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School year over, districts preparing for next step

by **Mary Drier**
For the Chronicle

Not surprisingly, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last week announced public and private K-12 schools

across Michigan will remain closed due to COVID-19.

However, while the 2019-20 school year has come to an unexpected end, state and local school officials say that doesn't mean

summer vacation has begun.

Learning will continue, but at home.

The governor's announcement didn't surprise area school superintendents, including Kingston

Community Schools' Matt Drake.

"In Kingston, the administration and teachers have been preparing for this day. We will do the best we can to continue to meet all of the needs of all of our students and families in these unprecedented times," said Drake. "While teaching and learning is important. The safety of our students, staff, parents and community remains our number one concern."

"Tuscola County superintendents are working together on a regular basis to establish as much continuity across the county as we can have."

Drake noted he is thankful the governor made a decision because there is now some guidance on how to move forward.

Continuing education in Kingston Schools will rely heavily on student packets because there is not a reliable internet service in the area.

The Cass City Schools have also been preparing for Whitmer's de-

cision.

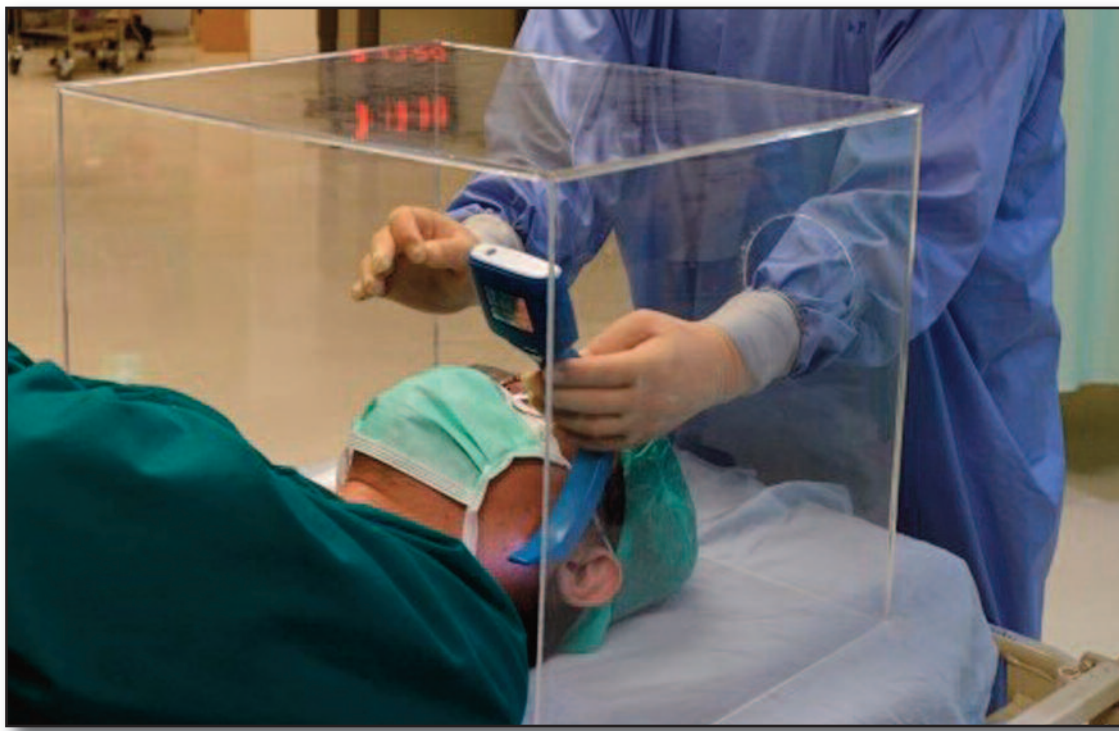
"We miss our students a great deal and will continue to reach out to serve their academic needs," Cass City Supt. Jeff Hartel commented. "Teachers and other staff have done a great job preparing lessons for their students. This method of education will continue throughout the end of the school year."

Hartel stressed all school events are postponed — although not necessarily cancelled at this time — including prom and graduation. The district will do its best to make those events happen if possible, he said.

Hartel gave a special nod to the Class of 2020.

"This situation is extremely disappointing for all of us. We looked forward to senior awards night, the senior video assembly, graduation and just having the chance to shake (the seniors' hands and say 'Thank you and good luck,'" he

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Designed to protect...

AN EXISTING box-shaped shield, used to protect hospital personnel while intubating a patient, is demonstrated in the photo above. At right is the newly designed Walbro LLC aerosol intubation shield that is now being produced and shipped out to hospitals across the country in an effort to protect hospital staff from COVID-19 exposure.



Walbro in Cass City shifts gears to protect frontline health care workers

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Walbro LLC in Cass City is well known across the globe as the world's largest manufacturer of carburetors, but the local company recently shifted its focus to the safety of front-line hospital personnel at risk for exposure to COVID-19.

The result? The design of an innovative "aerosol shield" created to significantly reduce nurse anesthetists' and anesthesiologists' exposure to the virus while intubating patients battling the virus.

And the Walbro team's round-the-clock efforts have netted an almost unheard-of progression from concept to manufacturing — just eight days — making it possible to distribute thousands of the shields this week to hospitals both in Michigan and across the country.

"Basically, our executive leadership team asked...how could we all help in the fight against COVID-19. We really wanted to help," Brad Roche, engineering manager for Walbro's New Product Development Team, said of how the project came about.

That was March 17, and the answer quickly came from some anesthesiologists who asked the company to take a look at an existing box-shaped, clear plastic shield that is placed over the pa-

tient's head and features two holes enabling a medical professional to reach inside the barrier to intubate the patient.

They asked if Walbro could come up with an improved design, according to Roche, who explained the device literally shields healthcare personnel from the virus contained in respiratory droplets that are sprayed during the sort of coughing that occurs during the intubation procedure. Intubation is the process of inserting a tube through the mouth and then into the airway so that a patient can be placed on a ventilator to assist with breathing.

Roche said Walbro officials involved a variety of departments in the brainstorming sessions — development, engineering, quality control, program management, manufacturing, operations and executive leadership. The company also formed a core team of about 30 engineers, who put their heads together and looked at dozens of possibilities before settling on the intubation aerosol shield concept.

Roche said Walbro's new design resulted in a streamlined shape, with the new shield weighing just 3 1/2 pounds and made of a polycarbonate material that is durable and scratch-resistant, and can be sanitized with bleach, alcohols, disinfectants and soap without affecting its clear finish.

In addition, the rounder design

makes it easier for a nurse anesthetist to see through the shield at

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Hepfer: virus stats in area misleading

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

It might be tempting for area residents to cling to a false sense of security, given the relatively few COVID-19 cases confirmed in the area compared to the statewide statistics.

But that would be a mistake — maybe a fatal one, according to Ann Hepfer, health officer for the Tuscola and Huron county health departments.

"This is becoming very serious in Tuscola County," Hepfer said. "I know it does not sound like many cases, (but) there is still not adequate testing going on."

"Please do not make the mistake of thinking since our numbers are low that we do not have a problem," she added. "You need to think that, for every case of COVID-19, there is the potential for at least 10 other people to be infected. This virus is all around us — people are infectious before they ever get tested. This means they have been at work and stores. Remember, the incubation period is two to 14 days."

Hepfer confirmed the additional five cases of COVID-19 in Tuscola County Saturday and two more on Sunday for a total of 22 cases and two deaths so far. Saturday's new cases included three residents at the Tuscola County Medical Care Community in Caro, where she said officials are "working diligently to get ahead of this virus (and) have implemented strict infection control practices."

There were a combined 40 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and four deaths in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties as of Monday afternoon. Huron County had four confirmed cases and Sanilac County, 13 cases and two deaths.

Statewide, the number of virus cases soared by nearly 2,000 on Friday,

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Whittaker among those pitching in for hospitals

by **Mary Drier**
For the Chronicle

Although Ruth Whittaker doesn't work in the healthcare field any more, she is still helping others as best she can.

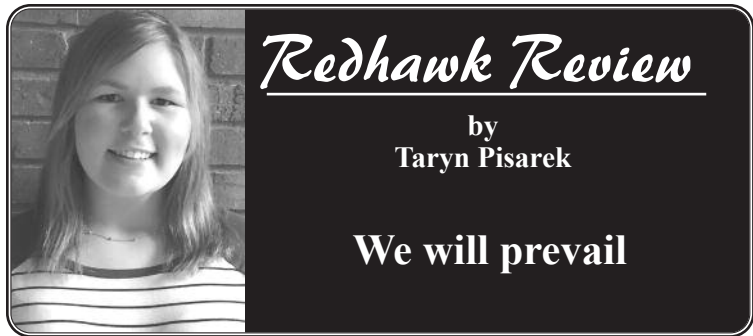
Towards that end, Whittaker, of Cass City, figures she's made more than 100 cloth masks to donate to healthcare workers so far, and she's far from being done.

"I used some of the elastic that I had. It wasn't the right size so I cut it down, and some friends have dropped some of it off to me to," Whittaker commented last week. "My daughter said she has found some elastic and it is supposed to be here soon."

To keep making masks, she has

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AS A FORMER respiratory therapist at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Ruth Whittaker of Cass City understands just how important protective masks are for those in healthcare. So far, she has made about 100 masks using her Genovic sewing machine.



Recently I stumbled upon a quote that read, "Life will always try to make things difficult for you, but every time you overcome difficulties, you come out stronger."

In this time of uncertainty, it may be a good thing for us to really think about what that quote is saying.

Any time we face something difficult with unknowns, it can be overwhelming and we can focus on the bad that is happening in the moment.

I think it's also important to look ahead, because we will come through this, and when we do, we can either be smarter, stronger and unified, or we can be torn apart. Personally, I think that we will be stronger at the end of this troubling time.

By living through this, my generation will have an experience to help us push our world farther and accomplish better things.

Some of the greatest leaders of this world came out of the most difficult situations. Take Martin Luther King Jr. or Elizabeth Cady Stanton, for example. While they were pioneers in what they were fighting for, they still carried the message of perseverance.

Right now, we are creating history every day. Our actions will be remembered no matter what they may be, which I actually find exciting.

We must fight through these difficult times together, and we will become a better, more unified community.

A strong leader isn't just the person making the decisions that affect everyone; he or she is also the person positively influencing the lives of others.

One group that immediately comes to mind in Cass City is the people that are facing this mess and, at the same time, giving hope to dozens of area families. Shari Bock's kitchen staff crew in the Cass City Public Schools, Revive Ministries, Novesta Church of Christ and others are preparing and getting meals to our community for families in need.

I think this is the best example of how our leadership can bring light to dark situations.

It is part of what makes me so proud to be a Red Hawk.

School year

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said.

"Please understand that you have been appreciated, respected and a pleasure to be around on a daily basis," Hartel said in a note to the graduation class. "We will never forget your contributions to our school and community."

"If you need something from anyone at school, please feel free to reach out to any school employee," Hartel said.

Ugly Community Schools Supt. Joe Candela said he supports and understands the governor's action.

"The governor made the right decision based on the data she had. Her first and foremost duty is to protect lives," he added. "We will be staying with the plan we already have in place with both on-line learning and packets."

However, procedures for intermediate school district technical centers are a little more complicated.

"There are many questions regarding grades, graduation, certification and continuity of instruction through remote resources, among others," explained Todd Laventure, who serves as Tuscola Tech Center Principal and director of Career and Technical Education. "Answers to these questions will require coordination with local school districts and the Office of Career and Technical Education in Lansing. We will work to address them in the coming days as we receive more specific directives."

"The bread and butter of what we do rely on face-to-face practical application of technical skills which are impossible to fully replace via distance learning."

According to Laventure, some of the tech center programs lend themselves to online learning far more easily than others.

"Some instructors have already reached out to students; for others, it will take a little time. We are asking for patience as we sort out specific directives to come from the state, and the logistics of making sure everyone has equal access to resources," he said.

"Our mission is to provide the best continuing education we can for the remainder of the school year and to do it in a manner that is safe for everyone."

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any angle, and with no sharp corners, the chances that he or she will snag or rip open their personal protective gown or gloves is greatly reduced.

On March 25, the company built its first six prototypes, and a day later those prototypes were delivered to medical personnel at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall. The next day two more prototypes were delivered to Coldwater Regional Hospital.

Last week, the company produced and shipped 100 pieces to hospitals across the state, said Roche, who noted two shields were delivered to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

"We will be able to go into volume production (this) week," he continued, adding the goal is to ship out 5,000 to 7,000 shields to hospitals across the country by the end of this week. And at a cost — \$195 each — that is thousands of dollars less than the shield equipment now being used in some facilities. "This gives them a \$200 way to significantly protect their nurse anesthetists."

Roche acknowledged the new product — Walbro is the only company making it — went from being an idea to a finished product in record time.

From concept to first prototype, he said, it would typically be a roughly six-month process — maybe three months if a company is really aggressive.

"We did it in eight days," Roche added. "We're really proud of the team — (they've) been working seven days a week. Everybody really believed in it."

"(We) would like to thank the doctors, nurses and other medical professionals that are on the front lines of the battle against COVID-19, and let them know that Walbro employees stand ready to support them."

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Virus numbers misleading

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another 1,481 on Saturday and 1,493 Sunday, with the combined death toll from the weekend estimated at 200 victims. State officials reported an additional 1,503 confirmed cases and 110 deaths Monday afternoon for a total of 17,221 cases, with nearly 730 people losing their lives to date in Michigan.

Hepfer released some preliminary data related to the ages of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Tuscola County as of Sunday.

Among suspected cases (those with symptoms or exposure to positive individuals), there are four people in the age range of 19 to 30, six people ages 31 to 50, three residents ages 51 to 70, and five people ages 71 to 90.

Confirmed cases involve three patients ages 19 to 30, four residents ages 31 to 50, three individuals ages 51 to 70, eight residents ages 71 to 90, and one patient over the age of 90. The county's two confirmed COVID-19 deaths were both over the age of 75 and residents at the Tuscola County Medical Care Community in Caro.

In Huron County, the number of probable/suspect cases include two children ages 11 to 18, four people ages 19 to 30, four residents ages 31 to 50, three people ages 51 to 70, and two individuals ages 71 to 90. Hepfer said the four individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 range in age from 50 to 90.

"Please remember these numbers do not tell the whole story," Hepfer said. "CDC continues to study this virus and how it spreads. We know that a portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms and are called asymptomatic; even those who develop symptoms can transmit the virus to others before showing any sign of illness. This means that the virus can spread easily between people interacting in close proximity to each other."

Given how easily the virus can be spread, Hepfer pointed out, officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are now recommending that all residents wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are sometimes difficult to maintain, such as at grocery stores and pharmacies.

"These coverings are not the surgical masks or N-95 respirators — those are still in very short supply and need to be reserved for health care workers and other medical first responders," she said. "You can use a bandana, homemade masks, roll a T-shirt or any other fabric that will act as a barrier."

The face covers should not be placed on young children, according to CDC officials, who noted the added protection should be used in addition to other measures, including keeping at least six feet between yourself and others.

Hepfer, meanwhile, is continuing to strongly urge parents to keep a close eye on their kids.

"Please do not allow your children or teenagers to play basketball or other sports with children outside your immediate household, where they cannot maintain the six-foot of isolation distance," she said. "This is vitally important in order to stop the spread of this infection."

"If you know of someone who is currently in quarantine and they are out and about in our community, you can call the local health department and report these incidences," Hepfer continued.

"We will not confirm or deny if someone is supposed to be in quarantine, as this (information) is HIPPA protected. (But) the health department does know who we have issued quarantine orders to and we do conduct daily follow up. We do have legal authority to enforce these quarantines with court assistance and law enforcement action."

As Michigan surpassed 10,000 confirmed cases of the virus last week, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon issued an emergency order setting a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 and a process for referral to licensing agencies for violations of executive orders, with criminal penalties for violation remaining an option for prosecutors.

"A person can have coronavirus without knowing it," Gordon said. "They can spread the disease to others who can spread it to others. The only way to stop the spread is social distancing. A civil penalty and potential licensing actions send a strong message to Michiganders that social distancing is essential to saving lives."

However, Gordon's order was not received well by some, including 84th District state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), who represents citizens in Tuscola and Huron counties.

"The recent announcement that disobedience of an executive order dealing with social distancing could be considered a civil infraction with a fine of up to \$1,000 was deeply concerning," Green said. "I spoke with our chief legal counsel, and he stated that in working with the governor's legal team, they were actually attempting to diminish the potential legal charge for violating the executive order."

"At present it is a misdemeanor to violate an executive order, which could mean possible jail time," he added. "This change will allow discretion to be used in determining the harshness of any charges should they be needed."

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Some heroes wear a Red Cross vest

Not all heroes wear capes — some wear an American Red Cross vest.

U.S. presidents annually set aside a month to recognize the American Red Cross — a tradition dating back more than 75 years — and to honor its volunteer heroes by asking everyone to be a hero, too, for people in need by becoming a volunteer, giving blood, and learning skills that save lives.

There are many ways to help, including joining a nationwide effort to address preventable injuries and deaths stemming from home fires, which are killing Michigan residents at alarming rates.

At the same time, smoke alarms are saving lives, and you can partner with an area Red Cross chapter to help make a difference one home at a time.

Residential fires claim seven lives every day, most in homes that lack working smoke alarms, with children and the elderly disproportionately killed. However, having working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death by half. That's why the American Red Cross is rallying 27,000 volunteers to install 100,000 free smoke alarms nationwide during Sound the Alarm events April 18 through May 3.

The Red Cross launched its Home Fire Campaign in 2014 and began knocking on doors.

This year-round canvassing effort is called "Sound the Alarm," and in just over four years, the organization has made a tremendous difference, installing more than 1.5 million alarms nationwide and making a huge impact in Michigan communities across the state.

Through the efforts of the Red Cross' Home Fire Campaign, at least 715 lives have already been saved nationwide - with 16 lives being saved so far in Michigan.

This year the Michigan Sound the Alarm 2020 events take place between April 11 and May 2, where the Red Cross will again help families stay safe while helping install 100,000 free alarms nationwide.

Michigan Red Cross volunteers and program partners will canvass neighborhoods to install free smoke alarms, replace batteries in existing alarms and help families create personalized home fire escape plans. These services are free, available to all, and families in need are counting on this support to help stay safe.

Local volunteers are needed now across Michigan. Those interested in lending a hand are encouraged to visit the website SoundtheAlarm.org/Michigan.

Last year, the Red Cross provided food, shelter, comfort and hope to more than 2,600 Michigan families who faced emergency situations.

The Red Cross also shelters and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families.

The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

When the going gets tough...



"When things get tough, the tough get going." It's become a trite saying for those who remember it. I wonder just how many people reading this column knew that saying.

Although I never really had to live through tough times before this, I remember my parents and grandparents talking about what they had to do to keep going during the depression, World War I and World War II.

I can understand the grave financial concerns some face. And, in some ways, I can understand people being disgruntled about having to stay home because of the governor's shelter in place order. In other ways I can't.

I'm baffled by the constant media questions asking how someone is holding up. I can understand concern for someone who doesn't have a television or telephone feeling very isolated.

We, as a nation, have gotten too used to instant gratification of getting what we want when we want it, constantly being on the go, and being entertained by gadgets.

A friend of mine's adult children and their teenage children all got together a few years ago for a holiday weekend. For basically an overnight stay, they brought two gaming systems, I-pads, I-phones, computers, a couple of televisions, CD and DVD players with them. A few hours after their arrival, the power went out. They were devastated and were ready to go back home because they could not use their electronics for a couple of hours.

They had no idea how to entertain themselves without their toys or how to interact with others.

And, I was riding with a friend of mine and her eight-year-old daughter on a 10-mile trip to go out to eat. We were not more than 20 feet out of the driveway when the little girl complained she was bored. Her mother said she was sorry and turned around so her daughter could get her I-pad for a trip that would take about 15 minutes one way.

Several of my friends' children who are in their late 20s and 30s have no idea how to cook meals that don't come in a box.

Some school districts, such as Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, are having students learn how to plant, take care of and harvest a garden. The kids and even some parents were amazed by the process.

Today, the concepts of make do, use up, or do without is unheard of along with solitude, contentment and appreciation.

A majority of the people have computers and the internet which opens up the whole world. Most have cable television instead of just the three basic channels that I grew up with.

And, as for sheltering at home, there are some

who do not have a home to shelter in and have to scavenge for meals.

My take on this situation is to focus on what you have instead of what you don't.

Rabbit Tracks
by Clarke Haire
(And anyone else he can get to help)

While many businesses are struggling financially due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cass City community's business owners continue to demonstrate, time and time again, why many of us wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Case in point: Quaker Maid Dairy Store owner Kareem Khoury contacted us over the weekend and asked us to let residents know that he and his staff would be glad to go the extra mile for local customers who have a difficult time getting in and out of their cars or who have health problems that prevent them from getting to the business. In short, the store crew is willing to grab what customers might need inside the store and bring those items to customers waiting outside the business in their vehicles. For those unable to travel, Khoury said he is willing to make some home deliveries in the afternoons. Khoury would also like residents to know, they may drop off homemade masks at Quaker Maid and his staff will help distribute them to individuals in need.

Customers are encouraged to call the store at (989) 872-4600 to make arrangements.

The state's stay-at-home directive, enacted to slow the spread of COVID-19, isn't stopping members of the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department from extending special greetings to their local residents celebrating birthdays.

"With all that is happening in the world right now, the members of the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department would like to help bring a smile to the children and elderly individuals that live in our coverage area on their birthdays," the department posted on its Facebook page Thursday. "Our department will drive by your house, with all our lights and sirens going, to wish the birthday boy or girl a happy day!"

To set up an appointment, leave a message on the department's Facebook page or call (989) 670-3002.

Dave Milligan, Pinney Foundation President, encourages any non-profit organization to submit requests for grant money from the Cass City philanthropic group by Saturday, May 2, to be eligible for the local foundation's annual endowments that are presented twice annually.

To be considered, send your written requests to Milligan at 6226 Bay City-Forestville Rd, Cass City, MI 48726, or via email to dave@milligan-farms.com. More information is available by contacting Milligan at (989) 872-2937.

Congrats to Joel Leipprandt, Uby's girls basketball coach, for being named AP Coach of the Year.

His Lady Bearcats posted a record of 23-1 before COVID-19 ended the season in the midst of the Michigan High School Athletic Association post season tournament.

I certainly remember squaring off against Joel on the hardwood floors in high school - he was one of the best ever to play at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools. In 1978, Cass City nipped the Lakers in the district final after losing twice to the Green and White machine during the regular season.

For those who have been unable to find sanitizer on the shelves or don't want to overpay on the black market, some are making your own.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends a recipe containing nine parts 99 percent isopropyl alcohol (also known as rubbing alcohol), a bit of hydrogen peroxide and a moisturizing agent, such as glycerol or aloe vera gel.

For those who use other recipes, the recommendation is that the mixture has to be at least 60 percent alcohol. Any less, it won't be an effective germ-killer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

It is important to get the concentration right or the sanitizer may not be effective or will be too harsh on skin, which is why several health organizations urge people to avoid do-it-yourself (DIY) concoctions.

Sanitizer is no substitute for hand washing. The best way to keep germs including coronavirus off your hands is to wash for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

For those who insist or need to make their own hand sanitizer, John Protaciewicz, chair of Case Western Reserve University's Chemistry Department, recommends a ratio of rubbing alcohol to aloe vera as 2/3 cup to 1/3 cup, which could work out to about 62 percent alcohol, which is just above CDC guidelines.

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AS THE 2019-20 campaign at Michigan Sugar Company wraps up, so does the career of one of its workers. JoAnn Jackson, pictured above, is retiring after serving as the company's office manager in Caro for the past 32 years. Jackson's coworkers had to get creative with her send-off in order to practice social distancing — on her last day, she was greeted by Michigan Sugar vehicles flashing their lights as a tribute to her years of service.

Future curriculum in district could include truck driving

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Cass City School District officials realize that not everyone is college bound after earning their high school diploma, so they strive to ensure students are well aware of the options they have in choosing a career.

That effort includes creating local opportunities, such as developing a program designed to prepare young people for jobs as truck drivers.

The proposed program was supposed to have been discussed during the March monthly meeting of the Cass City Board of Education, but the session was canceled due to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order closing schools statewide due to the spread of COVID-19.

The truck driving offering is still in the development stages, as several details still have to be worked out.

"I received my instructor certification to teach the CDL (commercial driver's license) class, and I'm waiting on the packet to learn what the curriculum requirements are," said Cass City teacher Adam Dorland.

Some of the things he needs to know are how many hours of in-class instruction would be required along with the minimum number of hours of driving time in order for students to get their

CDL.

Taking the role of instructor for the program was not Dorland's idea.

In fact, he was selected based on his role as a teacher and on his experience as a trucker — a job he's had in his off-time since 2001. He works as a driver for the Cass City Schools Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba's husband during the sugarbeet harvest season.

"My name just came up during conversations about the class, and about how there is such a shortage of CDLs these days. That's what sparked interest in the district trying to offer that course," explained Dorland. "I think doing this would be a great thing."

Aside from driving for local farmers, Dorland works part-time driving for J.W. Hunt trucking out of Bad Axe.

"I supplement my teaching income doing that. There was very little cost in my getting my CDL, but it has paid huge dividends for my lifestyle and family," he said, noting he drives on the weekends and over the summers. "If you have a CDL and a good driving record, you can get a job anywhere in the country at any time."

"I think this would be a great tool for the district to be able to give kids who do not plan on going to college. It is a good way for them to try out a trade."

Dorland said \$2,500 seed money for the program came from a grant

from the America's Farmers Grow Communities. After the district received the funding, some farmers were asked how they felt the district should spend the money.

"One of the suggestions was investing in the workforce in getting kids a CDL so they could drive beet trucks and could also be used for a career," said Zimba, who pointed out that Dorland came to mind to head the program because he was a teacher who also has a CDL.

According to Zimba, once the details of the program are worked out, with board approval, the plan is to rent a truck for students to use while enrolled in the driving program.

"Students for the truck-driving class will have to be 18 years old because that is the minimum age requirement for a CDL, and (it) will depend on what kind of interest students have for it, so we will take it from there," Zimba said. "This is a first for us."

"We've talked to some business owners in the area, and they pay a premium for those who have a CDL. That way the employer doesn't have to wait after they have hired someone for them to get their license. This is a program that could set kids up for success."

Although the proposal has been put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the plan is to bring it before the local school board when possible.

News briefs

Fuelwood season is delayed

MICHIGAN — Anyone interested in cutting and collecting dead or downed trees for fuelwood this year will need to wait until May 1.

Because many residents normally turn in their fuelwood applications at Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) forest management unit offices — which now are closed to the public due to COVID-19 precautions — the DNR has delayed the fuelwood season's start date for a month.

Fuelwood permits are valid for designated state forest lands in the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula. The quality and quantity of dead wood varies by location; the DNR recommends reviewing online maps showing where cutting is allowed before applying for a permit.

Up to five standard cords of wood can be collected per household. Wood is for personal use only and cannot be resold or traded.

Apply for fuelwood permits by mail, using the application form available at Michigan.gov/Fuelwood. Print, complete and return it, along with the \$20 fee to the local DNR office that manages the area of forest where you want to cut wood. Management unit maps are available online.

More information is available by contacting Doug Heym at (517) 284-5867.

Livestock Learning an option

HURON COUNTY — Huron County MSU Extension officials are inviting livestock youth to participate in an online series called "Livestock Learning" this month.

The series is slated to get underway Thursday, April 9, at 7 p.m. Meetings will take place on Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Youth must pre-register for this event to get the link to join in the meetings.

For more information, a schedule and to register, visit the website <https://events.anr.msu.edu/OnlineLivestockLearning/>.

Weight restrictions are lifted

MICHIGAN — Effective Thursday (April 2), the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) lifted spring weight restrictions on state roads from the southern Michigan border north to the Mackinac Bridge.

Frost restrictions are still in effect for the remainder of the state and will be imposed and enforced on all state trunkline highways north of the Mackinac Bridge. State routes typically carry M, I, or US designations.

On March 16, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed an executive order temporarily lifting seasonal weight and other delivery-related restrictions for vehicles on state and local roads carrying essential supplies to mitigate the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The executive order extends until 11:59 p.m. Monday, April 13. The latest spring weight restriction update does not alter the direction given in the governor's order. Permits will still be required for loads exceeding the normal legal limits.

County road commissions and city public works departments put in place their own seasonal weight restrictions, which usually, but not always, coincide with state highway weight restrictions. Signs are generally posted to indicate which routes have weight restrictions in effect.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960, or you can access the same information on MDOT's website at www.Michigan.gov/Truckers.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



Notice for Cass City Rotary's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

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We plan to reschedule the dinner for a later date.

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Reporter's notebook

Facebook in a perfect world

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I love to hate Facebook.

On one hand, the social media site provides an ideal venue to keep in touch with distant family members. I've also found it to be an invaluable resource on the job, especially when it comes to searching for prospective sources, contacts, interviews, etc.

Unfortunately, as one celebrity once said, Facebook is still pretty much the toilet of the Internet, thanks in part to many folks whom I can only imagine are really unhappy with their lives and have made their goal to make everyone else unhappy, too.

Still, there are some amazing people who contribute on a daily basis with some stories and photos that can make you forget – if even for just a moment or two — about the COVID-19 madness surrounding us all these days.

In a perfect world – well, for me, anyway – Facebook would not include the never-ending litany of conspiracy theories related to COVID-19, all offered without a smidgen of proof by some people who are the first in line to bash the media for its reporting on just about any subject you might want to mention. It's almost scary the way a post like that draws hordes of "experts" from every corner of the planet, citing sources not unlike imagulliblemoron.com.

My favorite theory, of course, is one fully supported by a relative of mine, who seriously believes the COVID-19 pandemic was created by "the media" in order to unseat Donald Trump. Really? A bunch of reporters, media giants, etc., got together and decided that denying the president a second term would require killing thousands of people across the globe?

First of all, I can assure you I didn't receive that memo. Secondly, won't the voters of this country make that decision in November?

By the way, this same relative, as recent as a week or so ago, was still describing the pandemic as a "nothing burger".

Really.

I could also do without the posts reminding me of how many people have been diagnosed or died today. Most of us are well aware of the numbers, at least those of us brave enough to peak at the evening news or the state's COVID-19 website.

Besides, wouldn't it be better to post reminders of the most effective ways not to end up on the list of folks diagnosed with COVID-19?

I wish, too, that I didn't have to wade through a sea of whiners to view the really uplifting posts some people are sharing.

When I say whiners, I'm not talking about people who have lost loved ones to the virus or can't be by their side, or who are weary of working on the front lines in hospitals, or families that have found themselves with little income and hungry mouths to feed. I'm talking about immature individuals who continue to question stay-at-home directives because, simply, they're sick and tired of staying at home.

Thankfully, I'm still seeing plenty of the uplifting posts shared by people who are facing this horrific situation head-on with an amazing faith in God, as well as those who have taken isolation as a challenge to find constructive and even fun things to tackle — safely.

I suspect you'll find that these same residents go out of their way to shift the focus of today away from themselves and on to others who could use a hand or a word of encouragement.

I don't know about you, but this world will never have enough of those folks, pandemic or not.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

A former longtime Cass City resident was recently honored for her work in developing a workshop series designed to help veterans with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and their families through creative writing. Teresa Scollon, a poet, author and member of the adjunct faculty at Northwestern Michigan College (NMC), was presented with the NMC Foundation Excellence Award last Wednesday night at the Hagerty Center in Traverse City. The honor was the latest of many for Scollon, who now resides in Traverse City. The daughter of Dotty Scollon of Cass City and the late Dr. Ed Scollon, she was awarded a \$25,000 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Creative Writing Fellowship grant in 2011 in the category of "Literature Fellowships: Creative Writing (Poetry)".

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Doug and Karen Tenbusch of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Ann, to Christopher Michael Hahn, son of Elmer and Judy Hahn of Deford. Jessica is a 2002 graduate of Cass City High School. She received a Bachelor's Degree for elementary education from Saginaw Valley State University in 2008. She is now employed at St. Stephen's Catholic School in Saginaw. Chris is a 1997 graduate of Cass City High School. He received an Associate's Degree for diesel mechanics from Ferris State University in 1999. He is employed at Michigan Cat in Saginaw. The couple is currently planning an October 2010 wedding.

Kristin Steely of Cass City has been named the 2010 Michigan Draft Horse Breeders Association queen. The 17-year-old homeschooled junior is the daughter of Dennis and Marla Steely. She has been showing with Har-Lyn Ridge Belgians, owned by Harvey and Annette Bell of Deford for 6 years. "We show at several county fairs in Michigan and also at the Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show in Lansing," Steely said. "I help harness our horses for hitch classes and show our halter horses. I participate in showmanship and senior cart and team."

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Jeremy David Capps, a Cass City High School graduate, and now a junior majoring in law, was selected as a superior scholar at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. To earn the rating, students must have been on the honors list each year since their freshman year or have attained a standing in the upper 3 percent of their college.

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp authorities announce that Tom Fulcher Jr., son of Tom and Brenda Fulcher of Cass City, will be a member of one of the 90-voice choral ensembles that will tour 8 European countries this summer.

The Cass City High School Class of 1995 is led by a district record 10 valedictorians and one salutatorian, school officials recently announced. Leading the class of nearly 100 seniors are valedictorians Michelle Brown, Lisa Deering, Leana Edwards, Ben Hobbs, Scott Iwankovitch, Nathan Mastie, Mandy Nizzola, Lindi Parrott, Andrea Speirs and Lisa Wallace, all of whom have accumulated perfect 4.0 grade point averages. Salutatorian of this year's class is Melanie Polega, who achieved a grade point average of 3.978 during her high school career.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Little had their entire family with them for Easter including Karen Little and Scott McDaniel of Lansing, Mr.

and Mrs. Stuart Venema and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Little and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Little and baby, Mr. and Mrs. David Little and three children, Cass City, and Mrs. Keith Little's father, Howard Woodard.

Mr. and Mrs. Juan Medrano, in West Germany, are the parents of a daughter, Rachel Manuela, born April 3 weighing seven pounds and nine ounces. She joins two brothers, Curt, 9, and Jason, 7. Grandparents are Elmer and Janet Francis of Cass City and great-grandparents are Rachel Wright of Cass City and Ray and Susie Francis of Kingston.

The Cass City Intermediate School winners of the mathematics competition for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were eighth grade: Shannon Lowry and Janet Koch; seventh grade: Judy Matthews and Mike Bins, and sixth grade: Chris Fruendt and Chris Herringshaw.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Cass City High School will have four valedictorians this year, all of whom are graduating with straight A averages. Leading the class of 159 are Lori Ewald, Melanie Particka, Lori Teichman, and Linda Whittaker, who have accumulated perfect 4.0 grade point averages and will be recognized at the May 22 graduation. Salutatorian with a 3.952 average is Kenneth Martin, Jr.

Curtis Cleland likes to fiddle around and he has a string missing. Nothing wrong with that. The Germania Road, Holbrook, resident, 64, has been playing a fiddle since age 12. He still owns his first violin. His newest violin, which he made himself, only has three strings.

Mrs. Gerald Bennett was the guest of honor Monday evening at a cradle shower at the home of Mrs. Harold Craig. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Andrew Barnes Jr. and Mrs. Tom Craig. Fifteen attended including out-of-town guests from Caro and Cadillac.

Richard Walker of Cass City held a family dinner Easter Sunday for his daughter, Lori Ann's, communion at Good Shepherd Lutheran church. Also celebrated were Richard Walker's, Robert Walker's and Herb Hilliard's birthdays. Present were Mrs. Ida Walker and Kay Walker of Cass City, Mrs. Beatrice Mousseau of Kinde, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hilliard and Katrina Elton of Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nickol and family of Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Walker of Reed City, Mr. and Mrs. Walker and family of Millington, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Beck of Pigeon and Mr. and Mrs. Rich Gardner and family of Elkton.

Born March 31 to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Otulakowski of Kelly Road in Hills and Dales Hospital, a six-pound, 15-ounce girl, Kary Lynn. Mother and baby went to their home April 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walter and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Otulakowski of Cass City; great-grandparents, Mrs. Lillian Otulakowski and Mrs. Anna Odoran of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walter of Parma, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dillon, Jr. of Gagetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry, to Carl Gibbard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gibbard, Sr. of Uby. Miss Dillon is a 1978 graduate of Cass City High School. Her fiancé is a 1977 graduate of Uby High School and is employed at the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in Bad Axe. A July 12 wedding is planned.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Art Randall, Cass City, was appointed Elkland Township Treasurer, at a special meeting of the township board Monday. He will fill the unexpired term of Mac O'Dell who resigned to accept a position as county equalization director. Randall, an employee at Cass City State Bank, will serve

at least until the fall election. The post in the township pays \$2,500 yearly and Supervisor Maynard McConkey said that the payment of the annual wage will be prorated by the month for the two men. Randall is a native of Cass City and graduated from Cass City High School. He worked for the Cass City Chronicle and, briefly, in Saginaw before accepting his present position at the bank.

The Bob Speirs family has a baby that is keeping them up every two hours around the clock. It's a baby with an uncertain temper often prone to biting. It's a youngster with a voracious appetite that grows larger daily. And it's an adopted child at that. The baby at the farm, southwest of Cass City, is a colt rejected by its mother. Right now the colt takes a pint and a half of homogenized milk every two hours and the family takes turns feeding except that Becky, 5, is excused from the night shift. There are five children plus mom and dad involved in operation save the colt and the night shift is taken care of with the help of an alarm clock. This is the way it works: the family sets the clocks at bedtime to ring in two hours. When it rings, a family member takes a feeding turn and sets the alarm for two hours later and places it at the bed of the next in line. It amounts to about one feeding a night for every family member. The Speirs say they expect to have to follow this schedule for two months while gradually increasing the amount of milk at each feeding.

Rev. Donald Turbin officiated at the baptism Sunday in Trinity United Methodist Church of Jeffrey Dean Hartwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hartwick; Matthew Frank Isard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Isard; Michael Kurt Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jones, and Kathryn Ann Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Marshall. One new member, Mrs. Demetries Rathbun, was also welcomed into the church.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Sgt. Charles D. Peden, son of Mrs. Nora Peden of Claysville, Pa., has had the thrilling experience of flying on flak-dodging missions to furnish supplies to Allied troops cut off by the enemy in France, Holland and Belgium as a member of General Paul L. Williams' Troop Carrier skytrains, according to a press announcement by Headquarters of the First Allied Airborne Army. Sgt. Peden as a dropmaster and his comrades must function coolly under fire while dropping their valuable cargoes. His mother, the former Nora Jones, spent her girlhood days in Cass City.

Mrs. Omar Glaspie received word by telephone Friday that her nephew, Pvt. J. D. D'Arcy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin D'Arcy, of Almont, had been killed in action on Mar. 11 in Germany. Pvt. D'Arcy, 22, was born Feb. 18, 1923, in Kingston. He was home on furlough about Feb. 1. He is survived by his parents; a brother, Edward, in training with the Navy at Great Lakes, Ill., and a sister, Frances, at home

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Papers were drawn Tuesday for the transfer of 35 acres of the "town farm" of J.H. Striffler to R. N. McCullough. The latter also purchased 30 acres of unimproved land from Mr. Striffler, which corners the 35-acre plat. The deal reached \$4,000.

F. Roy Phillips, a former high school student at Cass City, has signed a contract with the board of education of Crosswell schools next year and he will go to Crosswell at the conclusion of his school year at Marlette. Mr. Phillips has been in the Marlette schools for five years, three as principal and two as superintendent.

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Medical care officials setting up “virtual” visits for residents

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Despite the quarantine and shelter-in-place orders in effect in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, medical care facilities in the area are finding ways for seniors and their families to stay connected.

One of those ways is offering “virtual” visits.

The Tuscola County Medical Care Community (TCMCC) in Caro is among those setting up visits via the Internet.

“We established virtual visits with the use of Facebook Messenger and Skype for our residents and loved ones,” explained TCMCC Director and CEO Brenda Kretzschmer.

Area residents interested in taking advantage of the opportunity can learn more by calling (989) 673-4117 and asking to speak to the Life Enrichment Department. “From there, we will share a brief conversation to get you signed up for a planned virtual visit with your loved one,” Kretzschmer said.

Elsewhere in the Thumb, officials at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe have also set up an electronic community system so family members can communicate at a safe distance.

The facility has FaceTime and/or Skype available for those who wish to utilize it. To set up a routine FaceTime or Skype service, contact Lori Kozlowski, activity director, at lkozlowski@hcmcf.org or call (989) 269-6425 (ext. 120).



IN SPITE OF government directives and numerous pleas to stay home in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, some people are not listening, which is why the staff and residents at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe have taken matters into their own hands by asking others to stay home. To make their point, hearts and letters spelling out their plea to “Please stay home for us” have been posted in the windows of the facility. The red hearts posted in each resident’s window represent the life of a resident.



AMIDST A tidal wave of bad news related to COVID-19, Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent recently shared a little humor with area residents with this photo of the department’s K-9 officer. “Blek and, of course, his handler, Deputy Ryan Robinson, are on duty...fully prepared for any emergency to assist the public,” Skrent quipped on Facebook.

Signs of youth drug abuse often hidden in plain sight in homes

Drug use and abuse is a very real problem in every community, including the Thumb area.

Taking a proactive approach to the issue can make a big difference, according to Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who says there are a number of signs parents should be aware of that might signal a problem with their children.

Simply taking a walk through your teenager’s bedroom and looking for physical signs of drug use — aside from overt drug paraphernalia — can be eye-opening. “Signs of drug use can be hidden in plain sight. Understanding common clues that might indicate your teen is abusing drugs or alcohol is a crucial step in providing appropriate intervention and support for your child,” said Skrent, who encourages parents to be on the lookout for the following:

Blood stains

Blood stains are often regarded as a potential clue of drug usage. While bloodstains and blood droplets would be alarming to any parent, many times they can easily be explained away as coming from a nose bleed or common accident. However, a seemingly innocent blood stain could actually be an indicator of heroin or crystal meth use.

Injecting drugs requires other supplies such as syringes, spoons

and other drug paraphernalia, but these are typically hidden away.

Your teen may not realize they are leaving blood stains or droplets on their clothes, bedding or carpet.

Excessive use of air fresheners

Air fresheners, incense or dryer sheets are commonly used ways to cover up the smell of marijuana.

An excess of these items could indicate marijuana use in teens. While these may be items that would be common on any grocery list, it is important to know that they can also be used to conceal drug-related odors.

Pro-drug decor and merchandise

There is a sizable retail market that caters to the youth and drug culture.

Common examples of this merchandise includes posters, T-shirts, hats, stickers and other items. The date April 20 has become designated as the “counterculture” holiday to celebrate the use of marijuana and 4/20, 4:20 and 4/20 are commonly used as code for marijuana or a time to get high.

If you see some usage of this number — for example, on a lock combination or password — it may be a red flag.

Other words and slang terms for THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) in-

clude dab city, hash oil, honey oil, wax, 710, budder or shatter.

Eye drops

Bloodshot or watery eyes in a teenager could be caused by fatigue or allergies, but they can also be a sign of teen alcohol abuse or teen marijuana use.

Kids smoking marijuana or abusing alcohol commonly use eye drops to hide the effect of bloodshot or watery eyes caused by drug use.

Excess candy

While having a sweet tooth is not typically thought of as an indicator of drug abuse, candy is commonly used for a number of purposes by users of drugs.

Sometimes users will hide ecstasy pills or other drugs that look like candy among similarly colorful candy in order to conceal them. Gummy items, like gummy bears, can be soaked in alcohol and then eaten.

One of the side effects of “molly” or Ecstasy is that it causes users to tightly clench their jaw. Lollipops and jawbreakers are commonly used to alleviate this effect.

Hard candies are sometimes used to add color and taste in a popular concoction called “Purple Drank” — a slang term for a mixture of cold medication, soda and ice.

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Obituaries

Harriet Richards

Harriet May Newingham Richards, 79, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2020 at her home in Clermont, Florida.

Harriet was born January 21, 1941 in Detroit, to the late Paul and May Newingham. Shortly after her birth, her family moved to Mio, where Harriet was raised, attended school and graduated from Mio High School in 1959.

Harriet was very active in high school activities, which included being elected to class office, being a majorette and playing the flute in the school band. She was a cheerleader for the football and boys’ basketball teams and was also an outstanding player on the Mio High School girls’ basketball team.

In June, 1958, Harriet participated in a Queen Contest and was selected as Miss Oscoda County. Harriet then represented Oscoda County in the June, 1958 Mackinac Bridge Dedication which featured queens representing each of Michigan’s 83 counties. In addition to participating in the Bridge Dedication at Mackinaw City, Harriet was selected as one of twenty-five queens that participated in the Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, Bridge Celebration.

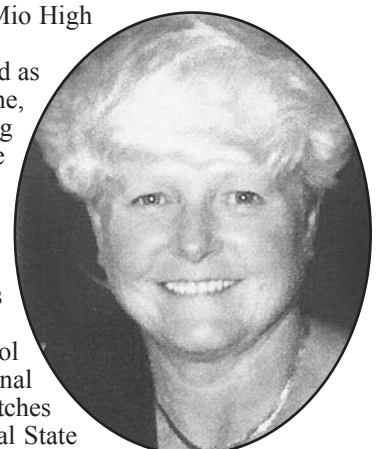
Harriet was also an avid golfer, winning many tournaments and club championships. She became a barber and owned a barber shop in Cass City for many years.

Harriet was a real sports enthusiast and became an excellent high school girls’ basketball and volleyball official. She officiated several State Final Championship Girls’ Basketball games and Volleyball Championship Matches in Michigan. When Harriet moved to Florida, she also officiated several State Final Championship Volleyball matches.

Harriet is survived by Russell Richards, her husband of 61 years; her children, Michael (Stacey), Steven (Karen) and Laura (Tim) Ingram, all living in Central Florida; grandchildren, Jessica, Nathaniel, Joshua, Rebecca, Matthew, Michael, Jordan, Rachael (Jack) Thomas, Sarah (Matt) Schwenneker, Philip, Leah, Aaron, Zachary, Amy, Kayla, Katie and Jaydon; and great-grandchildren, Ellissa, Harper, Audrey, Jackson and Lincoln.

Harriet was preceded in death by her brothers, Richard (Jane), Karl (Dorothy) and Frank (Christine) Newingham.

Due to the current health issues our country is facing, there will not be a viewing or memorial service.



Obituaries

Marie Bierlein

Marie M. Bierlein, of Saginaw, beloved mother, died Monday, March 16, 2020, at Wellspring Lutheran Services Senior Living. She was 96 years old.

Marie Martin was born January 17, 1924 in Owendale, the daughter of the late Claude and Mary (Hartsell) Martin.

A World War II bride, she married Raymond J. Bierlein on June 13, 1943. They had 62 years together before he passed away on December 25, 2005.

Marie attended Cass City High School and Caro County Normal. Later, she was employed by civil service for many years. She then retired to assist her husband with his woodworking business.

She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Saginaw; confirmed and baptized in March 1944 at Christ Lutheran Church, Reese.

Life member of Disabled American Veteran's Auxiliary Chapter #4. An avid walker, bowler, shuffle boarder and card player.

Surviving are one daughter, Barbara Jean Bierlein of Wausau, Wis.; one God-child: Peter Martin; and many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ray; five sisters; and five brothers.

The family would like to thank Wellspring Lutheran Services in Frankenmuth and Saginaw, and Wellspring hospice, for their caring and compassionate help toward Marie and her family in her final months.

A private funeral service took place Friday, March 20, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Paul Biber officiating. Entombment followed at Oakwood Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, DAV Chapter #4, WorshipAnew.org (formerly, Worship for Shut Ins) or a Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Deisler Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Bierlein family; condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.Deisler-FuneralHome.com



A PAIR OF Canada geese take flight after enjoying a quick dip in a Deford area farm pond last week.

Scott Hutchinson

Scott Fowler Hutchinson, 53, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Thursday, April 2, 2020 in his home.

He was born August 1, 1966, in Cass City, to Dean and Nancy (Brown) Hutchinson.

Scott graduated from Cass City High School with the Class of 1985. He went on to attend and graduate from the Detroit Institute of Heating and Cooling, where he specialized in plumbing. For many years, he was employed by Shetler Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Pigeon.

Scott enjoyed being on the water and fishing for anything that swam. An animal lover, pigs and horses were his favorites and he wished to someday raise calves.

Scott learned the skill of successful bee keeping from his father, Dean.

He truly loved his "inherited" grandchildren.

Scott is survived by his parents, Dean and Nancy Hutchinson of Cass City; sister, Deanna Merchant of Cass City; nephews: Kevin (Kayla) Merchant of Gagetown, James Merchant of Royal Oak and Hoyt Merchant of Dover, DE.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Fowler and Fanny Hutchinson and Hazen and Margaret Brown.

A private graveside service was held in Elkland Township Cemetery, with Pastor Bob Demyanovich of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

A public celebration of Scott's life will be held at a later date. Memorials can be made to Cass City United Methodist Church.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Florence Karr

Florence E. Karr, 101, of Cass City, passed away on Sat., March 28, 2020 at Medilodge of Cass City.

She was born Aug. 4, 1918 to the late Kenneth and Mabel (Hutchinson) Middaugh.

Florence married Preston Karr in 1937, he passed away May 25, 1991. She then married Nathaniel Tuttle, Dec. 27, 1992.

She worked at the Cass Theater and later as Chief Financial Officer at Hills and Dales General Hospital, retiring in 1980 and was a member of the Elmwood Quilting Circle and the Hospital Auxiliary.

Florence is survived by her husband, Nathaniel Tuttle; granddaughters, Suzanne Green of Cass City and Krista (Tim) Omstead of Caro; great-grandchildren, Jacob, Parker and Emmeline; and great great-grandchildren, Audrey, Ian and Sophie.

She was predeceased by two daughters, Ruth and her husband, Tim Grassman and an infant daughter, Margaret Karr; and three brothers, Frank Middaugh, Robert Middaugh and Theron Middaugh.

A private family service has taken place with burial in Elkland Twp. Cemetery.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date, at First Presbyterian Church, 6505 Church St., Cass City.

Memorial donations in memory of Florence, may be made to Hills and Dales Hospital, or to the United Way.

Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com.

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Grants helping to purchase school buses

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Fuel Transformation Program grant awards totaling \$8.7 million will help some schools to purchase buses.

And, thanks in part to the efforts of Brown City School Supt. Neil Kohler, who created a consortium of school districts and spearheaded a successful grant-writing campaign, a number of Thumb schools will be among the districts benefiting from the funding.

Grant funding totaling \$1,894,648 has been awarded to the area consortium, paving the way for the purchase of 44 new diesel and 20 new propane buses that will replace older model diesel buses with a much cleaner option.

The Cass City School District is among the schools taking advantage of the grant opportunity.

"With that money, we are look-

ing to buy two new buses in July this year and two buses in October," said Cass City Schools Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba.

"We are going to buy them from Hoekstra at a cost of \$351,256. The grant money covers 25 percent of the cost," she added.

Other school districts in the Thumb area that will receive funding for buses include: the Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District; which will purchase one diesel bus; Croswell-Lexington Community Schools, which plans to buy three diesel buses; the North Branch Area School District, which will purchase seven propane buses; and Brown City Schools, which plans to buy two propane buses.

Districts will receive a 25 percent reimbursement on the purchase of new diesel buses or a 40 percent reimbursement on new propane buses. Part of the requirements for the grant funds is the districts must disable diesel buses that are 2009 or older in their current

fleets.

"I cannot express how excited I am for all the members of our consortium on being awarded this grant," said Kohler. "For our group to cover a large portion of the lower peninsula and have a positive environmental impact on so many areas is just amazing."

Overall, school districts in this round of grant awards will be able to replace 300 older diesel buses with models powered with cleaner diesel or propane engines.

Fuel Transformation Program grants are supported with dollars allocated to Michigan from the Volkswagen settlement. The settlement was a result of Volkswagen's Clean Air Act violations related to the installation of emissions control defeat devices on thousands of diesel engine vehicles.

As part of the settlement, Michigan was allocated a total of \$64.8 million and will use 21.5 percent of that total to replace old diesel school buses.

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Carr on the front lines of physical, spiritual healing

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Chuck Carr's careers have contributed to peoples' well-being, both physically and spiritually.

At Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, he is a respiratory therapist. He is also an itinerant minister in the area.

"I started out pastoring a very small church in Missouri. They could not afford to pay me very much, so I worked other jobs. I worked at a store changing truck and car tires. I wasn't married, so at that time my financial needs were not great," Carr recalled recently.

"Later, I decided I wanted to do something more with my life. A school there had 12-month respiratory program," he said. "I continued to pastor, continued to work at the tire store, and took classes."

At the end of a year, he had earned a respiratory certification.

Shortly after he graduated, the economy was in a slump, making it hard to find a job in his community of about 3,400 people.

"The community had two hospitals, but because of the school's respiratory program there, there was a surplus of us in that field. So, I started to look elsewhere for work," said Carr, who started applying for jobs in Michigan because his wife is from here.

"When asked why I moved to Michigan, I just say, 'love brought me here,'" he added.

Carr landed a job at Garden City Hospital and worked there for 13 years.

"While I was there, I continued to do the Lord's work — itinerant preaching, teaching Bible school, teaching Sunday school, and worked full time," he noted.

Some of his education for his theological career included attending Bob Jones University and earning a second degree from the William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills. He has also attended Northland Baptist Bible College as well as Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary.

And, he furthered his education as a respiratory therapist, earning a bachelor's degree.

Carr explained a respiratory therapist program now takes three years to complete and is an associate's degree.

After leaving Garden City Hospital, he moved on to a position at Port Huron General Hospital for six years while continuing his work in the ministry.

From there, in 2002 he joined the staff at Hills and Dales General Hospital, where he also managed the respiratory department for about 16 years before stepping down two years ago after deciding to slow down a bit.

"What I like about being a therapist, it has been a steady career for 37 years, and it has given me an opportunity to be in the community as a Christian," said Carr. "I'm a respiratory therapist who is also a pastor, and I'm a pastor that is also a respiratory therapist."

"Those careers have given me an opportunity to enjoy the sciences and the continuing education that goes with being a therapist. As an itinerant minister, I share the Gospel and administer to spiritual needs. I enjoy what I do at the hospital and in churches."

Carr preaches at various churches in the area. He helps out at the First Baptist Church in Cass City, is a deacon on the board there, teaches adult Sunday school and, when the pastor is out of town, he preaches in his place.

He noted both his careers give him a lot of satisfaction.

"As a respiratory therapist and part of the hospital's team, it is satisfying when I can help someone physically with their breathing, and satisfying when I can minister (to bring) comfort and peace."

Carr's position is also called a cardiopulmonary therapist because it deals with both the lungs and heart.

As a cardiopulmonary therapist, Carr goes to "code blue" calls at the hospital, when someone is in immediate danger of losing their life. He is part of the cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) team that responds.

"That is immensely satisfying — when you have helped saved someone's life," he said.

The downside of his medical profession is when someone who has breathing issues that he worked with for a long time passes away.

Although a medical career came about later for him, Carr embraced religion when he was in his teens.

"When I became a Christian, I was 19 years old. I knew in my heart there was something missing in my life. I knew I was a sinner. I knew I needed salvation and forgiveness for my sins," Carr said.

Although he grew up in a Christian home, he had never come to Christ.

"I knew God existed and believed Jesus is our Savior, but I had never truly embraced that personally. I knew I was lost," he explained. "After reading the Bible, I accepted Jesus as my savior. That was the greatest thing that had ever happened to me."

"Everyone should know the message of Christian unity, which is forgiveness and peace. I love sharing the Gospel and showing people they can be forgiven and how their lives can change through the Gospel, just as my life did."



CHUCK CARR has been a respiratory therapist at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City since 2002. He also managed the respiratory department there for about 16 years before stepping down two years ago to slow down.

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ASIDE FROM his career in health care, Carr is an itinerant minister at area churches as well as being actively involved at the First Baptist Church in Cass City, which is his parish.

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Pandemic spoils dreams for another championship season in Cass City

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Since 1950, the Cass City high school baseball teams have won 14 conference championships in five different leagues – Upper Thumb, Thumb B, Blue Bay, Greater Thumb and Greater Thumb West. Also during that time span, Red Hawk teams raised eight district banners. However, just two of those teams won both championships in the same year.

The Red Hawks had hopes of becoming the school's third team to win both titles in 2020 before the coronavirus canceled the Michigan High School Athletic Association season. In addition, many followers believed this year's squad was capable of winning

regional honors – a fete that has never been accomplished at the local high school – in Coach Morgan Erla's first year in charge.

Cass City finished the 2019 regular season with impressive marks of 11-0 in the Greater Thumb West and 24-2 overall. However, Coach Josh Stern's team fell to host Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port in the district championship game to slightly blemish an otherwise outstanding year.

Expected to return to the diamonds from that team were many star players including Bryce Fernald, Collen Wrubel, Tyler Czekai, Tristan Swiderski, Kenton Wiseman, Hadyn Horne, Kendall Anthes, Sandyn Cuthrell and Landon Schenk.

Red Hawks Anthes and

Cuthrell were named to the Greater Thumb West all-conference first team for the second straight year and Wiseman was a first time selection to the fantasy squad in 2019.

On the mound, Anthes compiled impressive numbers a year ago. The hard throwing right hander – with a fastball in the mid-80s – held a .107 ERA and .350 WHIP. In 65 2/3 innings of work, Anthes recorded 122 strike outs, issued just one base on balls, and scattered 19 hits to post a perfect 10-0 record.

At the plate, Anthes batted for a .400 average with 17 RBIs. He scored 29 runs for the GTW champs that went 11-0 in conference play and 25-3 overall.

Cuthrell batted for a .393 average and had an OBP of .460 during his third year on the Cass City varsity. He also led the team with 39 runs scored.

Wiseman, like Anthes, went undefeated on the mound at 8-0. Wiseman's totals included 60 strikeouts and 10 earned runs in 48 1/3 innings toeing the rubber. At the plate, he held a .358 average with 15 doubles.

Here's a glimpse at other Red Hawk championship teams

from the past.

1973

This was the first Red Hawk team to win conference – Thumb B - and district championships in the same year, before an extra inning loss ended the Red Hawks' quest for regional glory.

Team members were Jerry Toner, Chuck Bliss, Scott Guinther, Pete Frederick, Don Galbraith, Dan Mellendorf, Gene Salas, Scott Hartel, Kip Hopper, John Hacker, Chester Sieradzki, Coach Fred Hurlburt, Coach Vern Palmer and Manager Larry Villaneuva.

Toner pitched a perfect game

for Cass City High School in tournament play and was named to the district Class B-C all-star team as a sophomore.

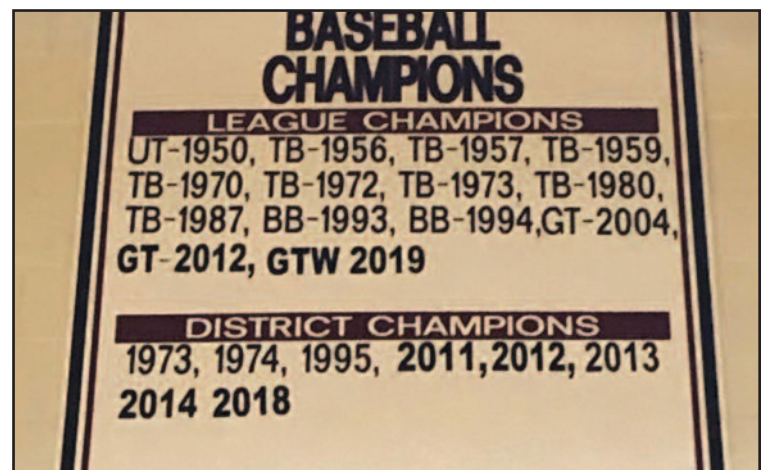
2012

This was the school's other team to win both conference – Greater Thumb West – and district championships in the same year. The Red Hawks grabbed Division 3 District honors in Cass City to complement their GTW league banner.

The team members included Drew Fields, Watson Moore, Nick Kappen, Jake Hacker, Cody Orban, Ethan Nicol, Please turn to page 10.



CASS CITY pitching duo Kendall Anthes, above, and Kenton Wisemen, below, combined for 18 wins without losing a game in 2019. Anthes now moves on to play at the next level while Wisemen will return for his senior season in 2021. Hopefully.



THIS sign hanging in the high school gym lists the Red Hawks' championship seasons.



2013 - CASS CITY recorded its third straight district baseball championship Saturday at USA High School. The Red Hawks are: (front, l-r) Jacob Guinther, Dalton Prieskorn, Kyle Ross, Dakota Hartel, Brad Thornton, Cody Orban, Sawyer Cuthrell (back) Coach Nathan Haag, Brock Thane, Drew Field, Cody Ross, Lukas Schenk, Watson Moore, Mason Erla, Jake Hacker and Asst. Coach Nathan Fritz.

Cass City Red Hawk

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Cass City Red Hawk baseball has long-time winning history

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Kyle Hanby, Jordan Hendrian, Dakota Hartel, Morgan Erla, Cody Ross, Lukas Schenk, Alex Zaleski, Coach Nathan Haag, and Coach Nathan Fritz.

While the hosts rode the arms of Dakota Hartel and Cody Orban to victories at their own district, it was the bat of sophomore Watson Moore that sent the Red Hawks into regional action.

Moore unloaded the bases with a 3-run shot over the center field fence in the district championship game for Cass City.

“He just crushed it,” said Coach Haag of Moore’s blast, calling it the “shot heard around the world.”

1957

This Red Hawk team won the undisputed Thumb B Conference baseball crown for the second year in a row

Included among the team’s stars were pitchers Bob Martus and Paul Burdon. Other key players included Jim Johnson, Gary Deering, Dave Wilson, Jerry Dearing, Dick Hillaker, Gene Wilson, and Bob Walpole.

2013

This Coach Nathan Haag squad won Cass City its third straight district baseball championship. The Red Hawks diamond men included Jacob Guinther, Dalton Prieskorn, Kyle Ross, Dakota Hartel, Brad Thornton, Cody Orban, Sawyer Cuthrell, Brock Thane, Drew Field, Cody Ross, Lukas Schenk, Watson Moore, Mason Erla, Jake Hacker and Asst.

Coach Nathan Fritz.

Coach Haag believed good pitching beats good hitting. And this squad had plenty of flame throwers in Hartel, Hacker, Cody Ross, Orban and freshman Erla.

“Cass City is back-to-back-to-back district champs. No other Cass City baseball team has 3-peated,” Haag said.

1970

This team won undisputed baseball honors in the Thumb B Conference the way that champions should...by winning the last game of the regular season against Bad Axe, 15-0. The victory kept their conference record unblemished and added the first Thumb B title trophy to the school’s trophy case in a decade.

Team members included Kim Hopper, Eugene Salas, Kip Hopper, Henry Cooklin, Bruce Eshelman, John Smentek, John Wencley, Rob Alexander, Larry McClorey, Tony Davis and Randy Kozaan.

Kim Hopper and Alexander were the team’s pitching aces.

1980

This Coach Don Schelke team won league honors as senior Earney Stoutenberg closed out a brilliant high school pitching career with a no-hitter against Bad Axe. Not only was it the best pitched game of his career, the win also clinched the Thumb B title for the Hawks.

Other team members included Brad Hartel, Trent Guinther, Ken Martin, Tim Johnson, Tim Fahrner, Jack Groombridge, Mike Stec, Randy Ferris, Todd Comment, Randy Severance, Randy Stine, Scott Stine, Craig Tonti, Phil Zawilinski

and Doug Sowden.

2011

Cass City’s 2011 varsity baseball team won the school’s first district championship in 16 years after posting records of 18-18 overall and 4-8 in the Greater Thumb West the year before.

The champion team members were Nick Kappen, Cody Orban, Derek Mozden, Cody Ross, Alex Varney, Austin Deering, Robby Simpson, Watson Moore, Jeff Leslie, Kyle Hanby, Morgan Erla, Alex Zaleski, Ethan Nicol, Rob VanAuken and Jordan Hendrian.

VanAuken was the hero in the district final game. After Hacker reached first base on a fielder’s choice, senior VanAuken came to the plate with 2 outs. With a 1-0 count, Coach Haag flashed the hit-and-run sign and VanAuken provided the biggest hit of his career when he drilled a fly ball over the center fielder’s head, scoring Hacker all the way from first base.

2014

This Cass City varsity baseball team won district honor in splendid fashion – downing rival Reese 4-3.

“We lost to Reese 3 times earlier in the year and they’ve ended our season the 2 previous years in the districts,” said Coach Nathan Hagg.

The Red Hawk team consisted of Dakota Hartel, Brad Thornton, Brock Thane, Blake Lebioda, Sawyer Cuthrell, Jacob Guinther, Dalton Prieskorn, Jake Hacker, Mason Erla, Drew Field, Watson Moore and Andy Collins.



2012 - HERO’S HUG. Cody Orban, right, embraces Watson Moore after his 3-run homer lifted Cass City past visiting USA for district honors. The Red Hawks compiled an impressive 15-1 home record.



2014 - RED HAWK Mason Erla, left, celebrates with teammate Jake Hacker after his 6th inning homer in Division 3 district semifinal action.



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Pastor's Corner...

by **Bob Demyanovich, pastor**
Cass City U-M Church

For Christians around the world, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, which includes numerous activities and celebrations that precede Easter/Resurrection Sunday.

Common activities commemorating the Passion of Christ include performing the Stations of the Cross (which revisits Jesus' crucifixion), Seder meals to recall the Last Supper, washing of the feet (which Jesus did for his disciples), and processions on Good Friday, the day Jesus died.

The year 2020 will not be forgotten by Christians around the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions that we've all had adhere to since mid-March. All churches have been asked by its leaders to refrain from gathering and have their Sunday worship online. While this has been challenging for many pastors, it is also an opportunity to reach out too many through Facebook, YouTube or dedicated websites.

But some cultures take these celebrations beyond mere remembrances. From Palm Sunday to some extreme Good Friday celebrations to Resurrection Sunday, there are all kinds of commemorations, but not this year.

One of the most packed places is Jerusalem, Israel, in the Holy Land, where it all took place over 2,000 years ago. Pilgrims from around the world celebrate in their own ways, in their own language and across denominations, to visit the holy sites. One being the Via Dolorosa in the Old City of Jerusalem.

From a massive procession on Palm Sunday when thousands of Christian pilgrims climb Jerusalem's Mount of Olives to re-enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with palm branches to the Church of All Nations, to Saint Anne Church, St. Steven's Gate (the Lions Gate), the Old City and down the Via Dolorosa singing songs and reciting blessings. Through Good Friday, there are daily masses at the Church of Holy Sepulcher and the Garden of Gethsemane church, the Basilica of the Agony.

In Rome, Italy, many Christians make pilgrimages around the world during Lent, but one of the easiest places to visit different basilicas is the Holy City. This year, the faithful can go up the Scala Santa, or "Holy Stairs," that were previously covered for the last 300 years. These are the steps that it is believed Jesus walked up before he was tried by Pontius Pilate to be crucified. Attendees crawl up the stairs on their hands and their feet, which need to be covered to protect the marble.

In Mexico City, residents perform a realistic "Passion Play" dramatizing Christ's crucifixion and death on a cross. The local government, not the Catholic Church, sponsors the event, which is designated an "intangible cultural heritage" in Mexico City by UNESCO. Thousands of local actors re-enact Christ's walk to his death on Calvary. The person chosen to play Jesus is picked for their moral character and strength because they need to wear a crown of thorns and be flogged while carrying a 200-pound cross. He is then tied to it in a re-enactment of the crucifixion.

In Pampanga, Philippines, participants are physically nailed — hands and feet — to a cross just as Jesus Christ was 2,000 years ago. The San Pedro Cutud Lenten Rites in Pampanga have taken place on Good Friday after a two-hour street play every year since 1962. At least three, and as many as 12, individuals are nailed to a cross on a makeshift Calvary. Each person remains on the cross until he "feels cleansed of his sin," while others flog themselves with bamboo sticks tied to a rope. One man has been nailed to the cross 22 times.

At Trafalgar Square, London, a realistic interpretation of Jesus' death is not as graphic as Pampanga's, but it's still not advised for young children. The Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square involves more than 100 participants, as well as horses, doves and donkeys. Some 20,000 spectators attend the event, which has free 90-minute performances at noon and 3:15 p.m. on Good Friday, as well as big screens to ensure everyone can watch.

Participants in San Vicente de la Sonsierra, Spain, are dressed in white habits and flog themselves at the "Los Picaos" procession in the Rioja Village of San Vicente de la Sonsierra in northern Spain. Using esparto grass ropes, they whip their backs in a graphic display for 20 minutes. This method of penance, used in many places through the 18th century, has managed to survive to modern times in this Spanish village.

Bensheim, Germany's, take on the suffering of Jesus is a bit tamer. The charming southwestern town of Bensheim, which just celebrated its 1,250th anniversary, has hosted an annual Good Friday procession presented by local Italian families since 1982. Crowds gather for the theatrical performance, which begins with Judas' famous kiss of betrayal and includes Jesus' appearance before the Sanhedrin, Pontius Pilate sentencing him to death and Jesus' scourging, carrying of the cross and death.

But not this year. This year Holy Week and Easter will be celebrated in individual homes, in Cass City and surrounding area backyards. It will be celebrated by going on the Internet and watching our individual churches online. It will be spent on the phone, talking to our grandparents or mother and fathers. For some it will be spent in quiet solitude with the Lord in prayer.

The COVID-19 virus/crisis has changed the world, not just Holy week and Easter Sunday. While Holy Week is largely celebrated by Christians, many non-Christians participate, whether it is attending a service, Easter egg hunts or family dinners. But not this year.

My prayer for all this Easter/Resurrection Sunday is taken from Matthew 28; Revelation 5:11-14; Psalm 118:1-2; and Psalm 118:14-24:

*Lord God,
You loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son,
That we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday and every day.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness, for your sacrifice.
Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation.
Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.
All for your glory do we pray, Lord, amen.*

My friends and fellow Christians, this, too, shall pass.

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thence North 01 degrees 43 minutes 57 seconds East 385.38 feet; thence South 89 degrees 15 minutes 51 seconds East 573.45 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to highway use of the East 33.00 feet which lies along and adjacent to said East section line and subject to any easements of record. Commonly known as: 2560 Mertz Road, Caro, MI 48723 including adjacent vacant parcel. Tax ID No. Parcel 2: 013-027-200-0100-02 Tax ID No. Parcel 3: 013-027-200-0100-03 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale. If the premises are sold at the above-described mortgage foreclosure sale, under the provisions of M.C.L.A. 600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the premises during the redemption period. CHEMICAL BANK 2301 W. Big Beaver Road, Ste. 525 Troy, MI 48084-3320 KUS, RYAN & ASSOCIATES, PLLC MICHAEL J. RYAN, ESQ. Attorney for Mortgagee 2851 High Meadow Circle., Ste. 120 Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2790 (248)364-3090

3-11-5

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE.

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A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joann T. Jezewski of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 16th day of April, 2014, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of May, 2014, Instrument No. 53 2014 978822 L-1306 P-1034 (11) of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Chemical Bank, a Division of TCF National Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$24,645.21 (twenty-four thousand six hundred forty-five and 21/100) plus accrued interest at 4.875% (four point eight seven five) percent per annum. All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Village of Cass City, in the County of Tuscola and

State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Lot 7, Block C, Also commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 7; thence North 16.5 feet; thence West 132 feet; thence South 16.5 feet; thence East 132 feet to the point of beginning, James L. Hitchcock's Second Addition to the Village of Cass City, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof. Commonly known as: 4169 Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726 TAX ID: 035-500-321-07000-00 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 18, 2020 By: Benjamin N. Hoen Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 965 Keynote Circle Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131 216-685-1170 WWR# 10150988

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Name of Mortgagor(s): Joel J. Stoick, an unmarried individual

Name of Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, which became Independent Mortgage Co., a dissolved Michigan corporation, and successor-by-merger to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation

Name of Foreclosing Assignee: Independent Bank Mortgage Date: March 6, 2000

Mortgage Recording Date: August 22, 2000

Mortgage Recording Information: Liber 808, Page 1415

Assignment Recording: Liber 01440, Page 848

Amount claimed due on date of this notice: \$34,982.12

Interest Rate on date of this notice: 6.375% variable

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Juniata, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

The E 5 acres of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, T12N, R8E, Juniata Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan.

Street Address: 3750 Densmore Road, Caro, MI 48723 The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Under MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C. Dated: March 9, 2020 By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)

Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee
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Mortgagee SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C. By: Michael J. Thomas, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee 615 Griswold Street, Suite 1425 Detroit, Michigan 48226-3993 (313) 963-1301

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M O R T G A G E : Mortgagor(s): William Anthony, a married man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 6, 2011 Recorded on July 12, 2011, Liber 1225, on Page 1290, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Fifty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two and 35/100 Dollars (\$54,762.35) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Tuscola County, and described as: Beginning at a point that is 204.55 feet South 0 degrees 31 minutes East along centerline of 4th Street and 257.70 feet North 77 degrees 09 minutes West of an Iron at intersections of centerline of 4th and Center streets thence North 12 degrees 58 minutes East 169.90 feet to a Southerly line of Center Street, North 76 degrees 45 minutes West 182.30 feet along Southerly line of Center Street, South 12 degrees 58 minutes West 172.30 feet, South 77 degrees 09 minutes East 182.30 feet to place of beginning. Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28 of Township of Tuscola, Town 11 North, Range 7 East. Commonly known as 8949 Van Cleave Rd, Vassar, MI 48768 The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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 Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on APRIL 23, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John H. Berlin a single man and Kathy Maize a single woman, joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 20, 2006 and recorded September 27, 2006 in Liber 1097, Page 54 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Citibank, N.A., as trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight and 9/100 Dollars (\$75,758.09), including interest at 2.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 23, 2020.

Said premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 20 rods North of the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, thence East 330 feet; thence South 280.50 feet; thence West 330 feet to the point of beginning. 6851 Sheridan Road, Vassar, Michigan 48768

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption

period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 25, 2020
File No. 20-002618
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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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 Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 21, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): John H. Berlin, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Date of mortgage: October 24, 2001 Recorded on January 4, 2002, Liber 854, on Page 663, and modified on September 1, 2011, recorded November 14, 2011, in Liber 1234, on Page 1250, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Forty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine and 36/100 Dollars (\$49,689.36) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Tuscola County, and described as:

Commencing at a point 20 rods North of the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East 330 feet; thence South 280.50 feet; thence West 330 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 6851 Sheridan Road, Vassar, MI 48768 The redemption period will be one year from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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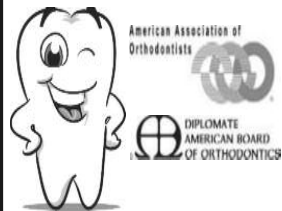
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Many hands make light (mask) work for health care workers

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even used some elastic bands used for ponytails. "Never thought that I would ever have to be doing this, but I know how important these masks are," said Whittaker, who has sewn most of her life. "I used to be a respiratory therapist, so I know how important these masks are in the healthcare field. "We all need to take care of each other. I'm just doing what I can to

help." Whittaker worked as a respiratory therapist for 32 years at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City before retiring in 2011. She uses 100 percent cotton cloth for her masks, creating each one with the help of her Genovic sewing machine, which is the preferred machine by those who quilt. The local resident has donated masks she made not only to the Hills and Dales General Hospital,

but also Northwood Meadows Assisted Living facility in Cass City, and to a few individuals. And she isn't the only one. Hills and Dales General Hospital officials say a number of area residents have come through with donations of cloth masks, including Jeanne Brinkman/Unionville Moravian Church Quilters Society, Treva Dressler, Sue Ellen, Faith Fahrner, Erin Gould, Donna Hall, Jennifer Hartwick, Pam Knoerr, Ann Lukshaitis, Penny

Rienas, Arthur and Janet Severance, Cheryl Sherwin, Melinda Summers, Julie Vargo, Deborah Ferrier, Julie Rude, Marla Lefler and Joey Kreeger.

As for the Whittakers, Ruth's husband, Gerald, does his part by delivering her masks, leaving them safely at front doors.

The Whittakers are taking this pandemic shelter-in-place order by the governor seriously.

"I'm scared. I have not been out of the house since March 12," Whittaker said.

"We have a very good support from family and friends for getting groceries," she added, noting she is concerned about those who are not following the order to shelter in place. "I think they are very

foolish. They are endangering themselves and other people."

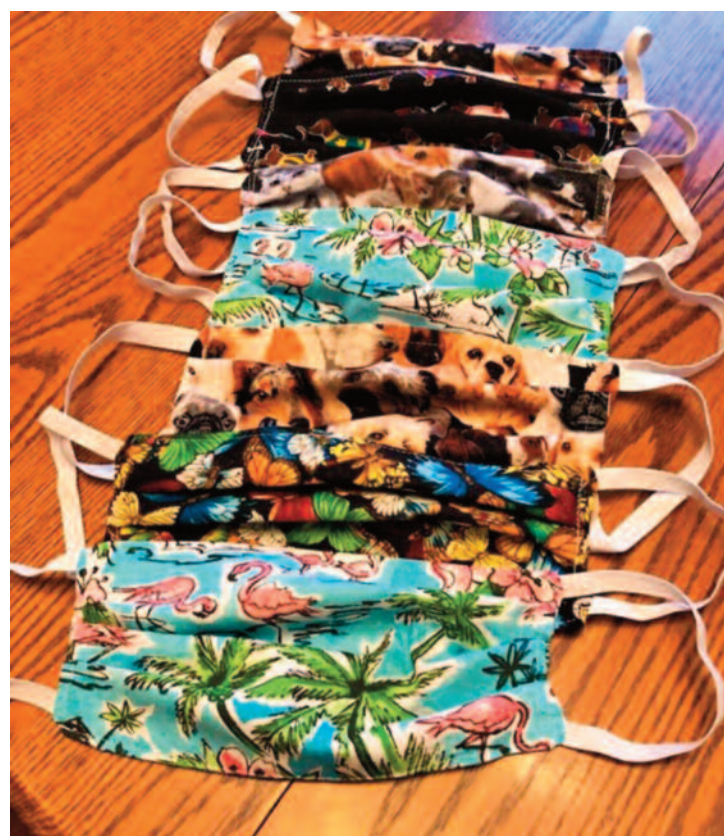
Despite the fear, danger, and chaos the COVID-19 pandemic has created, Whittaker said she has seen some good come out of this situation.

"There are a lot of people out there doing good things without asking. They are picking up groceries for other people," she said. "There are a lot of good acts of kindness going on now. That is important."

Aside from limiting the time spent outside of their home, the Whittakers are taking some extra vitamin C and Zinc to boost their immune systems up as well as drinking lots of fluids.



MICHIGAN SUGAR Company officials last week donated much-needed PPE (personal protective equipment), including 100 pairs of safety glasses and more than 150 N95 masks, to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City. Picture above are (from left) Michael Anderson, Michigan Sugar Co. agricultural operations manager; Felisha Barnard, office assistant; and Maranda Szarenski, medical assistant. Hospital officials say they have received numerous other donations, as well, including 50 face shields donated by Ron and Ann Roche and hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes donated by the Cass City Public Schools. (Photo courtesy of Hills and Dales General Hospital)



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