been refreshingly transparent, too. How many emails have you received this week that began, "Out of an abundance of caution..."?

There are a lot of institutions making tough decisions these days, but they're largely doing it in partnership with the American people.

More than anything, else, though, this crisis reminds us of how wise the first generation of Americans was in demanding a free press. Despite the inevitable accusa-

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Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Can the sky really fall down?



With everything that has been in the news lately, all I can do is think of the story, Chicken Little.

It is a European folklore story about Henny Penny, who is also called Chicken Little. It is about a terrified little chicken convinced that the sky is falling and that life as he knows it is about to end because an acorn hit him on the head.

I am not making fun of the situation with the COVID-19 outbreak; this is very real and it is very scary. I'm worried and I'm taking precautions to stay safe.

In my more than 60 years on this earth, I have never seen anything like it, but other generations before have in one way or another. There have been other pandemics and crisis situations.

Throughout history, infectious diseases spread as humans traveled about.

From 1347 to 1351, the Bubonic Plague killed 200 million people. In 1520, smallpox killed 56 million, the Spanish flu killed 40 million to 50 million in 1918 and 1919, and there have been other diseases over the years that have claimed many lives.

So far, HIV-AIDS has killed 25 million to 35 million people since 1981.

And, wars have also killed billions of people since man started walking the earth.

The point is, there have been hard times, but there are ways to survive.

Most of the generations that are around today have no idea how to deal with tough times or go without in this era of instant gratification.

During World War II, there were many shortages; goods were rationed.

Back then, people learned to grow victory gardens to have fresh vegetables and for canning.

Several years ago, I covered a story at a school that had children planting a small garden and harvesting what they grew. The children were amazed that such a thing could be done, and even some of the parents who were on hand to help were rather baffled about how to plant a garden.

And, I'm old enough to remember back when outhouses had a real use instead of just being decorations for flower gardens. They were not pleasant or fun to use, but they served their purpose.

While we had toilet paper in ours, there were others who really did use the pages from Sears and Montgomery Ward catalogs to get that job done because it was free paper.


There were many tough years in times past. I'm sure there will be tough times ahead before all of this is finally over.

The world as we knew it before COVID-19 might never be the same again.

At least today, there are many, many resources that outline survival techniques and methods.

What they outline is not what we are used to, but they are ways to adapt and overcome.

Anyway, the moral of the Chicken Little story is to have courage when it feels like the sky is falling. And to have courage even if it is.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Rob Sangster at Revive Ministries in Cass City asked us to pass on this note to the community:

"Revive thrift store is closed during this time, (but) we are still accepting donations, and we will continue to distribute food as available," he said. "Please watch Revive's Facebook page (Revive Ministries) for updated times."

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent announced over the weekend that it's once again time to start thinking about being prepared for severe weather. And he added a special twist involving activities for area youngsters.

The week of March 22 through March 28 is Severe Weather Awareness Week.

"On Wednesday, March 25, at 1 p.m. is the statewide tornado drill that Tuscola County will be participating in again this year," Skrent said.

"Because of the unique situation facing our state and our county, we are going to try something different to keep parents and your kids occupied and have some fun with learning about weather. Each day of the upcoming week there will be a new topic, to coincide with that topic, we will have some fun activities for parents to do with their children," he explained.

Details were still being ironed out at press time. Residents can learn more by visiting the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Facebook page.

As for Severe Weather Awareness Week:

Severe Weather can strike at any time, so it's important for everyone to be prepared to act when the sirens sound and/or alerts are issued. The statewide tornado drill is an excellent opportunity for Michigan families, schools and businesses to practice their emergency plans and enhance their readiness for a real severe weather event.

More information is available on the website www.michigan.gov/miready

We know there's been a steady stream of "closure" information and messaging about self-isolating to slow the spread of COVID-19. It's true, we are in uncharted territory, and such steps are critical in protecting Michigan residents from coronavirus risk. Safeguarding mental health is just as important, and spending time outdoors - whether in your backyard, on your balcony or in big, open spaces - can boost mind, body and spirit.

Although the public contact areas (restroom buildings, shooting ranges, visitor centers) at many DNR-managed facilities are temporarily closed, people are still welcome to enjoy the public outdoor areas at state parks and recreation areas, state game and wildlife areas, state forests, state trails and, of course, our lakes, rivers and streams. For the duration of the COVID-19 situation, we're waiving the need for the Recreation Passport for entry at state parks and other destinations.

Whether you want to hike or bike a new trail, scout your next hunt, paddle the open water or find a favorite fishing spot ... Michigan's outdoors are here. Explore things to do on our website for inspiration; check out our YouTube channel for how-to videos; and get hunting and fishing licenses at our new license system website. Closer to home, you could soak up some sun on the back deck, walk around the block or jog the nearest local trail.

No matter how you enjoy the outdoors, we urge you to practice effective "social distancing" and other measures to help stop the spread of the coronavirus and keep you, your family and your community safe:

- * Go out only if you're feeling healthy.
- * Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting, including the outdoors.
- * Wash hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If those aren't available, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- * Minimize UV sun exposure by properly applying a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher.
- * When driving, keep windows slightly open to provide air flow.

Thanks for doing your part to protect the health and safety of Michigan residents! Before you head outdoors, be sure to check the latest on facilities and state COVID-19 recommendations.

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- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Human Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Thursday, March 26

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Saturday, March 28

- Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

Sunday, March 29

- Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at 6048 Delong Rd., Deford. Social support group that strives to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

Monday, March 30

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Tuesday, March 31

- Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

Sheriff: scammers out in force as residents face virus fears

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

While addressing the challenge of a pandemic has brought out the best in some people, it's also brought out the worst in others, county and state officials say.

"Even with the threat of the virus, scammers are still out there preying on citizens," Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent reported Thursday.

"Yesterday someone in our county was bilked out of money from an online loan company," Skrent said. "Use caution, as always, dealing with online and phone call solicitors. Other states are reporting scammers pretending to be the Red Cross (representatives), saying they can provide at-home Covid-19 tests. Always verify."

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, meanwhile, issued a statement the same day, that scammers are "spoofing" phone numbers of at least one Michigan public

health department and calling residents to offer medication while asking for their Medicaid and Medicare numbers for billing purposes.

The resulting calls to the local health department are jamming up phone lines and delaying official business in responding to the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

"Scammers will not hesitate to gain access to your private information, and false promises of medications will not be fulfilled," Nessel said. "As a result of this scam, the number of calls to local public health departments are also hindering their ability to respond to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Never provide any personal information over the phone unless you have first independently confirmed who you are talking to."

To seem more official to prospective victims, scammers often use a process known as spoofing – in which a call appears to be coming

from a legitimate government phone number. The caller may also sound professional and be very persuasive.

"Anyone who receives a phone call they suspect to be a scam should hang up the phone. No one should give out personal information to an unsolicited caller," Nessel said.

"Residents should also be aware of online coronavirus scams selling bogus products and providing false information on COVID-19 tests and treatments," she added. "These attempts to obtain the personal information of consumers may include emails or online posts pitching unreliable products, advice, fake tests and cures to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

Anyone wishing to report a potential scam, price-gouging and any other violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act can do so by filing a complaint with the attorney general's consumer protection team online, or by calling (877) 765-8388.

Dazzlers second place in "battle of rockets"

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Patricia Hansen, who along with her husband, Mark, serve as mentors of the Deford Dazzlers.

"Deford Dazzlers came in second place in the nation out of about 60 teams that began the competition!"

The Dazzlers finished behind the first-place team from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institution – an engineering university in New York, and in front of the third-place team from the New York University Tandon School of Engineering, Hansen noted.

"I just want everyone to understand that this second-place finish is huge, absolutely huge in terms of accomplishments. One of our rover robotics payload specialists is only in eighth grade.

"We are thrilled for them. Their plaques are being engraved so it will be a few weeks before their official recognition arrives," Hansen said.

"In the midst of all the crazy out there, it is so nice to have good news, absolutely stupendous news," she added. "We are happy for the kids that they have something positive to end the year on, and know that they did so well.

"We will still be taking them, when restrictions are lifted, to Muskegon in the late summer to launch the rocket and rover, and complete the rover mission in real time, not just hypothetically. It should be really good. Their launch and deployment was absolutely excellent at their test launch, and they got bonus points for having estimated in those wind conditions, the altitude of the rocket, and drift of the rover within 30 feet of accuracy, which is the kind of accomplishment that makes NASA sit up and take notice."

Members of the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team are Captain Mia Tomasino, 17, of Caro; Sam Gordon, 16, Snover, co-captain; Mia Wright, 16, Cass City, safety officer; Kian Hoppe, 13, Cass City, rover/robotics specialist; Jannaeya Thomas, 15, Cass City, vehicle specialist; and Ethan Thane, 16, Caro, propulsion spe-

cialist.

The Dazzlers, which celebrated a second-place finish in the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) National Finals just four years ago, was among a host of high school, 4-H and scout teams – along with about 30 university teams – scheduled to compete in person during Battle of the Rockets.

Members of the Deford contingent spent months preparing, planning and building a rocket measuring 109 inches in height and 7.65 inches in diameter that houses a team-designed and constructed robotic Mars Rover. The rover had to be designed to deploy from the rocket prior to touch down, and then execute a series of commands.

"There (is) a secondary ejection charge that separates the nose cone with its chute which (pulls) the rover out of the payload tube. If the chutes do not tangle, then the rover and nose cone land separate of the rocket," Hansen explained. "The first command (releases) the parachute so the rover can then drive away from the recovery harness."

When launched, the rocket, weighing in at about 24 pounds with its engine, can reach a maximum height of 1,300 feet before

the main chute deploys, according to Mark Hansen, who said the rocket is capable of accelerating to a speed equal to about one-third of Mach, or roughly 254 miles per hour. He estimated that by the time the rocket clears the 12-foot launch stand/pad during take-off, it has already attained a speed of 55 miles per hour.

Mark said the rocket's secondary charge fires at an altitude of 250 feet, releasing the land rover, which drifts down under its own parachute. After landing, it sheds its parachute harness and travels about 36 inches. Both of those actions were pre-programmed by the students, who will then manually control the vehicle as it takes a photo and collects a soil sample.

The team last month completed what the Hansens described as "an amazing test launch" of its full-scale nine-foot-tall competition rocket at Michiana Rocketry in Three Oaks.

"The rocket achieved 1,277 feet in altitude, performed perfectly with an as-planned and engineering deployment of the (land) rover and nose cone," Patricia said. "Every single component worked as designed, and as it turns out their (team members') math and theory was 100 percent accurate."

Loans designed to aid businesses

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nities and entrepreneurs around the state impacted by coronavirus."

The EIDL designation means that Michigan small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and non-profit organizations that have suffered substantial economic losses as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak will now have the ability to apply for low-interest loans as part of \$1 billion in funding made available to the SBA by Congress earlier this month.

"These SBA loans will provide critical capital for businesses facing a temporary loss of revenue as a result of coronavirus," said Mark Burton, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

"We are working closely with the Michigan SBDC and small business organizations around the state to ensure we can overcome the significant challenges coronavirus presents and protect the livelihoods businesses throughout the state provide."

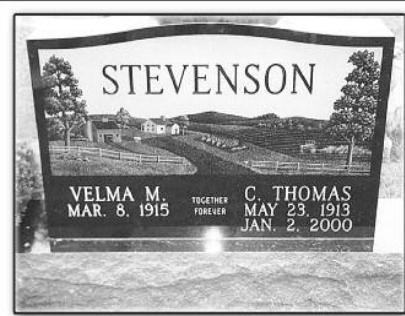
Applications for disaster loan assistance are available at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>. Businesses looking for more information on how to apply for an SBA EIDL loan or whether it is something they should consider are encouraged to visit the website michiganbusiness.org/covid19.

"Making Economic Injury Disaster Loans available in Michigan is the first step in helping small businesses recover," said J.D. Collins, State Director of the Michigan SBDC. "Our team is ready and available to help businesses evaluate this loan program and access support for their long-term success."

Last week's EIDL declaration adds to the growing number of resources available to small businesses in Michigan negatively impacted by COVID-19, including the Michigan Small Business Relief Program, authorized by the Michigan Strategic Fund, which will provide more than \$20 million in grants and loans to support businesses facing drastic reductions in cash flow and the continued support of their workforce.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) call center stands ready to support businesses with questions about assistance available to small business through existing state programs by calling 888-522-0103.

The Michigan Small Business Development Center can also provide resources for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Visit their website <https://sbdcemichigan.org/small-business-covid19/> for additional information.



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Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Greenleaf Township Hall

Purpose(s) of Meeting: Robert Delong is seeking variance approval to add onto an existing non-conforming structure. Porch on the east side will be remodeled and added on to wrap around the south side of the house. Property located at: 8673 Hadley Rd. Cass City, MI 48726. Parcel No.: 130-004-300-020-00

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Reporter's notebook

Look for (and thank) helpers

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I've always been amazed at the work my wife, Deb, tackles day in and day out as a registered nurse specializing in dialysis care.

I have no idea how anyone can handle that sort of work – I don't even watch when I'm having blood drawn.

For Deb, nursing is far more than a job; she has a heart for helping others. She's no stranger to picking up an extra shift or coming home 18 or more hours after she left the house for what was supposed to be a 10-hour day.

I appreciate that, but her devotion and job title have me feeling uneasy these days, giving how quickly and drastically all of our lives have been changed by the novel coronavirus.

Frankly, sending her off in the morning to this hospital or that hospital is a little scary right now.

But I'm proud of what she does, just as I appreciate all nurses, who along with doctors, technicians, reception staff, custodians – everyone working in our hospitals and clinics – are on the frontlines of this healthcare crisis, putting others first.

That's the sort of dedication we should all take a moment and think about in a time like this. And while we're at it, consider local police officers, sheriff's deputies and state police troopers; ambulance crew members; and fire fighters, most of whom are asked to respond to emergencies without the personal protection gear healthcare workers are used to having at their disposal.

You can lump into that same group the truck drivers who deliver food, grocery store employees and pharmacy workers, electricians, plumbers, heating contractors, etc. And the list goes on.

How about the Cass City Public Schools Food Service staff, bus drivers and other volunteers who didn't hesitate to gather in an effort to make sure hundreds of local students don't go without school breakfasts and lunches, in spite of school being shut down?

You don't have to look far to see equally dedicated folks launching the same initiatives in neighboring school districts.

You can also depend on countless other examples of sacrifice and giving unfolding in communities throughout the Thumb.

Somehow, in spite of the fear and anxiety a pandemic is naturally going to create, just knowing there are so many people out there looking out for the rest of us is comforting. It reminds us that we're not alone and, while the days may be long and uncertain, we will get through them.

Hopefully, it will also serve as a reminder that we can all make a difference, however small, if we reach out with whatever skills or goods we may have to share.

I'm reminded of Fred Rogers, who left us with a simple but powerful message for parents trying to reassure inquisitive children in the face of frightening events in the news.

Rogers, the gentle and genial television host who for more than 30 years delivered lessons on love, kindness, and friendship to children on the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) program Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, shared a story about when he was a boy and would see scary things on the news.

"My mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping,'" he said. "To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world."

In Our OPINION...

Fighting virus with transparency

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tions by some that the news media were "hyping" this threat, traditional media have been measured and thorough in their coverage, making the most of their on-air medical and scientific consultants.

Closer to home, local newspapers and broadcasters have devoted extensive resources to reporting how the virus will affect the communities they serve.

President Trump told the nation that "we are all in this together" and that's exactly what needs to happen: the government sharing what it knows truthfully and without spin or bravado, private and public institutions engaging constructively with America's most pressing challenge and news organizations keeping the public informed in a thorough and even-handed way.

In the end, science will prevail in curbing this virus. Yet the path to that victory can only emerge from true collaboration and collective sacrifice, fueled by a shared understanding of exactly what we're up against.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

When two upcoming leaders join a community bank on the same day, some amazing history can take place, with plenty of laughs, some tears, and a tremendous amount of work along the way enroute to growing a local community bank franchise into a successful, vibrant partner in the communities it serves. Now, one of those leaders is retiring while the other stays at the helm. Jay Dubey, president and CEO of Thumb National Bank and Trust Co., recently announced the retirement of Cass City's Curtis "Curt" Strickland. It was Aug. 15, 1978 when Strickland and Dubey joined Thumb National Bank and Trust Co. Today, Dubey is president and CEO and Strickland is retiring from his duties as chief operating officer and chief credit risk officer.

There are high expectations surrounding Mason Erla as he enters his junior season on the Cass City baseball team. The third year slugger with a golden arm earned Greater Thumb West all-conference, all-regional and all-state honors last year when he batted for a .500 average and .579 on base percentage. His offensive stats in 2014 included 3 home runs, 5 triples, 8 doubles and 31 singles. Erla fanned just 9 times in 119 plate appearances. Erla was equally impressive on the mound as a sophomore and his fast ball – nearly 90 MPH – has drawn the attention of Michigan State University, where the 6' 5" flame thrower verbally committed to attend this fall.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Evidently, the apples didn't fall far from the family trees of the 2010 Cass City Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year award winners. Richard Little and Emily Martin headlined Saturday's Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Dinner celebration, held at Northwood Meadows, where the pair received what are generally considered the village's most prestigious annual honors. A long and tireless record of public service earned Little this year's citizen of the year tribute, while the same holds true for Cass City High School senior Martin who was tapped as the junior citizen of the year for 2010.

Cass City High School officials have named the top graduates of the Class of 2010. Emily Martin is the valedictorian, while Jacob Ballard earned the title of salutatorian this year. Martin, who achieved a grade point average of 4.062, is the daughter of Ken and Roselyn Martin, Cass City.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Stacey A. Klinkman, a freshman at Michigan Technological University, was named to the dean's list for the winter quarter. Students must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average to be listed.

Kevin D. Smith of Decker has received a 1994-1995 Dr. Dorothy M. Ross Scholarship from the Automotive Hall of Fame. Smith, currently enrolled at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, where he is majoring in physics and electrical engineering, received the \$250 scholarship based on his outstanding academic achievement and work experience.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Cass City Intermediate School Principal Robert Stickle congratulates sixth grade student Kelley Champagne on winning first place at a regional spelling bee held last Wednesday in Lapeer. Champagne defeated 16 fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from schools in the four county area who participated in the competition. The spelling bee was sponsored by the Detroit News and Lawrence Institute of Technology. Champagne will participate in a statewide spelling bee to be held at Lawrence Institute of Technology, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher, Sr. were Sunday evening guests in the Don Finkbeiner home for cake and ice cream to celebrate the 21st birthday of Jon Finkbeiner. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Clark Helwig were guests in the Finkbeiner home March 15 when the birthday of Judy Finkbeiner was celebrated.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

For the first time in the 18-year history of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year program, two persons received the honor Saturday evening, Esther McCullough and Delbert E. Rawson, DOS. Ken Martin was named Junior Citizen of the Year. The 1979 Citizen of the Year, Bill Kritzman, presented the honor at the chamber banquet at the Colony House. Mrs. McCullough came to Cass City from Illinois in 1927. She taught school here three years and two years elsewhere.

Airman Robert L. Drake Jr., son of Beatress D. Sosynski of Sault Ste. Marie, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force fuel specialist course at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, 111. Drake learned procedures for receiving, storing and issuing petroleum products. He is being assigned to Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Oscoda. His wife, Carol, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilmore.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

The Eckenswiller garage and gas station in Argyle is the oldest in the community and has been run by the family for over 50 years now. And even though Argyle is far from booming these days, it appears that the business will remain in the family and it is not unlikely that the diamond anniversary of the business will be celebrated with an Eckenswiller at the helm. It's not that the present owner, Clarence Eckenswiller, 44, is so wrapped up in the business that he would remain at all costs, but at 44, the chances of making a change for the better are harder than they would be at 25.

Joe Hillaker capped a top year as the top Cass City High School basketball player by earning selection on the 1970 Thumb B All Conference first team. The players are selected by a vote of the coaches with each coach rating 10 players with numbers one through 10. No coach can vote for members of his own team. Mike Piesko of Frankenmuth led the way with 69 of a possible 70 points. He received the top rating from all coaches except Marlette which gave the top rating to his teammate, Rick List. List, Piesko and Bruce Bublitz were repeaters to the dream team. Rounding out the starting five was Lloyd Schinnerer, the slick ball handling, top shooting sophomore from Bad Axe.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Mrs. Vera Harrison of Cass City was naturally greatly disappointed in not hearing the broadcast message of her son, Pfc. Wm. Harrison, from a German prison camp on Friday, Mar. 23, but she was

greatly gratified and pleased with the messages she received from those who did hear it and feared she had missed the broadcast. Up to Tuesday noon, she had received 24 messages from as many persons in 10 different states informing her of the prisoner's message. The message read: "Dear Mother, Doing fine—hope all at home well. No letters yet, expect one soon. How are the children? Has Tommy started school? Your loving son, Wm. Harrison, Pfc., 077027 Stg-7A." Pfc. Harrison has been confined in a German prison camp since Oct. 4, 1944.

Pfc. Robert Tebedo, recently on furlough from the Hines General hospital, is the son of Mrs. John Tebedo of Gagetown. He has been in the service of Uncle Sam for three years, two and a half of which have been spent overseas. He was with one of the first convoys to leave the States and landed in Iceland which he refers to as "the rock." He remained in Iceland for over a year and a half and then was transferred to England. This he referred to as "Paradise." He was in England for a brief time and then in Ireland for eight months before joining General Patton's Third Army. While serving with this army he received wounds from a piece of shrapnel and was taken to England by plane just prior to D-Day. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and is now looking forward to a happy future in the good old U.S.A.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

At the silver medal contest which the W.C.T.U. held at the Evangelical church Monday evening, the contestants were Helen Hower, Ernest Goodall, Eva Cole and Ethel Wager, the last mentioned receiving the medal. The judging was very close, for all the contestants spoke exceptionally well. There was a good attendance and a fine program consisting of musical numbers and recitations was given, each participant responding to an encore. The offering amounted to about \$10.

Chas. E. Patterson, who recently sold his interest in the implement business of Striffler & Patterson, was not long in getting lonesome outside of business circles and just this week completed a deal whereby he became the sole owner of the general merchandise stock of Wood & Ewing in the Cement Block. Mr. Patterson took possession of the store Saturday morning. Chas. Ewing had been interested in the store less than a month when the stock was sold. L. H. Wood, who owned the business for several years, will devote his entire time to the egg business.

PUBLIC NOTICE for Elkland Township

In the best interests of Public Health/Safety and in keeping with the guidelines established by the C.D.C., Federal, State, and local health representatives and their recommendations to restrict Public Meetings to 10 or less persons.

The Elkland Township Planning Commission is postponing the March 26, 2020 Public Hearing on Gentner LLC, Special Land Use Permit application until a later date.

John Tilt-Chairperson
Elkland Township Planning Commission

NOVESTA TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Novesta Township Cemetery
Reminder to please remove all winter decorations and grave blankets by April 1st.

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Pennie Rienas
Novesta Twp Clerk

Schools face much uncertainty

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Everyone is grappling with the unprecedented changes the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has brought, disrupting everyday life, including the lives of youngsters who are used to spending their days in classrooms.

Some area school officials say they weren't completely caught off guard, although they are struggling with the issue of how to address their mission these days with school doors closed across the state.

"I believe we have done a good job preparing ahead (for illness) under the circumstances. We had been hit hard with the flu viruses this year and began extra cleaning regimens early on," said Owen-Gage School Supt. Terri Falkenberg. "We know a lot of viruses get spread through the children at school.

"We are not only trying to protect them, but those they come in contact with. Time will tell how bad the situation really gets."

As the 2019-20 school year started, officials in the Kingston School District were facing a different health concern.

"This year we have dealt with an Eastern Equine Encephalitis scare to start off the year, and now two

weeks off for the coronavirus. I know there is nothing that we can do about it, but it is frustrating," Kingston Supt. Matt Drake commented.

"I am also disappointed for our students and staff that are going to miss out on school, sports, clubs and other activities that are so important to everyone."

Before the total shutdown of schools, Owen-Gage staff members started preparing.

"We had arranged to be able to function administratively from home. The teaching staff and support staff put together work packets and a culmination of activities for students to work on while we are off," Falkenberg said. "They will remain available via email to those that need assistance. We have others who will work online in some classes."

When the order came down to close schools, the district went the extra mile to make sure students were prepared as well — bus drivers volunteered to stop at homes of children that were not in school that day to hand deliver homework.

Although the doors to the school are locked and will remain so until at least April 5, efforts are being made to provide educational instruction.

However, the district does not

have a distance learning system in place.

"We do have many students who have online courses," Falkenberg said, noting the district will explore options if the shutdown is extended. "We will do what is necessary to provide our students an education, whether they report to the building or not."

In the Kingston Community Schools, every student has a Chromebook.

"But, we do not have consistent internet connectivity in our community, district, our county, or in the Thumb in general," Drake said. "We cannot realistically expect all of our students to participate in online learning at this time."

Drake, who added the district does have some students who are enrolled in virtual/online classes, is taking the situation in stride.

"Life is full of happy times and disappointments. I guess I will say this, too, shall pass," he said. "We will remain positive and support our students, families and community to the best of our abilities."

Several Internet websites offer educational offerings and tutorials, but it's unclear how local efforts to continue educating students will mesh with state requirements.

Existing state law and the goal of ensuring equitable education access for all students prompted the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to notify local school districts that distance learning strategies in individual schools and districts will not be counted as official student instructional time during the COVID-19 school closure.

"State law limits us in this situation — not for an individual child in an individual cyber school or an individual virtual course offering, but for children across the state, many of whom have no computers at home, no connectivity, and no adults to monitor their learning and/or technology," said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice.

"The state legislature should change state law to permit days out of school, (during) this public health emergency, to be counted as instructional days."

Currently, state law requires schools to have 75 percent student attendance each day in order for a district to receive full state funding for that day. However, attendance is impossible to determine and verify when traditional public schools not designed to provide distance learning strategies need to do so.

MDE officials say they are working with partners to flesh out a longer-term approach to support students in learning at a distance, while taking into account the extraordinary challenges of equity and access.

"We are encouraging every school district to continue providing enrichment and supplemental learning opportunities for their students," Rice said.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer subsequently addressed the MDE's concerns last week.

"I know (this has) caused a lot of confusion and panic among schools, teachers, students and families," Whitmer said. "(This) does not mean that schoolwork done during the mandatory school closure won't 'count' toward grades, credits, or graduation."

"Each district should determine what services and supports they are able to provide during this unprecedented crisis," she added. "Many are focusing on meeting basic needs and are working around the clock to provide breakfast and lunch for hungry students. Other districts have the ability to provide more learning support as a result of one-to-one technology initiatives. I am in awe of the work that school employees are doing to support their kids and I applaud their efforts."

"As you know, the situation has changed rapidly over the course of the past ten days," Whitmer said. "We do not know what the future will hold, but we are absolutely committed to ensuring the needs of our students, parents, and families are met as we navigate these uncharted waters. I will be working in the coming days to ensure our seniors graduate and that no child is held back as a result of our inability to provide face-to-face instruction during the COVID-19 school closure."

"To teachers, administrators, and support staff — I thank you for stepping up and helping your students and families," the governor added. "To students and especially parents, hang in there. We will get through this."



*An opportunity
to grow in faith*

by Brad Speirs, minister
Novesta Church of Christ

Dr. Seuss is credited with saying, "You never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

Just a few weeks ago, many of us were taking for granted the school day routine, dining out, movies at the theatre and time at the gym. While we hustled and bustled through our lives, we rarely stopped to pause and breathe in the blessings that were all around us.

Now, as we watch history unfold before our eyes, many of us are struggling to not give in to fear, panic and anxiety.

For some of us, it's just the frustration of lost opportunities; sports, leisure, travel and daily freedoms and privileges. For others, though, the very real threat of sickness for themselves and loved ones has caused genuine worry and outright fear.

This novel virus has created so many questions. How many will get sick and die? What do we do with our time? Will I keep my job? When will the kids go back to school? Where can I find some toilet paper?

While I won't claim to have all of the answers, I do think that there are some things that we can know and do during this season of our lives. Let me offer you some encouragement as we navigate these uncertain times together.

*Disruption can lead to Innovation — Throughout history, unforeseen changes have become opportunities to learn and do things better. No doubt many businesses, groups and individuals are going to discover new and better ways to improve productivity, meet needs and grow their lives. Perhaps in our own lives, this disruption will lead to breakthroughs and positive changes as well.

*Rest is a good thing — As a world, we have been living at a speed that was unsustainable. Even God took a break on the 7th day! While many of us were unable to have the self-discipline for rest, this coronavirus has given us one, whether we want it or not. So, don't waste this chance to catch your breath and rest a bit.

*Idolatry is sinful — We have become a nation of idol worshippers; work, pleasure, sports, academia and entertainment. All of these are fine as things to enjoy and pursue, but they all make lousy gods. A hard reality is that many of us have taken these good things and turned them into God things. In a matter of days, we were forced to see how quickly all of these things can be changed or taken away, and maybe that's a good thing for a short time.

*There's someone on your couch — Many of us have families that we come home to, but rarely invest in. If you're a mother or a father, use this time well. Your kids WILL remember this time off... what will they remember about it? If you're a husband or wife, open your eyes and realize that your spouse is right there beside you, and fall back in love with them again!

*You have neighbors — Even in our small town and country roads, there are people that live near you. We may not all end up at the school for a band concert or sports event, but you can go for a walk and have a nice conversation with the people you share a property line with. There are also many in our community that will greatly struggle during this time who could use a good neighbor to love them, hear them and walk beside them in their anxiety and fear.

*You can find peace — In the Bible, in Mark 4, Jesus asks the disciples a question. He asks, "Why are you afraid?" In the moment, it's kind of a silly question, because they were in the middle of a huge lake, there was a crazy storm, and they were almost going to sink and drown. It was easy to see why they would be afraid, but Jesus wanted them to see that they need not live in fear because HE was with them.

We live in a time where the same question might seem just as silly. We're afraid because a scary virus, with no cure, is ravaging the world, our government has closed down everything, the economy has crashed, and there's no toilet paper! But the same Jesus who spoke to them, then, is wanting to speak to us, now. There is a peace that passes understanding and I'd invite you to consider and trust in Him who holds the stars and calms the seas.

I guess in closing, I'd offer this final thought: None of us wanted this break or change to our lives, and we certainly need to keep praying for those affected by the virus. But someday this, too, will pass, and then this, too, will be left to a memory, so let's not miss this moment to love our families, serve our communities and grow in our faith.

Uby FFA members shine at annual state convention

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Nearly 50 Uby Community School students represented their district well at the 92nd annual Michigan FFA State Convention earlier this month.

"Our chapter had multiple members and teams receive awards, participate in band, chorus and talent, and we were led at the convention by the 2019-20 state president, our own Haili Gusa," said Uby Supt. Joe Candela, who noted about 47 Uby students attended the event.

According to Candela, Grant Geiger was named the 2020 State Star Farmer and recipient of the Baker Memorial Scholarship, while Danielle Umbreit was a State Star Finalist in Agricultural Placement.

Uby earned 19 state degrees: Silver Degrees were presented to Hannah Schroeder and Rachel Leppek, and Gold Degrees were presented to Jaiden Schulte, Danielle Umbreit and Grant Geiger.

In the State Proficiency Awards, Grant Geiger was named the state winner for Specialty Crop Production.

Uby FFA members earned an additional seven gold proficiencies, two silver proficiencies and two bronze proficiencies in various areas. They included Jaiden Schulte, Jazmyn Warchuck, Danielle Umbreit, Grant Geiger and Adam Weber.

Students with state winning and gold proficiencies earned prize money totaling \$950.

Uby was also earned a Gold Rated National Chapter Award and was the top "Tons of Tabs" contributor. Tons of Tabs is a state service project in which each chapter is asked to bring as many can tabs as possible for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Uby took 234 pounds of tabs to the convention.

In addition, nine members were recognized with Academic Excellence Awards, including Shelby Messing, Sierra Walker, Nolan VanErp, Jaiden Schulte, Abigail Sorsenson, Danielle Tschirhart, Ellie Peruski, Grant Geiger and Rachel Leppek.

Uby had one Outstanding Junior award recipient, Nolan VanErp.

Three students qualified to participate in the Arthur Berkey State Science Fair. Bryce Essenmacher earned a Silver, Jesse Travis a Bronze, and Isaac Warczinsky received a participation medal.

Two members tried out for the State Talent Show and both — Lindsey Guza and Bryce Essenmacher — earned a spot to perform on stage.

Bryce Essenmacher and Abigail Guza, meanwhile, both participated in the State FFA Band, and JaCie Tyrrell sang in the state chorus.

In leadership contests, Maze Gusa was named the state champion in Greenhand Public Speaking, and Utah Gusa earned fourth place Gold in Creed Speaking.

The Uby Junior High Conduct of Meetings Team earned a Gold rating. Team members were Makaila Cantrell, Caiden Parker, Mitchell Foote, Jaxson Susalla, Austin Gentner, Morgan Schulte, Emily Greyerbiehl, Luke Volmering and Miranda Smigielski.

The Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team earned a Bronze award. Team members were Carly Guza, Anthony McCarty, Jalyn Kolar, Christopher Oswald, Mark Heilig, Cameron Ferris, Alyson Jones, Caden Osantowski and Alex Flemming.

Finally, the Parliamentary Procedure team earned a Silver award. Team members were Isle Roggenbuck, Rachel Leppek, Bryce Essenmacher, Hannah Schroeder, JaCie Tyrrell and Alex Susalla.

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Breeding silver labs a labor of love for Cass City area family

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Whoever said you can't buy love has never looked into the eyes of a dog.

Whether a rescue dog or a specially-bred one, dogs are faithful companions whose love and devotion knows no bounds.

That is one of the reasons Ryan Herford and his family established their Thumb Silver Labrador Retrievers business.

When the Herfords were looking for another lab to replace one that accidentally got out and was struck, they came across silver Labradors.

"They are really unique looking, so we decided to get a female. Once we had her for a while, we decided we might as well get a male for companionship and to breed," said Ryan Herford. Their female silver Lab is called Sadie and the male is called Dozer. They are both three years old.

And that's how the Thumb Silver Labrador Retrievers business started.

According to Herford, his interest in Labradors also comes from when he had a black one when he was younger.

"Silvers have been around for a while. I did some research on them. They are still pretty new but getting more popular," he said.

Because they have only received attention recently, some think silver Labradors are a new breed, but they are not. They were first bred in the 1950s and have gained pop-

ularity over the past decade.

A silver's coat is short, dense, and straight with an eye-catching silver-grey-blue color that gives them their name. The breed is the result of a diluted gene from chocolate Labradors.

"They are glorious colored puppies and turn into beautiful adults that are good hunters and great family pets," noted Herford, whose day job is serving as weighmaster for the Tuscola County Road Commission.

The Herfords' female Labrador had puppies earlier this year.

"This litter was kind of an oops. I'm not out to just breed them. They are our family's pets. The plan is to only breed once a year," Herford explained. "Having more than one litter a year is hard on the female. They can have two litters a year, but it is better for the dog not to do that."

"We are not looking to get rich off this," he added. "We like the dogs. They are family. Breeding is something to do and kind of a family business."

The bottom line for the Herford family is all of the dogs are family pets, treated as such, including sharing the family's home.

Both Sadie and Dozer have been tested for any health issues. In fact, they were DNA tested for 160 health issues that dogs can have, and they both cleared.

No matter the color, Labradors make great family pets because of their gentle nature. They're also good hunters. The Herford's dogs come from hunting stock and have

good hunting genes.

"A lot of the people who bought them will use them for duck and pheasant hunting," Herford said. "Two of the dogs were sold to a man who hunts for antlers. When bucks lose their antlers, you can train a dog to smell them out. He is training the dogs to find antlers in the woods that deer have dropped. I guess he collects them."

And, one of the puppies is going to be a service dog for a disabled veteran in Saginaw.

There were 10 puppies in the last litter. They sold for \$1,000 each and were sold out in two weeks. Some other breeders sell them for \$2,000 to \$3,000, with the price based on uniqueness.

Before the Herfords proceeded with any sales, they took their puppies to All Pets Veterinary Clinic in Cass City where they received their first shots and were dewormed.

The Herfords will soon be adding to their fur family. They will be getting a black Labrador and a white Labrador – both females that will be bred with Dozer.

"The litter will probably be a mix of silver, white, charcoal or black labs — not sure what color they will be," he said, adding it will be about two years before they are bred.

Thumb Silver Labrador Retrievers is located at 4265 Hurds Corner Rd., Cass City. More information is available by contacting Herford at (989) 293-2798.



THE RYAN Herford family of Cass City recently established Thumb Silver Labrador Retrievers. Pictured above are a pair of the family's silver labs along with a friend, Jack Muska (left) with Sadie, and Lane Herford with Dozer.



A SILVER Labrador's coat is short, dense and straight with an eye-catching silver-grey-blue color that gives them their name. They have been bred since the 1950s but have surged in popularity over the past several years.



SO FAR, THE main breeding stock of Cass City's Thumb Silver Labrador Retrievers are Dozer and Sadie. Ryan Herford, who owns the dogs, will soon be adding other varieties of Labradors to his business.



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IN THE MIDST of turmoil created by the spread of the novel coronavirus in Michigan, the work of some talented Thumb photographers is a reminder of the beauty the state offers as wildlife in the area welcome spring. Above, Cheryl Viney Osentoski, Cass City, captured this photo of a sandhill crane in a pond along the edge of a road south of Kingston.



ANOTHER CASS City photographer, Paul Bessler, took advantage of a mink sighting to get these shots in north-western Tuscola County. "He ran on the edge of the road next to a water-filled ditch and eventually met up with a female. He was within six feet of wife, Mickie, and I, which is very uncommon for a mink," Bessler said.

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Cuthrell siblings top Cass City's Greater Thumb West all-conference hoop selections

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Cass City Schools landed a pair of hoopsters on the 2019-20 Greater Thumb West all-conference first teams determined by the vote of league coaches in the 7-school association.

Named to the Greater Thumb West all-conference dream teams were Red Hawk freshman Saylor Cuthrell among the girl stars, while her older brother, senior Sandyn Cuthrell, is a repeat honoree on the fantasy boys' team.

Saylor Cuthrell averaged a team-best 11.4 points per game in her maiden varsity season. She also averaged 5.8 rebounds and dished out 3.2 assists per outing to the delight of Coach Justin Ketterer.

"Saylor had an incredible freshman year. We asked her to do a lot for us and she accepted that responsibility and excelled. She has an exciting basketball future ahead of her," he said.

Also earning Greater Thumb West all-conference first team prizes were a trio from league champs Caro, and two Reese Rockets who finished as the Greater Thumb West runner-up.

Adelyn Moore, freshman, high-

lighted the Caro selections and was joined on the all-conference first team by teammates Ellie Hornbacher and Kaitlyn Arebalo, both seniors. Hornbacher ended her high school career as a two-time first team choice.

Sophomores Maddi Osantowski and Aydan Dalak represent Reese on the all-conference first team. Osantowski is a member of the elite listing for the second straight year.

Rounding out the all-conference first team are solo selections from Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and Bad Axe. Emma Irion, a second team all-conference pick last year as a junior, is the Lakers' first team player and senior Laken Chapin represents district champs Bad Axe.

The Greater Thumb West all-conference second team included Cass City seniors Tiara Anthony and Abbey Salcido. Anthony averaged over 7 points and 5 rebounds in her final go-around while Salcido averaged slightly less than 7 points and 3 rebounds per game during the 2019-20 campaign.

"Tiara was the driving force of our team. As she was scoring and playing well we played well. She

fought for everything she got this season and I'm very proud of how tough she was," said Ketterer, adding, "Abbey came to work every day this season and demonstrated great leadership and toughness. She embodied spirit and toughness the team was trying to reach."

Rounding out the Greater Thumb West all-conference second team players were Caro senior Raegan Ball, Reese sophomore Josie Johnson, USA juniors Maci Montgomery and Brynn Polega and Vassar senior Emilee Whitney.

Earning honorable mention praises: Bad Axe's Jelena Prescott, Sophie Stuart, and Kate Clancy; USA's Chelsea Bolzman; Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Lauren Henry and Savannah Schultz; Vassar's Jasa Ross and Sarah Colosky; Cass City's Haven Bouverette; Caro's Aylssa Corrión; and Reese's Alex Reinert and Delaney Peyok.

Turning to the boys' all-stars, four members on last year's dream team were honored again as seniors in 2020 including Sandyn Cuthrell- Cass City, Landin Zimmer - USA, Cody Talaski and Trevin Phillips - Caro. Completing the Greater Thumb West all-conference first team are USA senior Nash Morton and Reese sophomores Damarquiss Palmreuter and Levi Foco.

Cuthrell averaged 13.3 points and 6 rebounds per game in his fourth and final season under Coach Aaron Fernald.

"Sandyn has had a really nice 4 year career in basketball scoring 980 points. I don't think there is any question he would have reached the 1000 point milestone if we could have finished the season. His scoring and leadership will be missed," Fernald said.

The Greater Thumb West all-conference second team consisted of Cass City senior Thom Rijshouwer - an exchange student who averaged 10 points for the Red Hawks - Reese senior Isaac Johnson, Reese senior Darnell Davis, USA junior Connor Gettek, Bad Axe sophomore Aaron Sowles, Bad Axe junior Jensen Emerick and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port junior Anthony Sheridan.

Honorable mention players in the Greater Thumb West included: Jake Rau, Reese sophomore; Tanner Terbush, Reese sophomore;

Cade Rierison, USA senior; Walker Foley, USA junior; Bryce Langmaid, USA junior; Landon Schenk, Cass City senior - he averaged 8.2 points and 7 rebounds per game- Jack Clancy, Bad Axe senior; Sawyer Kozfkay, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port junior; Hunter Keim, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port senior; Mason Williams, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port junior; Tyler Foster, Caro senior; Coby Fetting, Caro junior; Monte Davis, Vassar sophomore; Gideon Damm - Vassar junior; and Matthew Amend, Vassar junior.



LADY RED HAWK Saylor Cuthrell heads to the basket during the 2019-20 season. She is only a freshman.



SANDYN CUTHRELL always gave his best effort during a brilliant 4-year career in Cass City.

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NCTL - Stripes All League 2019-20 Boys Basketball

First Team

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1.) De'Andre Morris | North Huron | 12 th grade |
| 2.) Will Case | North Huron | 10 th grade |
| 3.) Kaden Geilhart | Caseville | 12 th grade |
| 4.) Grant Gehringer | BCAS | 12 th grade |
| 5.) Alex Czyzewski | BCAS | 11 th grade |
| 6.) Peyton Mooney | CPS | 12 th grade |

Defensive Specialist

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|---------------|-----|------------------------|
| Peyton Mooney | CPS | 12 th grade |
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Second Team

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1.) Brad Hoody | North Huron | 12 th grade |
| 2.) Zack Kontes | BCAS | 10 th grade |
| 3.) Nick Kontes | BCAS | 12 th grade |
| 4.) Ethan Handley | CPS | 12 th grade |
| 5.) Andrew Partaka | Owen-Gage | 11 th grade |
| 6.) Andrew Pettengill | Caseville | 11 th grade |

Honorable Mention

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1.) Tyler Ducolon | BCAS | 11 th grade |
| 2.) Antonio Reyes | BCAS | 11 th grade |
| 3.) Tyler McClelland | CPS | 11 th grade |
| 4.) Trenton Mitchel | CPS | 10 th grade |
| 5.) Reese Campbell | Akron-Fairgrove | 11 th grade |
| 6.) Jaylen Su | Akron-Fairgrove | 10 th grade |
| 7.) Ethan Volkert | Akron-Fairgrove | 10 th grade |

NCTL - Stripes All League 2019-20 Girls Basketball

First Team

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1.) Stacia Cohee | Akron-Fairgrove | 11 th grade |
| 2.) Samantha Bissett | Peck | 11 th grade |
| 3.) Abbey Bullis | Peck | 12 th grade |
| 4.) Taylor Sempf | Peck | 11 th grade |
| 5.) Emily Judd | BCAS | 12 th grade |
| 6.) Emily Huiskens | BCAS | 12 th grade |

Defensive Specialist

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| Emily Judd | BCAS | 12 th grade |
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Second Team

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1.) Cynthia Beauvais | Akron-Fairgrove | 12 th grade |
| 2.) Chelsey Breismiester | Caseville | 10 th grade |
| 3.) Jenna Stull | Peck | 11 th grade |
| 4.) Lilly Grigg | CPS | 10 th grade |
| 5.) Stephiane Cahoon | CPS | 11 th grade |
| 6.) Caitlyn McDonell | BCAS | 12 th grade |

Honorable Mention

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1.) Kaylin Ewald | Caseville | 12 th grade |
| 2.) Dezi Breismiester | Caseville | 12 th grade |
| 3.) Emma Engler | Peck | 11 th grade |
| 4.) Rocio Costilla | BCAS | 12 th grade |
| 5.) Carley Haldane | Owen-Gage | 11 th grade |
| 6.) Libby Ondrajka | Owen-Gage | 10 th grade |

FINAL STANDINGS North Central Thumb League - Stripes Boys Basketball

| Team | League | Ovr |
|-----------------|--------|------|
| BC All Saints | 8-2 | 12-9 |
| North Huron | 8-2 | 9-12 |
| CPS | 7-3 | 8-13 |
| Caseville | 5-5 | 9-8 |
| Akron-Fairgrove | 2-8 | 2-18 |
| Owen-Gage | 0-10 | 0-17 |



Andrew Partaka
Owen-Gage



Carley Haldane
Owen-Gage



Libby Ondrajka
Owen-Gage

FINAL STANDINGS North Central Thumb League - Stripes Girls Basketball

| Team | League | Ovr |
|-----------------|--------|------|
| BC All Saints | 9-1 | 13-8 |
| North Huron | 9-1 | 12-9 |
| Owen-Gage | 5-5 | 8-10 |
| Akron-Fairgrove | 3-7 | 4-17 |
| Caseville | 3-7 | 4-17 |
| CPS | 1-9 | 4-17 |

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PICTURED ABOVE is Snickers and her buckling — the Cass City Agriscience Program’s newest addition, born last week. Local teacher and FFA Advisor Heather Middleton is keeping her students updated on their animals via Facebook, where she has also asked her classes for name ideas.

FFA animals safe, sound

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week) to one 1 buckling. We (also) have five adult rabbits with five babies, so a total of 10; and two cows. The chickens went to a student’s home.”

The decision to ensure all of the animals are well cared for came naturally for Middleton, a lifelong Tuscola County resident who says teaching agriscience has always been among her goals.

“I was the Tuscola County 4-H coordinator for eight years,” she said. “I left to pursue teaching and found a paraprofessional position at the Tuscola Technology Center, where I worked as a paraprofessional in agriscience and construction for a year and a half before coming to Cass City.

“(This job) was an opportunity that I have always dreamed about,” Middleton said. “Agriscience programs are designed to inspire youth to pursue agricultural careers by teaching students about the many different aspects of agriculture, including large and small animals, leadership, wildlife, horticulture and aquaculture. It is a passion and love of mine to open those doors for our youth.

“I love my job, I love my students, and I’m very passionate about livestock, so I feel the decision to take (the animals) home was easy.”



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