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COVID-19 creeping into upper Thumb counties

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Tuscola County's second case of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), confirmed last Wednesday, became the county's first COVID-19-related fatality one day later at the Tuscola County Medical Care Community (TCMCC) in Caro, health department officials re-

Over the weekend, officials confirmed the third and fourth cases Tuscola County – one of them identified as an 84-year-old male who is also a resident at the TCMCC. State officials reported a fifth person diagnosed with the virus in Tuscola County on Mon-

Statewide, the new virus strain had been confirmed in nearly 6,500 residents as of Monday afternoon and taken the lives of 184 people in Michigan.

In the Thumb, Huron County reported its first, second and third confirmed cases Friday and Saturday. Sanilac County has had five confirmed cases at last count and Lapeer County, four cases.

As confirmed cases continue to rise in Michigan - the number of infected residents increased by more than 1,010 and the number of deaths rose by 52 on Monday alone - local law enforcement and health officials renewed their plea of residents and non-essential employees to heed Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order to stay home in an effort to slow the spread of the virus.

In addition, President Donald Trump announced Sunday that national "social distancing" guidelines will now remain in place through April 30.

A frustrated Ann Hepfer, health officer for the Tuscola and Huron county health departments, expressed her frustration Friday with those who aren't adhering to Whitmer's executive order.

"I am done being nice about the order to stay at home," Hepfer said. "If you are not working, this is not a vacation. Stay at home go out for essential needs only.

"People need to take social distancing seriously. Stay home; no groups of friends, no card parties, bingo, bridal showers or birthday parties. I cannot stress this enough - no one is exempt from this illness. I repeat: no one!

"Only one person in your family should be going to the store these are not family outings. You are putting yourself at risk and your loved ones," Hepfer added. "The virus is here and we already have one death in the Thumb. This illnesss does pick who and who does not get infected. It is an equal opportunity infection – that means all of us are at risk, (and) the health care system infrastructure cannot stand up to this type of pressure."

Hepfer urged parents not to allow their children to pay with other kids, even outdoors. "I witnessed Please turn to page 7.



KITCHEN STAFF and volunteers prepare meal kits for delivery to hundreds of youngsters in the Cass City Public Schools, an effort that was launched shortly after schools were shut down last month in an effort to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus. "My team is amazing," commented Cass City Pubic Schools Food Service Director Shari Bock. "We have eight people delivering meals, nine of us packing meals, and volunteers at Novesta (Church of Christ) and Revive (Ministries)."

School officials discuss future of education

them to do during a statewide

At first, the federal government

stood fast on the rules. Then, the

Michigan Department of Educa-

tion (MDE) received preliminary

approval from the U.S. Depart-

shutdown of school buildings.

Area hospitals seeking donations to meet need

by Tom Montgomery

Area hospitals and other healthcare organizations are welcoming donations of masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) as they work to stretch existing supplies.

Officials at the Tuscola County Medical Care Community (TCMCC) have also laid out the welcome mat for prospective health care workers to join their team.

"Hills and Dales General Hospital currently has the equipment needed to protect staff as they care for patients with COVID-19, (but) with the rising number of COVID-19 patients in Michigan, we are accepting donated supplies now to prepare for future needs to protect our staff and community," said Danielle Blaine, director of marketing for the Cass City hospital.

Blaine listed the most needed supplies as:

- ew or unused disposable face shields.
- *N-95 masks (sometimes called respirators).
- *Eye protection including face shields and safety goggles.
- *Disposable gowns.
- *Non-latex disposable gloves. *Disposable surgical caps.
- *Disposable shoe covers.
- *Wipes (bleach or anti-microbial).
- *Alcohol based hand-sanitizer.

"We are also currently accepting homemade masks from our community members in case our hospital-grade supplies diminish," said Blaine, who noted the hospital is not accepting medications, blankets or medical

The hospital is accepting donations by appointment only. To drop off a donation or for more information, contact Blaine by calling (989) 912-6401 or via email at dblaine@hdghmi.org.

At TCMCC, officials reported they are preserving their current supply of PPE and actively seeking N95 and regular face masks.

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Deja flu?

by Mary Drier

For the Chronicle

themselves being schooled, day

by day, on what the federal gov-

ernment and the state expects

Local educators are finding

Local physician's response to Spanish Flu strikingly similar to current advice

Editor's note: The following story was submitted by former longtime Cass City area resident and historian Ty Perry, who today resides in Las Vegas with his wife and daughter: "Recently, I was thinking about the Covid-19 pandemic and how similar the reactions/precautions are to those of the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918," Perry commented. "I decided to do some digging around on the Chronicle archives to read about what was happening in town at that time, and I was fascinated by the sim-

by Ty Perry For the Chronicle

Dr. Loring Miner was doctor to Haskell County, Kansas' 1,720 residents. He enjoyed reading Greek classics and tending his small medical parish. But in the first two months of 1918, his life and practice suddenly became

The people of Haskell County were presenting with influenza symptoms, if they ever were able to present with them in the first place. Many of the county's strongest and healthiest young people were dying unexpectedly,

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CASS CITY'S Dr. F.L. Morris, pictured above with his family, served as the village's health officer when the dreaded Spanish Flu pandemic swept the globe back in 1918.

ment of Education to waive a number of federal requirements for statewide student testing and

school accountability.

State Board of Education President Dr. Casandra Ulbrich and State Supt. Dr. Michael Rice sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos March 17, urging her to grant a nationwide waiver of statewide student assessments in favor of focusing on the more immediate needs of chil-

The U.S. Department of Education responded by offering every state the opportunity to submit expedited waiver requests for a number of federal testing and accountability requirements. And, the MDE did submit a request.

"If our state applies and receives the exemption from state assessments, it will be a good thing for students and teachers. Honestly, If we can't get back to school, I don't know how or why we would assess them anyway," said Kingston School Supt. Matt Drake.

In the federal waiver request letter, Rice wrote that because of the extensive school closures resulting from the COVID-19 crisis, Michigan is requesting waivers because it is not possible to administer assessments required under federal law or to comply with the accompanying school accountability requirements.

"In this era of COVID-19, I feel this is the right action to take. Please turn to page 4.

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Kingston Schools announce 1st semester honor students

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Local library keeping in touch

News briefs

Public transportation is down

Caro Thumbody Express, suspended operations March 23.

CARO — Residents in Tuscola County who rely on public transporta-

The Human Development Commission (HDC), which operates the

The transportation system provides service to Almer and Indianfields

Townships as well as the city of Caro, with limited service to Cass City,

The suspension is expected to impact senior citizens who use the serv-

ice to go to doctor appointments and stores. It is also used by physically

disabled individuals, to shop for groceries and medical appointments,

CASS CITY - While Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City has been closed temporarily due to a statewide executive order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the staff is continuing to find ways to serve the community.

For example, officials announced the library's Wi-Fi network is open and available from the parking lot or along Pine Street. 24/7 while the library is closed. Simply connect to Rawson's Public network on your mobile device (no library card needed).

The library also recently announced that the U.S. children's divisions of Penguin Random House, Penguin Young Readers and Random House Children's Books, in partnership with Meredith/PARENTS, has launched "READ TOGETHER, BE TOGETHER". Originally slated to launch this summer, the program offers a series of daily virtual story times with bestselling and award-winning authors and illustrators, and

The schedule can be found at readtogetherbetogether.com. The dedicated website will also host reading tips for parents and caregivers developed with parents, as well as an extensive list of recommended age-appropriate books.

Library: online books available

KINGSTON - During this time of social distancing, officials at the Opperman Memorial Library in Kingston are continuing to encourage reading – at a safe distance.

The library is promoting a program offering students unlimited access to read books online. To access the resource, visit the website OppermanMemorialLibrary.com and look for the free Junior Library Guild

Jail lockdown in Sanilac Co.

SANDUSKY — The Sanilac Sheriff's Department is doing its part to address the novel coronavirus pandemic, including taking steps to safeguard inmates, staff and the public.

On-site visits at the jail have been suspended, as have all jail programs, including substance abuse programs, church services, Bible studies, and any other programs that are facilitated by individuals from the general public and require entrance to the jail.

All public contact with the jail will be limited to professional staff and attorneys only, with anyone entering the facility required to go through a screening process.

On-line video visitation will remain available for inmates.

Recycling facility is still open

CARO — Although the Tuscola County Recycling Facility is open, officials are taking precautions.

Recycling workers have stopped all face-to-face contact with the public until at least Monday, April 6. While the facility is open, all recyclables will have to be placed in a bag that can be dropped off. Employees will not be coming out to the vehicles, and no customers

will be allowed in the building, said Mike Miller, director of recycling. Officials have suspended business pick-up of recyclables, weekend township trailer collections and satellite trailers in the villages of Millington, Mayville and Cass City. Residents are encouraged to check the county's website for updates

and for additional information at www.tuscolacounty.org.

Contractor: tie all trash bags

CASS CITY — For the safety of Emterra sanitation workers, company officials are asking that all trash must be placed in tied bags.

"From this point forward, we are asking all Cass City Village residents to please put all trash in bags and tie them for sanitation purposes, and that the tied bags can be put in barrels," Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell said. "Doing your part will help keep others safe." Emterra will continue trash pickup every Thursday in the village as

Burning ban is now in effect

MICHIGAN - Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials have announced a statewide burning ban because of COVID-19. Residents are asked to not burn outdoors in order to limit the contact with local firefighters and other first responders.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

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Which part of stay home is confusing?

A recent Facebook meme suggests that many segments of this country are facing not one, but two pandemics: COVID-19 and stupidity.

Of course, the meme is referring to individuals who are ignoring recent executive orders across the nation, including one issued last week by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, prohibiting residents from moving about unless they need to pick up groceries, medicine or fuel.

We understand how difficult – uncomfortable, boring, etc. – it is to quarantine at home.

But it's critical that those of us who can act now, by staying home, if we're going to slow the onslaught of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases creeping ever closer to

This new virus strain has already infected nearly 6,500 Michigan residents (as of Monday afternoon) and taken the lives of at least 184 people in this state. Tuscola County has confirmed five cases of COVID-19 to-date, with one of those individuals – a 79-year-old male in Caro, becoming the county's first fatality last week.

Huron County has now confirmed three cases and Sanilac County, five cases.

And, yet, just two days after the governor announced her "stay home, stay alive" order, the Caro Police Department shared this note on its Facebook page:

"Several essential business owners have reported that they have families or groups of people coming in to buy groceries and acting as if its business as usual by bringing in their entire family. The reports indicate that there is absolutely no attempt at social distancing by these persons. Please when possible, practice social distancing. Remember that the clerks and owners have families as well and do not want to be exposed to added risk."

"With this virus you may be a carrier and not even know it. You may not even have symptoms," Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent pointed out on his department's Facebook page.

"If you decide to go for a drive, you will need to go to the gas station eventually. If you do not take necessary precautions at the pump you can get the virus from the gas pump handle or anything else you touch or a person whom you get too close too. Or you can unknowingly transfer your virus to those items or persons.

"If you're out and about and you hit a deer, you need a report and probably a wrecker. This causes Law enforcement to respond in some fashion and the wrecker driver if needed. If you get in an injury crash you need more and more first responders and a trip to the ER."

Tuscola County Health Department Health Officer Ann Hepfer is also very concerned, saying COVID-19 is targeting all ages and there is no way of predicting just how sick someone will become once infected, which means every one of us must do our part to stop the virus from

"People need to take social distancing seriously. Stay home, no groups of friends, no card parties, bingo, bridal showers or birthday parties," she said. "I cannot stress this enough – no one is exempt from this illness. I repeat: no one!"

We all have rights as citizens of this nation, but no one has the right to put the life of another at risk simply because they're bored and tired of staying home, especially when so many are on the front lines of medicine and emergency response, putting their health at risk every day to care for others.

So, please, stay home. It's not only the law right now, it's the right thing to do, for all of us.

Drier Humor by Mary Drier

A rose by another name



Social distancing and sheltering in place are terms being used in place of the word "quaran-

It has always amazed me how society comes up with "massaged names" to enhance meaning; a housewife is now called a "domestic goddess", a garbage collector is called a "sanitation engineer", and someone who works in a fast-food restaurant is sometimes referred to as a "sandwich artist"

Somehow, being asked and/or required to stay home has shifted from being quarantined to the more genteel term of sheltering in place.

Whatever label you want to put on it, the bottom line is to keep your butt at home until this virus threat is over, and to only go out if you absolutely have to.

It recently dawned on me that my childhood and old age have prepared me for what is going on today to shelter in place.

Because of my health and mobility issues, I don't venture out very often and only go to certain places that are easily accessible.

As for my childhood, I was a "change of life baby", which means my parents were old when I came along. I grew up in the 1950s and 1960s in rural Tuscola County.

Back then, we knew all our neighbors, but socializing wasn't the center of the universe.

We grew a big garden and mom did a lot of canning.

Back then, running to the store for only a few items just wasn't done. Mom would go into town grocery shopping once a month. The cart was full to overflowing with items that would last a month.

Milk was delivered to our door. When storebought bread ran out, she baked until it was time to go to town again.

The television only had three channels. And, you were lucky if you got all three after moving the rabbit ears with tinfoil around. We played card games and checkers.

I don't remember feeling I was a burden to my parents when I was home during summer vaca-

I could see parents being concerned about their children being out of school and finding someone to take care of them, but now parents are being ordered to stay home as well if they do not have an "essential" job.

So now, the complaining of children being out of school has really increased because some parents have to spend time with their offspring.

Today's world is a lot more fast paced than the one I grew up in. This mandated pause in society is an opportunity to slow down, take a breath, relax, live in the moment, and to reconnect with yourself and those you love and care about.

I realize all of this will cause a huge financial blow, but it also gives us time to reconnect as a family, and as a community of compassion.

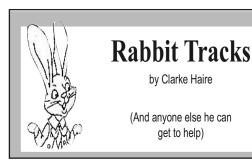
People are reaching out to each other (but not touching) to see if they need something from the store, and offering suggestions of websites for children's educational instruction, for virtual tours of faraway places and museums, and for

welcomes letters

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle. crafts and entertainment.

Now is the time to read that book you were always going to, to finish that craft you started a few years ago, and to telephone friends and fam-



Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has issued a consumer alert reminding Michigan residents to be aware of online coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) scams selling bogus products and providing false information on tests and treat-

Scams related to COVID-19 are climbing with the continued confirmations of positive COVID-19 cases in the United States. These attempts to obtain the personal information of consumers include online posts pitching unreliable products, advice, fake tests and cures to prevent the spread of COVID-

Additionally, online offers are selling masks – that reportedly are not being delivered – to consumers while using misleading language to convince them to purchase. The CDC has repeatedly warned that wearing a mask does not protect people who do not have the virus from getting COVID-19.

Nessel also warns Michigan residents that misinformation about COVID-19 symptoms and treatment falsely attributed to a "Stanford Hospital board member" is being widely circulated on social

We encourage consumers to file complaints with our office and the Attorney General's Consumer Protection webpage is always available as a resource for consumers to turn to. Our Consumer Protection team is also available via phone at 877-

If you believe you are the target of a scam, hang up the phone and verify the identity of the caller independently. Do not give out any personal information unless you have first confirmed who you are talking to is actually who they claim to be.

Brush collection in the Village of Cass City is suspended until further notice, reports local Village Manager Debbie Powell, who explained brush collection is a nonessential service.

In accordance with the Governor's order to "Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives," the village employees are performing essential services only and limiting their exposure to COVID-19.

For more information contact the Municipal Building at 989-872-2911.

The COVID-19 crisis has prompted mandated school closures and idled workers, dramatically increasing the need for healthy food. To address the demand on the state's seven regional food banks, the Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies and the Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan Agent Charitable Fund have launched a statewide fundraiser, The Million Meal Challenge.

The Agent Charitable Fund and Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan will donate \$50,000 during the Million Meal Challenge and will match up to \$50,000 in additional donations from members, clients and supporters.

"Once again, the Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies has stepped up during a time of unprecedented need in our state," said Dr. Phil Knight, executive director, Food Bank Council of Michigan. "Together, we can ensure that every child, family and senior has food in all of Michigan's 83 counties as we meet the demands of COVID-19 head on.'

The Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies and Food Bank Council of Michigan partnership has helped thousands of Michiganders facing food insecurity. The Million Meal Challenge is an opportunity to reach every resident in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Right now, it is ever more important for the citizens of our state to come together," said Don Simon, CEO, Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan. "As we all battle this pandemic, the need to provide Michigan children and families with healthy meals during this trying time is a great way for us to do just that. The entire Farm Bureau family is proud to sponsor this challenge so that together, with our partners and community members, we can provide one million meals.'

The Agent Charitable Fund serves as the fund for Farm Bureau agents, clients, and partners to contribute to causes throughout Michigan. Its mission is to end hunger in Michigan. The Food Bank Council of Michigan and Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies is dedicated to Michigan residents. To donate toward the Million Meal Chal-

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PATTY PERUSKI, owner of Hair Benders for the past 43 years, cuts Tuscola County Community Foundation Executive Director John Hunter's hair in this file photo.

Styling the community for over four decades

by Mary Drier For the Chronicle

There are a number of reasons Patty Peruski's Hair Benders salon has been in business for more than four decades.

First off, she enjoys what she does.

"I thought being a beautician would be something that I might like to do. I went to school for it, thinking I'd check it out to see if I like it, and if I didn't, then I would go on the college," Peruski recalled. "I found I really liked it once I got into doing it, and I've been doing hair ever since.

Peruski attended Bayshire Beauty Academy in Bay City and has worked as a beautician for 46 years. She's owned Hair Benders for 43

She credits her longevity in the business to good service, being dependable, being friendly and her eye for detail, especially when it comes to hair as well as decorating her shop at 6703 Main St. in Cass City. Peruski says she believes her shop is the oldest continuously operated

shop under the same owner in town.

"I keep my prices down, and I've been in business so long I've done hair for a couple of generations of some families, and because of that they are like family," she said.

"I'm honest. I stand behind what I do. If there is a problem I take care of it," Peruski added. "I had a lady a few weeks ago whose hair didn't

take the color, and I redid it for nothing." Peruski provides time tried and true beautician services.

"I Just do hair. I don't do manicures or pedicures, massages or facials," she explained. "I just do the basics."

The only product she sells is the "Big and Sexy" hairspray. Another draw for her clientele is that she goes all out when it comes

to decorating her shop for the seasons and holidays.

"Everyone says how much they like my decorations and look forward to seeing them," said Peruski. "You should see the shop at Christmas time. I put up three trees, a village, and I have all kinds of decorations

like wreaths and snowmen." For more information about Hair Benders, call (989) 872-3145.

Health care facilities seeking donations

Continued from page one.

"Helpers in our community have already been stepping up, and companies such as Apex Coatings and Michigan Mobile Blasting became PPE suppliers when they looked at their own inventory and realized they had just what we needed — N95 masks are often used in auto and building trades,' officials posted on the TCMCC

Facebook page. "Several people with sewing talent have inquired about supplying regular reusable face masks, and some of our own staff members have been busily sewing when not at work. We are humbled to receive donations of time, talent, and PPE from unlikely sources, and grateful to look around and see helpers."

Residents interested in donating or lending a hand can learn more by calling (989) 673-4117.

TCMCC officials are also compiling a list of health care providers – RNs, LPNs, CNAs, etc. - who might be willing to assist if needed.

"This is great news for many of you who don't currently work in health care, but feel called to use your skills in times of crisis. Or maybe you worked someplace that is not operating in emergency situations and would appreciate temporary employment/income until circumstances return to normal," officials said.

"Based on recommendations from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and others, we are ramping up our resources and realized there may be health care providers right in our community that would love to be of service and/or would appreciate the employment."

More information is available by calling (989) 672-0509 or (989) 672-0515.

With many hospitals throughout Michigan facing potential shortages of face masks and other essential medical supplies and personal protective equipment, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is calling upon Michiganders and businesses to donate items needed most by hospitals and medical providers.

"Our brave medical professionals and first-responders are on the front lines of keeping us safe, and we must do everything we can to protect them and every Michigander we can from the spread of COVID-19," Whitmer?said.

"Right now, medical professionals across the state are forced to reuse face masks. This increases the risk of spreading COVID-19 during a time when we should do everything we can to mitigate it. We're not getting the tools we need from the federal government, so it's on all of us to work together to protect each other," she added.

"Our clinicians are working tirelessly to care for those affected by this pandemic," said Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Chief Deputy for Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. 'They deserve to be able to do their jobs safely and these donations will help protect the health and safety of both providers and

Several Michigan businesses have recently stepped up to manufacture personal protective

equipment for the state. Last week, Ford, 3M, the UAW and GE Health Care announced a partnership to manufacture respirators. And, distilleries such as Coppercraft Distillery in Holland and Mammoth Distilling in Traverse City have announced plans to manufacture and distribute hand sanitizer to health care providers in their areas.

Donations of essential items will be used to meet medical providers' most pressing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Below are the material donations most needed by hospitals. This list will be updated as efforts continue to progress.

Items most needed at this time:

- *Hospital Gowns.
- *Ventilators.
- *Sanitizer (hand/wipe).
- *Gloves *Surgical masks.
- *Masks (N95-N100).
- *No-touch thermometers.

Donations can be directed to the Michigan Community Service Commission at COVID19donations@michigan.gov or by calling (517) 335-4295.

Local hospitals prepare to take on patients

by Mary Drier For the Chronicle

Because urban hospitals are facing an unprecedented crisis in caring for patients with COVID-19, they are running short on beds and necessary supplies, and some health care workers are getting worn out from long hours and stress

During a statewide press conference Thursday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said some of those patients could be transported to rural hospitals as the number of cases increases.

Hills and Dales General Hospital could be one of those hospitals.

"We are prepared to take some (cases). We have task force meetings three times a week in preparation for this scenario, and are making sure that staff are fully prepared and ready," said Danielle Blaine, marketing director for Hills and Dales. "We will accept patients and do anticipate that we

may have virus cases to care for. "During this time, we are all in this together," Blaine added. "Our large institutions are becoming overwhelmed, and we will do our part to help the patients who require additional care.'

Hills and Dales General Hospital

is a 25-bed facility. "We have 25 beds on our inpatient floor, and we have two-negative pressure rooms and we have four ventilators," explained Blaine. "We have the ability to add beds if it would ever come to

McLaren Caro Region (formerly Caro Community Hospital) President and CEO Marc Augsburger indicated he was not surprised by the governor's statements.

"We are discussing this daily with the other 13 McLaren subsidiaries to be able to easily transfer between each other," he said, adding the staffs at those facilities are prepared.

McLaren Caro Region Hospital is a 25-bed facility.

"We are more than willing to help out in any way we can. We have done a lot of pre-planning to get ready, including providing the proper PPE (personal protective equipment) for all staff. Everyone is to wear a surgical mask at all times. We have added additional hand sanitizers throughout the hospital," said McLaren Caro Region Marketing Communications Specialist Jamie Wark.

"Our front line staff are also equipped with goggles, N95s, PAPRs (powered, air-purifying respirators), gowns, shoe and head covers. Staff is changing into surgical scrubs when they get here and they are being laundered so they don't have to worry about taking anything home to their

"We have canceled all elective procedures to reduce patient and employee risk," Wark continued. "We screen every person that comes into the hospital and we are not allowing any unnecessary visitors at this time. If a possible COVID-19 patient comes in, we are testing them right in their vehicle to minimize the risk to our staff and the entire hospital.'

School officials discuss future

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These are high stake tests that will have impacts on future school data and every opportunity should be available to insure students perform at their maximum potential," said Tuscola Intermediate School District Supt. Gene Pierce.

"These high stakes tests also are considered in teacher evaluations and it is only fair that the students of each teacher be given the full allotment of instructional time to insure students perform well if the tests are to

The U.S. Department of Education heard the request of Michigan educators to waive the federal requirement for statewide student testing. "Now, we need the Michigan legislature to amend state law that requires statewide testing and accountability," said Rice.

Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel agreed it was the right thing to do. "This decision was inevitable. Testing students that have not been in school for some time would not be fair to the children, nor would the data show accurate results of student achievement," Hartel said. "One year of not testing students is secondary to making sure everyone is safe."

Rice noted that the school closures are in response to extraordinary circumstances for which a national emergency has been declared and that the school closures "will protect the health and safety of students, staff and our communities."

The initial order from the state was for schools to close until April 6, but he governor later extended the date to at least April 14.

And, there is no guarantee the date won't be extended again. At the time of that decision, only a few of the state's counties was reporting cases of COVID-19. As of Friday, all of Michigan's 83 counties had reported cases of the virus.

Whether or not schools reopen in mid-April, Drake is concerned about educational time that has already been lost.

'We are concerned for our current first- and second-grade students. They missed at least 17 days of instruction last year as a result of inclement weather, and now they are missing at least three weeks of instruction this year, and likely more, as a result of COVID-19," said Drake. "This group of students are learning to be readers and they are

He is also concerned about the impact this crisis will have on the state's

"They are living in the unknown. Will they be expected to go to school in the summer? Will their expectations be waived? How is this all going to work?" Drake questioned.

"In the end, we are in the midst of a global pandemic that is life or death for some of our citizenry. All of the school issues are not life and death. They are inconveniences, some big, some small."

missing out.' high school seniors. Currently and historically, it is the responsibility of government to publish public and legal notices here in Michigan's

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Reporter's notebook

Forever changed? I sure hope so...

by Tom Montgomery



These are difficult times for all of us, but it really isn't all that difficult to find some shreds of light if you look beyond the barrage of headlines on the nightly

Actually, you don't even have to look beyond our own community, especially when you see a small group of volunteers, like the ones working with the Cass City Public Schools Food Service staff, feeding hundreds of area youngsters. Examples like that abound in Thumb communities.

These are people putting their own health at risk, just as our doctors, nurses and other hospital and clinic staffers - along with police officers, ambulance crews and fire fighters — do every day on the job.

Don't forget those dedicated store clerks who continue to show up for work each day, facing contact with more strangers than most of us do (or want to) in a week, just so we can pick up a few grocery items, soap or some toilet paper.

Other residents are doing what they can – sewing face masks, for example, or keeping a watchful eye on an elderly neighbor, or simply reaching out to anyone (keeping in mind social distancing, of course) who could use some encourage-

I hope these acts of kindness are what we remember when COVID-19 is under control across the globe. Not the ridiculous acts and words inherent in partisan politics that continue to embarrass the United States as a nation. Not the shortsighted, selfish individuals who stormed into stores to buy more supplies than they could use in a year, just to have them on hand – or worse, to sell at a profit. Not the idiots who possess more conspiracy theories than brain cells.

And, I hope, we all emerge from under this black cloud with a strong sense of having been changed – for the better — as human beings.

I know I will.

I'll never look at everyday interaction with family members, friends, neighbors and even strangers the same way, or the simple feeling of human contact and connection that comes with a handshake or a hug.

I'll never look at the freedom of leaving my home to go anywhere – without an ambiguous sense of anxiety — the same way.

I'll never look at the privilege of working side by side with my co-workers and sources the same way.

I'll never look at the people who went far and beyond during this crisis, giving of themselves to help and comfort others, the same way.

I'll never look at my own faith in God, and where I want to be with that faith,

And, I hope, I'll never again take for granted all of the blessings that have been in my life all along, but have all too frequently gone unnoticed in my pursuit of a deadline, or a paycheck, or a material desire, or whatever.

That's not to say I won't start to fall back into complacency at some point, but I strongly suspect those moments will be few and far between.

In the end, it's certain none of us wanted to find ourselves in the grips of a pandemic, and now that we are, life will never be the same.

Here's hoping it won't.

NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

MARCH 12, 2020 - MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer was absent; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee was absent. Order of agenda approved.

Budget Hearing called to order at 7:32 P.M. Discussion on changes to road expenses. Agreed to improve Quanicassee road by widening and bringing up grade, will increase road expenses budget to allow. Public comment: For next year, copies of proposed budget should be available for meeting attendees to

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to adjourn Budget Hearing. Motion approved, adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Complaints about sand blast shop in Gilford storing junk on Bradleyville Rd. right of way.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by A. Goss, second by R. Haines to approve minutes. Motion approved. Motion by R. Haines, second by A. Goss to minutes of February 21, 2020 Special meeting of Election sion. Motion approved. Motion by A. Goss, second by J. Stockmeyer to approve minutes of the March 3, 2020 Public Test. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

Budget Adjustments: Reallocate \$800.00 from Elections, with \$100.00 to Fire meetings, \$460.00 to Attorney Fees, and \$240.00 to Misc. Trustees. Motion by R. Haines, second by A. Goss to approve budget adjustments. Motion approved. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by A. Goss to approve 2020-2021 Budget. Roll call vote: 3 aye, 0 nay. Budget approved. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by A. Goss to approve Banking Institutions. Roll call vote: 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion approved. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines approve Regular board meeting dates for 2020-2021. Roll call vote: 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion approved. Motion by A. Goss, second by J. Stockmeyer to approve Township attorney for 2020-2021. Roll call vote: 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Reese fire, 1 run. Reese Fire contract discussion. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by A. Goss to approve 5 year Reese Fire contract for fire service only. Motion approved. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to adopt ordinance 2020-01 for Flood Plain Management. Roll call vote: 3 aye, 0 nay. Ordinance adopted. April 16 meeting here regarding drain apportionment for VCCM drain. Road work discussion. Motion by R. Haines, second by A. Goss to approve paving of 2 miles of Deckerville Rd. Motion approved. Treasurer: None

Clerk: Report on March 10 election. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by A. Goss to pay bills. Motion approved.

Trustees: Rowe Engineering to work on 5 year plan for parks/recreation. Reese parks/recreation: no ice rink because of liability, RC track approved, need volunteers to paint at park, committee will provide paint, bathroom upgrades postponed.

Ambulance Representative: No February meeting.

Fire Department Representative: Reese meeting: hosting June county meeting, mandatory training coming soon, approved car show donation, full service on engine 11 has been completed, epi-pen draw requirement coming in February. Fairgrove: budget meeting went well with fire budget approved, 4 radio batteries valued at \$300.00 have been donated, pipeline training went well, MMR thanked Fairgrove for great job, much appreciated.

Zoning Administrator: Nothing to report. Public Comment: Is garbage rate going down?

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by R. Haines to adjourn at 9:25 P.M. Motion

Robert L. Haines Gilford Township Clerk

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Ubly Community School officials recently announced the top graduates and honor students for the Class of 2015. Leading the class are Cynthia E. O'Connor, valedictorian, and Hanna Drake,

Michael Crawford of Deford was named to the Saginaw Valley State University dean's list for the 2014 spring and fall semesters. Michael was also named to the National Society of Leadership and Success. He is also a member of the Sigma Alpha Pi chapter. Michael was the valedictorian of the class of 2012 at the Deford Christian Academy. Michael is the son of Gary and Bobbi Jo Jaster and grandson of Ken Crawford of Deford.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

First Lt. Sharlene Thompson's name might not ring a bell, but if you ever found yourself stranded or lost on land or water, the Cass City area woman and her fellow Civil Air Patrol (CAP) volunteers could be the best friends you ever had. Thompson, a Thumb native, was recently named the first woman commander of the CAP's Sanilac Composite Squadron, which is based at the Sandusky City Airport and serves Sanilac County as well as Tuscola and Huron counties.

Mary Ann Vandemark of Caro was recently honored at the Michigan Community Action Agency Association's (MCAAA) annual legislative conference in Lansing. Vandemark recently retired as executive director of the Human Development Commission (HDC) after a 30-year tenure with the organization. In addition to being recognized by MCAAA, she also received tributes from state representatives Kevin Daley, John Espinoza and Terry Brown.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Walbro Corporation will erect a new plant in Tuscon, Ariz., to build aluminum die castings for its small engine carburetors, Dan Hittler, company official, said Monday. The castings will probably be manufactured in a joint agreement with a Japanese company, with expertise in the field, that has earned it the reputation as one of the best in the field, Hittler explained.

Paul Ulfig, a 1994 Cass City High School graduate, recently completed his first season with the Men's Basketball Team at Aguinas College in Grand Rapids. He made his move in the second half of the season, earning a starting center position. He was sixth on the team in scoring (5.1 points per game) and third in rebounding (3.17 rib bounds per game). The 1994-95 season saw the Saints finish 5th in the WHAC regular season. After a slow start, Aguinas struck fear in their conference opponents winning 4 of their last 5 conference games. They lost to Cornerstone College in the quarterfinals of the WHAC tourney. They finished 12-18 overall for the season.

Mrs. Stanley Glaza and Mrs. Clarence Rumptz were among a large group who attended a bridal shower for Brenda Rutkowski at the Ubly Fox Hunters Hall Sunday. Brenda and Dennis Briolat will be married June 10.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

The Cass City High School math team finished second in the mathematics competition at the Academic Games held at Delta College Saturday. Team members are Martin Kocan, Tammy Jantz, Annette Stachura, Jim Schmaltz, Michael Kelley, coach Doug Grezeszak, Jonathan Garety and Craig Schuette. The Cass City High School English team finished second in the English competition at the Academic Games held at Delta College. Team members are Jeanne Marshall, Barb Root, Deb Blue Erin Marr, Clayton Hobart, coach Dennis Meck, Chris Britt and Terri Leino.

Mrs. Theda Seeger and Mrs. Betty Greenleaf returned home Friday from a two-week trip to Florida. They spent several days with Mrs. Greenleaf's aunt and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gleason, at Pompano Beach and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene (Myrtle) Burns at Tallahassee.

Pvt. Loyal T. Roach, son of Theron E. and Luana I. Roach of Gilford Road, Deford, has completed an aircraft turbine engine repair course at the U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va. During the course, students learned to maintain, test and repair aircraft turbine engines, systems and components. He is a 1984 graduate of Cass City High School.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Matt Anthony, 3 1/2 years old, of Ubly, was fishing for perch Sunday morning off the breakwall at Caseville with his father, Kim, and Uncle Kevin Anthony. Instead of a perch, Matt hooked this 11-pound, 30-inch Coho, which his uncle helped him land.

Dr. and Mrs. H.T. Donahue spent last week in Chicago, where Dr. Donahue attended the meetings of the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons. The speakers were famous surgeons from teaching hospitals of the United States on the newest techniques in surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Tuckey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tuckey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey and children and Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Tuckey and family attended confirmation services in the Frankenmuth Lutheran Church Sunday. Nances Tuckey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Tuckey, was a member of the confirmation class. A family dinner at the Tuckey home followed the serv-

Stephen Lee Agar has completed basic training and mechanics apprenticeship training at Great Lakes Navy training center in Illinois. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Agar of Decker and a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School. He joined the Navy in December. Agar has now been assigned to the USS Dixie, a destroyer tender, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

Karen Wagg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wagg, 4775 Spence Road, Cass City, has been named to the dean's list for the winter term at Michigan State University. She earned a 3.79 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. A sophomore, she is a 1978 graduate of Cass City High School and is majoring in agricultural food management systems

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Bill Eberline, 45, of Cass City is not exactly a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde character, but there are striking differences between the professional Eberline and the amateur Eberline, just as there were between those famous fictional characters. On the job, as the dean of Walbro engineers, Eberline is exacting and scientific, but on the job as a sought after party chef, he throws science to the winds. Yeah, says Bill, I use a cookbook once in awhile, but if the recipe calls for only one or one and a half onions, I throw the book away. In its place, he substitutes the know-how gained in 25 years of preparing foods for groups... large and small.

Miss Debbie Gwen Boylan of Perrysburg, Ohio, became the bride of SP-4 Cpl. Paul LeValley Saturday, March 28, in an 11 o'clock ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City. Rev. D. Wilson, pastor, officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Clark Boylan of Cass City and Perrysburg. The groom is the son of Mrs. John Bekes of Cass City and the late Eugene LeValley of Deford.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Auten and daughters joined members of Mrs. Auten's family for Easter Sunday dinner at the Robert Bader home near Decker. In the afternoon and evening they visited with Mr. Auten's mother, Mrs. Etta Auten, where other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Warner of Vassar.

Pfc. Dean Stine of Fort Benning, Ga., spent from Saturday until

Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Stine and family. Other Easter Sunday dinner guests in the Garrison Stine home were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nicholas of Ubly, Mr. and Mrs. David Stine and son Marc of Saginaw, Miss Lexie Tetreau and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stine and son Dennis

Two Ubly youths were named State Farmers for work in FFA during their high school careers. Robin Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Anthony, is now studying food science at Michigan State University. While in the FFA at Ubly he served as chapter treasurer and on several committees. His projects included feeder steers, beef heifers and pickles. He helped maintain the home farm and crops. Kevin Robinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson of rural Ubly. In his senior year he was chairman of the Farm Forum team at district FFA contests. He earned the Star Chapter Farmer award and the livestock proficiency award as a Senior and the Chapter leadership award as a Junior. He had been the FFA chapter Sentinel and the chairman of the recreation committee. His projects include five cows, a steer and field corn. He has shown beef steers at the Huron Co. Fair for four years. He plans to farm with his father after graduation.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Capt. Walter Kloc son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kloc, of Deford, has recently been promoted to Captain with the Crusaders, veteran bombardment unit of the 13th AAF. The above halftone did not arrive in time from the engravers to print with the story of Capt. Kloc's 50 combat missions last week in the Chronicle.

Appointment of Christine Laurie, R. N., to the Army Nurse Corps, Army of the United States, with the rank of second lieutenant, has been announced at headquarters of the Sixth Service Command in Chicago. Miss Christine Marion Laurie, of 8014 American, Detroit, was graduated from Providence hospital, Detroit, and has practiced nursing at Providence hospital and with Dr. E. A. Peterman, M. D., of 7600 John R., Detroit. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Laurie, live at Cass City She has been assigned to Camp McCoy, Wis., effective April 12. Sgt. Vern W. Crane is one of four Michigan fliers who have been "meritorious decorated for achievement" on bomber combat missions over enemy Europe, it was announced recently by Colonel Robt. W. Burns, commanding officer of the 351st Bombardment Group, a B-17 Flying Fortress outfit. The Air Medal was presented to Sgt. Crane, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Crane. of Cass City, and husband of Mrs. Marilyn Crane of Tyre. A top turret gunner, he participated in the March 12 attack on the Baltic port of Swinemunde, 16 miles from where the Russian troops were pounding at the city of Stettin.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Dr. and Mrs. W.J. Sugnet entertained 16 of their friends last week for the occasion being the doctor's birthday. He was 21 years old several years ago. The living room and dining rooms were artistically decorated in St. Patrick's colors. Guests wore green caps at the three-course dinner which was served in a dainty manner. Favors were presented to guests as a souvenir of the pleasant occasion.

Fred A. Emigh and Miss Ethel Urquhart, popular young people of Evergreen Township, were united in marriage Wednesday noon at the Baptist parsonage at Caro by Rev. Eldred Charles. The bride was becomingly gowned in a pretty dress of tan crepe de Chine trimmed with beads and floss. The couple were attended by Albert Whitfield and Miss Nellie Urquhart. Mr. and Mrs. Emigh are enjoying a honeymoon trip to Pontiac, Pt. Huron and Marlette. They will reside on the Urquhart

The year Spanish Flu arrived in area

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first experiencing chills, fatigue, and fever then developing pneumonia and suffocating to death.

Although the illness spread was localized and soon ended, Dr. Miner was concerned. He alerted officials at Public Health Reports, a weekly medical journal that notified physicians of outbreaks, to the strange case of Haskell County. His warnings went unheeded.

In the fall of 1918, however, people around the world began experiencing similar symptoms to those of Dr. Miner's patients.

Throughout Europe, North America and parts of Asia, healthy young people fell victim to the flu symptoms, which quickly morphed into pneumonia. Victims' skin turned blue and their lungs

you what to get.

We have several good ones.

in the town, precautions should be taken to prevent it. The village council responded by banning all public gatherings and closing the town's "school, churches, lodges and theaters", from Sunday, Oct. 13, through Monday, Oct. 21. Hopefully, by then, the mounting tide would be stemmed.

Word of the global scale of the pandemic and its vicious spread alarmed Dr. Morris, who was aware that the end was not in sight and suggested the ban on public gatherings be extended indefi-

At the Oct. 25 village council meeting, Morris reported that there were several confirmed cases of the flu within the village limits, a startling fact considering there had been no cases reported just a week earlier. "Influenza cards" were printed and placed on nity and transmitted the flu to them.

The train depot closed, because all of its staff had contracted the flu, doubtless caused by their frequent contact with people going to and from the city. In Caro, the sugar factory was forced to close due to a shortage of healthy men to work it. By Nov. 15, there were 80 cases of the illness in Cass City, and the village had run out of cards to put on the doors of those infected.

So bad was the spread of the flu that William C. Gorgas, surgeongeneral of the U.S. Army, offered the following guidelines for the public to avoid contracting it:

- 1.) Avoid needless crowding; influenza is a crowd disease.
- 2.) Smother your coughs and sneezes; others do not want the germs you would throw away.
- 3.) Your nose, not your mouth, was made to breathe through. Get the habit.
- 4.) Remember the three C's—a clean mouth, a clean skin, and clean clothes.
- 5.) Try to keep cool when you walk and warm when you ride and
- 6.) Open the windows always at home at night; at the office when practicable.
- 7.) Choose and chew your food well.

On Nov. 11, the armistice was signed by the allies and Germany, bringing World War I to an end. But for Cass City residents, the good news would soon be mingled with tragedy.

In early November, a 32-year-old Cass City native, Edward Kissane, visited Port Huron. A few days after his return to town, Kissane's neighbors noticed that they had not seen him around his place for a while and decided to check on him. What they found was a severely sick Kissane, who was beyond medical help. He died on Nov. 15, the first and only casualty of the flu inside the village

Despite Kissane's untimely death, by Nov. 22 local and state officials were cautiously optimistic that there was a light at the end of the tunnel. Dr. Morris, who had himself contracted the flu a few weeks earlier, announced that the number of cases in the town had diminished significantly, but warned that residents should continue to exercise caution.

Michigan Governor Albert Sleeper issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation in which he thanked God "that a dread epidemic has been stayed, through the prompt measures taken by the public health authorities throughout the state and the intelligent cooperation of the whole people.

While isolated cases of the flu continued to be reported throughout the town — the Brock family on Woodland Avenue, for example, was sick with the flu and pneumonia — Dr. Morris was encouraged by the decline in its spread.

On Dec. 1, the ban on public gatherings — one that village officials originally thought would last just eight days — finally came to an end after 48 days. A community church service was held at the Baptist church in thanksgiving.

It is estimated that one-third of the world's population, 500 million people, contracted the flu. Globally, some 50 million people died as a result of the illness, 675,000 of those deaths being Americans, one of them Edward Kissane of Cass City, Michigan.

The origin of the Spanish Flu is still unknown, although some scholars trace it back to Dr. Miner's patients in Haskell County, Kan. How such a global pandemic could begin in a rural Kansas town remains an unanswered question.

Despite more than a century of and technological medical progress, the world now finds itself in a similar situation to that of 1918. Currently, no vaccine is known to prevent Covid-19, and medical and community leaders are urging the public to practice "social distancing" and good hy-

While we have no evidence that the Spanish Flu caused a local shortage of toilet paper or other supplies, we do know that the public was concerned. In fact, one local drug store advertised that the "Spanish Influenza Strikes Quickly — Don't be caught un-prepared — an ounce of preven-tion is worth a pound of cure."

It all goes to show that what goes around comes around.



Together, we will weather this storm

by Senator Kevin Daley

Since the coronavirus first reached our shores, folks across the country have been inundated with information about the spread of COVID-19 and suggested protocols they should be following. The information is ever-changing, and as we see the number of COVID-19 cases in Michigan consistently rising, we all need to do our part now more than ever to help slow the spread of the virus.

However, it is not a time to panic. The growing number of confirmed cases was not unexpected as more testing occurs and more resources are available. The most important thing to do is to simply stay home and limit contact with others as medical professionals work to complete testing and gather data.

Last week, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer continued her emergency response and signed Executive Order 2020-21, or the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order. This has prompted several questions on social media and among residents in my district. I wanted to provide some additional insight and resources to those who may still have some questions.

Executive Order 2020-21 calls all Michiganders who are able to stay home to do so. The order prevents gatherings of any size and closes all nonessential businesses.

Businesses with questions about their status should visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus for more information. Employees with questions about their status should call their employers.

Businesses that remain open must take precautionary measures to distance employees from one another as much as possible, promote remote work where possible, and employ other social distancing practices and mitigation measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Unemployment claims have also reached record highs as more and more people are laid off due to the outbreak. As a result, benefits have been expanded for those affected by coronavirus. If you have been laid off and have questions, please visit www.Michigan.gov/UIA to file a new claim. Information and frequently asked questions can be found

It is important to note that the order does not prohibit essential activities like going to the grocery store, going to the pharmacy, filling your car up with gas or receiving medical care.

You may also continue to enjoy many of your favorite recreational activities. Residents can still go outdoors for things like exercise, fishing, hiking, riding bicycles or motorcycles or to take your pet for a walk. It is simply recommended that you follow suggested social distancing guidelines and limit contact with others.

Additionally, our health care workers and first responders need our help now more than ever. Doctors, nurses, first responders and others who are currently risking their well-being to help the public stay safe deserve equipment that allows them to do so safely. Workers are in critical need of protective equipment like N95 face masks, shoe covers, goggles, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and disposable gloves. Please help if you are able!

These are difficult times for many Michiganders, but I have a lot of faith in our community and I know we will rise to the occasion and beat this virus. My best recommendation is to remain calm, use common sense practices, and follow the guidelines from health and medical professionals. We will get through this.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus, including details for businesses with questions about their status and specific information on the governor's active executive orders. Additional information can be found at CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

For those who have questions about the state's actions to mitigate the spread of coronavirus, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-535-6136 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

A LOCAL drugstore ad published in the Cass City Chronicle in 1918 warns village residents of the

danger inherent in contracting the Spanish Flu.

Spanish Influenza
Strikes Quickly

Don't be caught unprepared—an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Try Our Preventives Now before the Flu gets you. Come in and let us advise you what to get.

All the standard cold and cough remedies in

endless variety. A good gargle is a splendid thing.

Disinfect and Fumigate

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filled with fluid, ultimately suffocating them to death. Soon, the disease became known as Spanish Influenza, due to its especially deadly impact on the people of Spain.

In Cass City, word of the pandemic had residents and civic leaders on edge. A special meeting of the village council was held Oct. 12 "for the purpose of taking action regarding 'Spanish Influenza'.

The only problem was that little could be done. There were no vaccines or antibiotics. The only thing officials could do was to advocate quarantine and good hygiene.

Dr. F.L. Morris, the village health officer, reported that, while no cases of the flu had been reported

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the doors of infected homes as warnings to would-be visitors to stav away

Dr. Morris told the Chronicle that the flu "is infectious by direct contact, and if we do not run into it, we stand 99 chances of not getting it. So we will ask you again, be patriotic and stay at home. There are several cases in the country and it has been deemed wise not to open the windows at the post office on Saturday night and please do not congregate there or any other place."

Unfortunately, some in the community did not heed the doctor's orders. Thinking their symptoms were mild or that they had become well, the sick gathered with healthy members of the commu-



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MEAL KITS are lined up for delivery in the Cass City Junior-Senior High School cafeteria as local school officials and volunteers work to ensure that students continue to receive healthy meals throughout the week as the statewide shutdown of schools remains in effect.

COVID-19 cases creeping into Thumb

Continued from page one.

groups of kids playing basketball. This is not a safe practice. This infection spreads like wildfire. The playground equipment is stainless steel and plastic. We know that this virus can live for hours on these type of surfaces," she continued, noting golf is also on the list of what not to do.

"We understand that (it) was a tough week for all of us," Helpfer said. "Together we can defeat this virus and save lives. Research has shown that social distancing and 'stay at home orders' work well at controlling the spread of infections. Your local hospitals, public health departments, private physicians, long-term care facilities, law enforcement, EMS and emergency managers are all working together seven days a week, 24 hours a day to beat this infection.

"For now, go outside with just your family – no friends – practice social distancing and do limited shopping. Practice one act of kindness – ask your elderly neighbor if they need anything, and leave it on the porch."

County's first death

Hepfer confirmed Tuscola County's first COVID-19-related death Thursday, saying the victim was a 79-year-old male residing at the TCMCC.

"Our condolences go out to the family that has lost their loved one. We know that no words will ease the pain or less this family's grief and our community's loss and fears," Hepfer said. "His death is an urgent reminder to all of us that we need to act now together to protect everyone's health by staying home as much as possible.

On Saturday, Hepfer reported the second confirmed case at TCMCC along with 60-year-old female residing elsewhere in the county.

Hepfer emphasized that county health officials as well as the administration and staff at TCMCC are working tirelessly to mitigate any additional infection.

any additional infection.

"Brenda Kretzschmer, chief executive officer of TCMCC, and all the staff are working around the clock to reduce any transmission of this infection to other residents," Hepfer said. "Brenda... and her staff have been on top of this infection from the very beginning of this pandemic. They took all the measures they could have very early by stopping all visitors, and implemented strict infection control measures.

"This just shows you how infectious this is for people who are in the most vulnerable state of health."

In Huron County, the first positive case was reported Friday and involves a 76-year-old female. On Saturday, Hepfer reported two additional positive cases – a 55-year-old male and a 76-year-old female.

COVID-19 is targeting all ages and there is no way of predicting just how sick someone will become once infected, which means everyone must do their part to stop the virus from spreading, Hepfer pointed out.

Strong community mitigation and prevention measures are already place in Tuscola County, according to Hepfer, who said the department continues to recommend that anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 self-isolate for 14 days to avoid potentially exposing others. COVID-19 symptoms – including fever, cough and shortness of breath – may appear in as few as two days or as long as two

weeks.

All residents are urged to:

*Stay at home except for essential tasks such as purchasing groceries and seeking medical care.

*When out, stay at least six feet away from others and avoid any gatherings. *Wash your hands often and

well, especially after being away from home.

*Do not touch your face or mouth.

*Check on others – call loved ones and neighbors who are at most risk and see how they are doing, and offer to run an essential errand for them if you can.

"There is evidence of community spread locally," Hepfer said. "Testing is ongoing. But, with so few tests completed and so many pending, everyone needs to take precautions, practice prevention and assume potential exposure in public locations.

"This virus is within our control if everyone would just stay home," Hepfer continued. "Businesses, do your part now – you need to reevaluate if these are essential services. If you determined they are, then you need to start screening your workers before they start work. It does not matter if you are working outside; if you are working with others, that is the risk, handling materials or sharing equipment is all it takes.

"If you are homeowner, this is not the time to call a contractor and ask them to put in new windows or a new roof on your home. If your roof is not leaking and your windows are still in place, then they are not essential to have replaced right now."

The governor's executive order, issued early last week, directs residents to remain at home, prohibits public and private gatherings among non-family members, and bars non-essential work activities.

However, there have been reports that individuals aren't taking the order seriously.

"Several essential business owners have reported that they have families or groups of people coming in to buy groceries and acting as if its business as usual by bringing in their entire family," the Caro Police Department reported on its Facebook page last week. "The reports indicate that there is absolutely no attempt at social distancing by these persons. Please when possible, practice social distancing. Remember that the clerks and owners have families as well and do not want to be exposed to added risk."

School meals

School meals are continuing to be served to Michigan children throughout the governor's "stay home" order, which makes specific allowances for food and agriculture work, including food service operations at schools.

And the program launched in the Cass City Public School District shortly after schools across the state were first closed has been running full steam since.

Cass City Public Schools Food Service Director Shari Bock, who is heading up a team of food service staff and volunteers, reported Sunday that workers were gearing up to fill orders for 1,500 meal kits early this week. Each kit contains one breakfast and one lunch per child for an entire week — a total of 3,000 meals.

The crew prepared and delivered 800 meal kits (enough for two meals per child for a week) in the first week, then saw orders significantly increase the second week,

into Thumb

(2,610 meals in all).
"My team is amazing," Bock said. "We have eight people delivering meals, nine of us packing meals, and volunteers at Novesta (Church of Christ) and Revive (Ministries)."

with officials providing 1,305 kits

Local families that haven't signed up but wish to are asked to visit the website casscitypublic-schools.org and fill out the meals request form under the Coronavirus tab. Meals are being packaged each Monday and Tuesday for the week. Residents can also (989) 872-5729 (the mailbox will be monitored daily) if there is an urgent request.

Among the other area school districts providing hundreds of meals for students in their respective communities are the Kingston Community Schools and Ubly Community Schools.

In Kingston, families wishing to get on the meal list are asked to contact Mike Seaman at mseaman@kingstonk12.org. In Ubly, send an email to jcandela@ublyschools.org or cwedge@ublyschools.org, or call (989) 658-8202 (ext. 57008).

Update information and resources are available on the website www.michigan.gov/coronavirus or by calling the state's hotline at 1-888-535-6136. Call 211 if you are in need of food, housing or have other assistance

Obituaries

Keith Rabideau

Keith Thomas Rabideau, 87, of Cass City, died Sunday, March 22, 2020 in his home. He was born May 8, 1932 in Gagetown to Raymond and Lena (LaPratt) Rabideau.

Keith was baptized in St. Agatha Catholic Church. He graduated from Gagetown Schools with the class of 1950, as senior class president.

Keith had a passion for antiques. Over the last two decades he and Marilyn have enjoyed buying and selling collectables. Most weekends they could be found at one of the many auctions or estate sales across the state. His vintage wagon and Ford tractor were two of his favorite acquisitions. Keith liked to entertain his grandchildren by giving them wagon rides around the pond. He

enjoyed bird watching and being outdoors. Keith spent many hours walking in nature and watching the variety of bird species that gathered at his feeders.

Keith was known for his strong work ethic. He was very handy and could fix almost anything. In his early years, he installed and worked on furnaces. Keith had a short stint as a union organizer in the early seventies. He spent the majority of his career at several area foundries as a machinist, until his retirement in 1994. Always an early riser, he could be found working in his pole barn and around the property, even after retirement.

Keith will be remembered by many for his sense of humor and quick wit. He never missed an opportunity to poke fun with others and share his humorous side. Keith's proudest accomplishment was his children. The many family events where he was able to gather with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, were his happiest memories.

Keith is survived by his partner, Marilyn Tyo; seven children: Marsha (Terry) Sutton, Rodney (Linda) Rabideau, Ricky Rabideau, Randy Rabideau, Deborah Leasher, Tammi (Brian) Roberts and Shelly (Scott) Miller; fourteen grandchildren: Courtney (Frank) Rabideau, Carly (Andrew) Yocius, Casey Rabideau, Grant Rabideau, Ethan (Kassandra) Leasher, Devon Leasher, Aaron Leasher, Samantha (Matt) Jezierski, Taylor Roberts, Madison Roberts, Brandon (Renee) Miller, Cole Miller, Dylan Miller and Dustin Miller; five great-grandchildren: River, Isabel, Haley, Berrek and Ayla; brother, Harlan Rabideau; sister-in-law, Nancy (James) Rabideau.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Gerald Rabideau and James Rabideau; sister, Jean Marecki; brother-in-law, Clarence Mareck; sisters-in-law: Phyliss (Harlan) Rabideau, Evelyn (Gerald) Rabideau.

The funeral service will be held at a later date in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown.

Interment will be in St. Agatha Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Agatha Cemetery Fund (OLC/perpetual) or the St. Agatha food pantry.

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.

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At 90, Plonta still not done with his Farver Road vision

by Mary Drier For the Chronicle

Over the past 30 years, Pastor Duane Plonta transformed a once desolate area into a Christian facility complete with entertainment and thought-provoking displays.

And, Plonta is not done with expanding his creation.

"I recently added a heated swimming pool, and I'm working on getting permits to build a gym for basketball," he said. "When it is done, it will be a nice place."

At age 90, Plonta is no longer able to tackle construction projects himself, so he will have to hire a contractor once the paperwork is completed so building can start.

Besides the gym, Plonta is expanding the park to include tent camp-

ing.
"To camp here will host \$10 a day. Some other campgrounds charge \$30 to \$60 a day. I don't know how some folks can afford that. I want everyone to be able to afford tent camping," he said. "This is a Christian campground, so there is no drinking or smoking."

Although the addition of camping and a gym are in the development stages, there is still much to do and see.

Plonta's first project at his Farver Road complex was building the Farver Road Baptist Church, 4330 Farver Rd., Gagetown, mostly by himself.

From there, he developed a Christian Theme Park, including a replica of Noah's Ark, Jonah and the whale, and more.

He also created the Michigan Veteran Memorial Wall, with more than 20,000 names of deceased Michigan veterans etched on 20 wall panels, that is housed in a 2,000-square-foot facility he built, and there is a memorial walkway lined with flags.

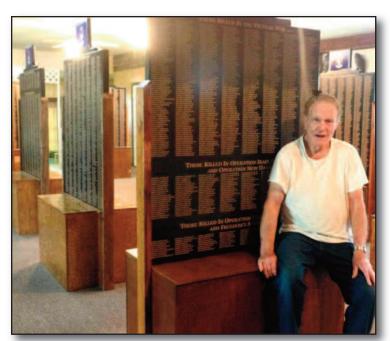
In addition, there are several lakes at the complex with paddle boats available, catch-and-release fishing, and some children's rides.

The facility boasts a carousel, barrel rides, an indoor swing, a mechanical bull, bounce houses, peddle-go carts, indoor playscape with slide, an outdoor wooden maze and 18 holes of miniature golf.

There is also the Gospel Bears – large, animated figures that "sing and play" Gospel music.

Nearly everything at the facility is free, but donations are accepted to offset costs.

More information is available by calling (989) 315-8043.



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PASTOR Duane Plonta plans to expand his Farver Road facility near Gagetown to include a gymnasium and affordable camping for Christian families.



A BIG DRAW to the Farver Road complex are Plonta's Gospel Bears, animated figures that sing, move and play Gospel music.



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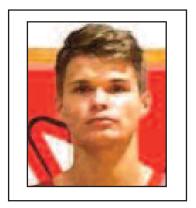
Kingston players pepper North Central Thumb League - Stars all-league picks



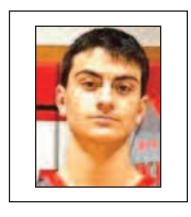
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MARCO SAENZ de LACUESTA **Kingston**

by Clarke Haire **Publisher**

Kingston Schools landed four dream team players on the 2019-20 North Central Thumb League Stars all-league basketball listings following the balloting results of league officials.

The Cardinal boys finished the season with a lofty 21-1 record, but were denied the opportunity for an anticipated long post season run due to COVID-19 that canceled the Michigan High School Athletic Association district tournaments in 2020. The Cardinal girls compiled a record of 20-2, but they also fell short in their quest for district honors.

Senior Evan Neff and junior Marco Saenz de Lacuesta represented the North Central Thumb League – Stars undefeated champions on the boys all-league first team. Accompanying them on the prestiqius squad are senior Issac Keinath, Deckerville, senior Jeffery Frost, Mayville, senior Jack Kaplan, Dryden and senior Ja'-Marion Fricks, International Academy of Flint. The Defensive Specialist in the North Central Thumb League – Stars is Dryden senior Ronny Hudson.

Neff, 6'2", ends his career as a 3time all-league first team shooting guard. He averaged 20.3 points, 6.2 rebounds, 2.5 steals and 1.8 assists while shooting 47 percent from the floor and 34 percent from 3-point range in 2019-20.

"In six conference games Evan didn't play in the 4th quarter. Evan expanded his overall game this year. Evan is a great shooter, but can also take you off the dribble to create his own shot. He had great court vision and made other players better. He put on about 15 pounds of muscle in the offseason, which helped his overall game flourish. He was an improved rebounder with great instincts. He is a great player and a better person. We will really miss Evan," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

Marco Saenz de Lacuesta, 6'0", was a pleasant addition to the Cardinals. The exchange student from Spain averaged 9.8 points, 4.3 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.9 steals. The point guard shot 60 percent from the floor and 36 percent from 3-point land.

"Marco was outstanding for us this year. He is easily one of the most fundamentally sound players in the Thumb. His knowledge of the game is incredible. Great ball handler, good shooter and could get to the basket whenever he wanted to. Above average passer with great court vision. In six games he didn't play in the fourth quarter, either. He really fit in well with our team," Lester said.

Kingston seniors Aaron Koehler and Quinn Boucard highlighted the North Central Thumb League Stars all-league second team that also included Alton Davis, Genesee 10th grader, Nate Schenkel, Dryden 11th grader, Ja'Zavion Stevenson, International Academy of Flint 11th grader and Amien Flowers, International Academy of Flint 10th grader.

Koehler, 6'1", averaged 6 points, 2.8 rebounds, 3.9 assists, and 2.3 steals while Boucard averaged 7.6 points, 5.8 rebounds, and 2.2 blocks. He connected on 49 percent of his shots.

"Aaron had a solid year for us. He is one of the best defenders in the Thumb. He can defend all five positions and shut down everyone's best player all year for us. In my mind he was deserving of first team all-league. He was a great leader for us as well. We will miss Aaron's competitiveness and will to win," said Lester, adding, "Quinn had a great year for us. He played big altering many shots and had a nice touch around the basket. This is his 4th year of organized basketball. His improvement was impressive."

Kington senior Jack Green was

North Central Thumb League-Stars honorable mention as were sophomore Ethan Bowerman, Deckerville, junior Austin Middleton, Mayville, Senior Ronny Hudson, Dryden, senior Ajibola Adigun, International Academy of Flint, junior Brandon Winiarski, Peck and senior Trenton VanCo-

nant, Peck. In the girls all-league balloting, North Central Thumb League -Stars co-champs Kingston and Deckerville each had two first team picks.

Junior Hannah James and senior Payton Kolacz highlighted the Cardinals choices as did seniors Addison Williams and Claire Watson for the Eagles. Completing the North Central Thumb League -Stars all-league first team are senior Samantha Bissett, Peck, freshman Ryleigh Zinn, Genesee, and senior Hannah Peyerk, Dryden.

James' stats for the Lady Cardinals included 11.8 points, 4.9 rebounds, 4 assists and 4.2 steals per game. Her season high in points was 20 (Peck), assists 7 (Peck), steals 9 (Marlette).

"Hannah is versatile and can play multiple positions effectively. She is a solid defender and shared the point guard duties. She led the team in scoring average, steals, and 3-pointers. Hannah is the Daughter of Dave and Stacey James," Kingston Coach Jay Green said.

Kolacz averaged 9.5 points and 7.1 rebounds. Her season high in points was 23 (Genesee), rebounds 10 (Cros Lex).

"Payton was our most improved player and teamed with Hannah to be our MVP during the months of February/March. Payton is one of the most athletic players in the Thumb and used that speed and jumping ability to impact games on both ends of the floor," Green said noting Payton led the team in rebounds and field goal percentage and is the daughter of Dan Kolacz and Jamie and Greg Hormel.

The North Central Thumb League – Stars all-league second team consisted of Brooke Mooney

- Kingston senior, Emma Engler -Peck senior, Hayle March - Genesee senior, Madison Knag - Genesee sophomore, Ella Kage -Dryden junior and Ella Watson -Deckerville senior.

Mooney averaged 11.1 points for Kingston. Her season high in points was 21 (Mayville), rebounds 14 (Cros-Lex), assists 9 (Mayville).

"Brooke is an athletic forward who is a good finisher around the basket and disruptive on defense. She led the team in free throw percentage and was second in scoring. Brooke is the daughter of Adam and Stephanie Peters," said

Receiving honorable mention recognition were Kingston senior Anna Ahern and sophomore Isabel Hurd, Peck junior Jenna Stull, Dryden senior Kylie Devlaminck, Deckerville sophomore Karly Kappen and junior Riley Shutz, and Mayville sophomore Carly Hoag and senior Julia Smith.

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DNR reduces amenities at state parks, recreation areas and trails

To protect public health, violations of social distancing guidelines may result in misdemeanor fines, penalties

To help carry out Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order and further protect public health and safety, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is closing many amenities offered in state parks and recreation areas, effective now through at least April 13.

State parks and recreation areas currently remain open to provide residents with local opportunities to get outdoors; however, extensive travel should be minimal – and reserved only for essential needs – and effective social distancing (of at least 6 feet between yourself and another person) is required so that unsafe conditions do not develop and state-managed lands can remain open.

"We are doing everything possible to protect the health and safety of visitors and staff at state parks and recreation areas," said DNR Director Dan Eichinger. "No matter how people are choosing to get outdoors, it is critical that everyone follows the social distancing guidelines. If they don't, we will be forced to close public access to all state-managed lands."

Closures and reduction in services include:

* Many park amenities have been closed in order to minimize the chance of people gathering in groups and/or maximize the environment for effective social distancing. Current closures include, but are not limited to, concessions, playgrounds and play equipment, viewing platforms, fishing piers, GaGa ball bits, volleyball and basketball courts, designated dog areas, disc golf courses, radio-controlled flying fields, pump tracks, and picnic tables and shelters.

* All bathroom buildings and vault toilets will be closed in all state parks and recreation areas, including those at campgrounds, boating access sites, trailheads at state-designated trails, etc. People are encouraged to plan accordingly to avoid needing a restroom during a visit. Note: Over the next few days, vault toilets will be closing. Many locations, where available, will be transitioning to portable toilets that will be cleaned by local vendors.

* There will be minimal trash service available. Visitors are encouraged to bring trash bags, if needed, to carry trash home and minimize litter.

* No hand washing stations will be provided. Please carry hand sanitizer or sanitizing wipes containing at least 60% alcohol, as well as trash bags to carry out used wipes.

* Additionally, grooming of snowmobile trails (the season closes March 31) and grooming, brushing, grading and clearing of all nonmotorized trails and ORV trails are suspended until at least the end of the order. When out on any trail, be aware of surroundings, including the potential for washouts or debris. To report anything

that could be a risk to other trail users, call 517-331-0111. * For the duration of this order, the DNR is unable to reimburse trail sponsors or grant sponsors for any trail-related work.

Follow the DNR's COVID-19 response webpage for the latest closure information related to events, meetings and facilities, including campgrounds, harbors and other sites.

Executive order mandates social distancing; fines/penalties possible

To help uphold the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order, individuals must maintain a minimum of 6 feet between themselves and other people. Anyone not following the social distancing requirement may face misdemeanor violation/arrest penalties, including up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$500. Social distancing practices are a top priority for any time spent outside an individual's home or place of res-

idence. They include:

* Go out only if you're feeling healthy.

* Keep at least 6 feet between yourself and another person. * Long-distance travel is discouraged unless it is essential.

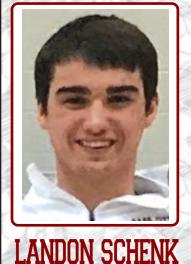
* Wash hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If those aren't available, use a hand sanitizer

containing at least 60% alcohol. * When driving, keep windows slightly open to provide air flow. * If the parking is full when attempting to visit a park, recreation area, boating access site or trailhead, leave

and choose a different location. Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at

Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.





Meet senior Landon Schenk, Knights Insurance Athlete of the week.

Schenk recently put the finishing touches on a terrific 2-year career as a starter in the post on the Cass City varsity basket-

Schenk is the type of player that does his job without complaints and is not afraid to mix things up under the basketball.

In his senior year he averaged 8 rebounds and 7 points that earned him allconference honors.

Landon is the son of Jim and Kathy Schenk.



Greater Thumb East basketball stars named

Dream teams include 5 from Ubly

2019-20 All-Conference Boys Basketball

FIRST TEAM

Sandusky	Senior
Sandusky	Junior
Harbor Beach	Senior
Harbor Beach	Junior
Ubly	Senior
Ubly	Senior
Brown City	Freshman
	Sandusky Harbor Beach Harbor Beach Ubly Ubly

SECOND TEAM

Kenton Stoutenburg	Sandusky	Senior
Zach Franzel	Sandusky	Junior
Evan Smaglinski	Harbor Beach	Senior
Parker Jahn	Harbor Beach	Senior
Matt Daws	Brown City	Senior
Andrew Sniesak	Memphis	Freshman
Joshua Nim	Memphis	Sophomore

HONORABLE MENTION

Lucas Feehan	Sandusky	Junior
Brenden Duff	Sandusky	Junior
Luke Woodke	Harbor Beach	Sophomore
Grant Smaglinski	Harbor Beach	Sophomore
Kyle Sweeney	Ubly	Sophomore
Cole Hagen	Ubly	Junior
Levi Peruski	Ubly	Junior
Curtis Stanley	Brown City	Sophomore
Kilian Pangerl	Brown City	Junior
Ethan Moots	Brown City	Junior
Jacob Nutaitis	Memphis	Senior
Landon Lesch	Memphis	Junior
Peyton Dale	Marlette	Senior
Collin Miller	Marlette	Sophomore
Grant Roberson	Marlette	Sophomore
Hank Barker	Capac	Senior
Joe Montney	Capac	Junior
Kayden Braun	Capac	Junior

FINAL STANDINGS Greater ThumbEast Boys Basketball

Team	Conf	Ovr
Harbor Beach	10-2	13-7
Sandusky	10-2	13-9
Ubly	8-4	11-9
Brown City	8-4	10-12
Memphis	3-9	11-10
Marlette	2-10	3-18
Capac	1-11	2-19

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2019-20 All-Conference Girls Basketball

FIRST TEAM

Katelyn Sweeney	Ubly	Senior
Josie Gusa	Ubly	Junior
Dajnae Leipprandt	Ubly	Junior
Claire Woodke	Harbor Beach	Senior
Abby Bolsby	Sandusky	Senior
Olivia Jacobson	Sandusky	Senior
Juliana Hanson	Brown City	Junior

SECOND TEAM

Ellie Peruski	Ubly	Senior
Annika Kirsch	Harbor Beach	Senior
Madison Long	Sandusky	Sophomore
Jordan Millsap	Brown City	Sophomore
Jordyn Boyne	Marlette	Senior
Ashlyn Perales	Marlette	Sophomore
Natalie Maday	Capac	Senior

HONORABLE MENTION

Sam Souva	Ubly	Junior
Leandra Wolschleger	Harbor Beach	Junior
Maya Pfaff	Harbor Beach	Junior
Taryn Arntz	Harbor Beach	Junior
Ally Guibord	Sandusky	Junior
Bethany Ketchum	Marlette	Sophomore
Hollie Hartwell	Marlette	Freshman
Jona Mullin	Capac	Senior
Skylar Schocke	Capac	Senior
Isabel Woodall	Brown City	Junior
Katie Koch	Memphis	Junior
Kosette Bartels	Memphis	Freshman

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Ubly	12-0	23-1
Sandusky	10-2	19-5
Harbor Beach	8-4	14-0
Brown City	5-7	9-14
Marlette	5-7	7-14
Capac	2-10	3-18
Memphis	0-12	4-1



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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COL-LECT A DEBT AND ANY IN-FORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT ATTENTION PURPOSE. HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CON-CLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORE-CLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUM-BER STATED IN THIS NO-

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 a.m. on April 16, 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 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 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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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on April 9, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of 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:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul Taylor aka Paul M. Taylor and Kimberly Taylor, aka Kimberly K. Taylor husband and wife Original Mortgagee: FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, A

FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Mill City Mortgage Loan Trust

Date of Mortgage: May 13, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 3, 2005 Amount claimed due on date of

notice: \$37,271.24 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Sec 2 Town 10 North, Range 9 East, com at a Point that is South 918.42 feet from NorthWest corner of said Section, then East 232 feet, then South 375.52 feet, then West 232 feet, then North 375.52 feet to POB, 2 A Common street address (if any): 7101 Edwards Rd, Mayville, MI 48744-9543

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 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 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.

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Date of notice: March 11, 2020 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

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including interest at the rate of Twelve and One-Half Percent (12.5%) per annum. The Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems (MERS) is not a foreclosing party. 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 vendue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the City Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M., local time, on THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020. Said premises are situated in the Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land in the Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan Parcel 2: A parcel of land in the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section which is 600.00 feet, South 00 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West of the Northeast corner of said Section; thence continuing South 01 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West on said East section line, 325.42 feet; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 51 seconds West 573.45 feet; thence North 01 degrees 43 minutes 57 seconds East 338.89 feet; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 01 seconds East parallel with said North section line 573.06 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. Parcel 3: A parcel of land in the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27. Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section which is 925.42 feet, South 00 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West of the Northeast corner of said Section; thence continuing South 01 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West on said East section line, 398.98 feet to the North one-eighth line of said Section; thence North 87 degrees 54 minutes 10 seconds West on said North one-eighth line 573.75 feet; 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 prem-

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information.

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 Date: March 6, 2000 Mortgage Recording Date: August 22, 2000 Mortgage Recording Informa-

tion: 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

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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

Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box

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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

Notice of Foreclosure by Ad-

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MORTGAGE: 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 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 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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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 vendue 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; thence North 280.50 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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Cass City grad Vargo: Naval career great experience

by Ryan Riley Petty Officer 1st Class

With a career spanning 18 years, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Brandon Vargo, of Cass City, now serves as Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command (NMRTC) Bremerton's leading petty officer for the Bremerton, Wash.-based Naval Hospital career counseling team.

Over the course of that 18 years, the Cass City High School and Craven Community College graduate has spent 15 years in Navy medicine.

"I came into the Navy in a total different direction than I am now," said Vargo. "I originally came into the Navy through the nuclear training pipeline, but after "A" school and power school, I just knew I wasn't where I belonged."

He initially joined the Navy to see the world and wanted to stay Navy, but was not happy being in the nuclear community. He then jumped on the opportunity to change jobs as soon as the option arose

"I was at a crossroads and not quite sure what I was going to do," Vargo recalled. "That's when I was able to train with many different ratings. It was during some on-the-job training at Naval Hospital Groton that I was first introduced to Navy medicine."

Vargo went to Hospital Corpsman "A" School and then to train as a surgical technician before reporting to Naval Hospital Cherry Point, N.C. "From there, that's where the real story began," he said

Seeing the world is exactly what he has done, and continues to do. Since joining the Navy medicine community, Vargo has been either stationed or visited nine states across the United States — Illinois, South Carolina, New York, Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina, California, Hawaii and Washington — and during deployment visited Hong Kong, Dubai and Bahrain.

He cited his time aboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault

ship USS Essex as being a notable tour of great professional achievement

"I was on the shipboard surgical trauma training team, completed the helicopter underwater escape training, did multiple mass casualty drills, did a West Pacific deployment, and got triple qualified all as a member of Fleet Surgical Team 1," he said.

Tripled qualified refers to Vargo earning his enlisted surface, air, and information warfare specialist devices

Even with all of those accomplishments under his belt, Vargo said the best part of his Navy medicine career is "fulfilling the duties of a command career counselor where your days are long, the job is tedious and it's never boring."

Vargo was hand-selected as command career counselor based on his past performance. So, he dropped his surgical technician designation to work full-time helping sailors at NMRTC Bre-

merton navigate their careers with such duties as coordinating reenlistments, handling contract extensions, and navigating the selection process for duty assignment orders

To sum up his long career in one sentence, Vargo said, "It's been quite an experience and the greatest part was being able to interact and affect so many people's lives both from a patient care aspect and a Navy leader aspect."



NAVY MEDICINE Readiness and Training Command (NMRTC) Bremerton's Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Brandon Vargo, command career counselor leading petty officer, poses for a photo in his office in February. NMRTC Bremerton in Washington supports more than 60,000 military families in West Puget Sound, shaping military medicine through training, mentoring and research to ensure a ready medical force and operationally ready force. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Meagan Christoph)

LaCroix, Howard top Owendale-Gagetown graduating Class of '20

Owendale-Gagetown School officials recently announced the district's 2020 valedictorian and salutatorian.

Kaitlyn R. LaCroix is this year's valedictorian, having earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.752, while Chase W. Howard was named the salutatorian with a GPA of 3.709.

LaCroix, the daughter of James and Amy LaCroix of Owendale, was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) in her sophomore year and currently serves as the chapter's president.

She's been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year as well as being on the honor roll, and has received several academic awards in various classes throughout high school. LaCroix served as secretary of her class the past two years, student council vice-president in her junior year and is currently the council's president.

LaCroix has also been active in athletics as a member of the basketball and softball teams.

In addition, she has been a member of the band all through high school.



Kaitlyn LaCroix



Chase Howard

She was elected the 2019-20 homecoming queen, served as a member of the Post-Secondary Action Council as a freshman, was on the prom committee as a junior, and has been on the yearbook staff.

During the past two years, LaCroix has been enrolled in the health science program at the Huron Area Technical Center, where she has become certified in CPR, been a member of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), and has completed hours to become a CNA (certified nursing assistant). She also has been a dance instructor at Step It Up Studio, where she has participated in dance since she was seven years old.

LaCroix has participated and volunteered at many school and community events, including blood drives, Lions Club breakfasts, Fleece and Thank You Fundraiser, food drives for families, Veterans' Day activities, and senior citizens' luncheons. She has also assisted with several elementary school activities such as Santa's workshop, Easter Egg hunts, movie nights, daddy-daughter dances, and Scholastic book fairs.

Her future plans include attending Delta College in the fall and then transferring to Saginaw Valley State University after two years.

Howard, the son of Kendall Howard of Owendale and Carla Weber of Allendale, was inducted into the local NHS chapter as a junior year and currently serves as the chapter's treasurer. Also on the honor roll throughout high school, he is a member of the 3.0 Honors Club and has earned several academic awards. He served as class representative to the student council his sophomore year and as class vice-president in his junior and senior years.

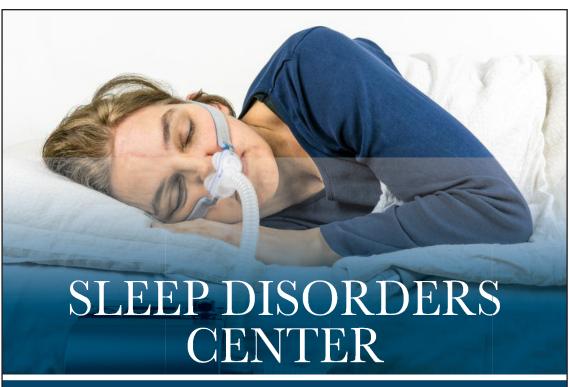
Howard has been a member of the golf team each year. He also has participated in band throughout high school, playing trumpet and baritone

He has been a member of the yearbook staff since his sophomore year and currently serves as a co-editor. Howard was a member of the prom committee his junior year and, as a senior, was elected homecoming king. He served on the Post-Secondary Action Council for three years and was vice-president in his junior year.

Howard has attended the Huron Area Technical Center the past two years, taking dual-enrollment classes through Mid-Michigan Community College.

He has participated/volunteered in many community events, including Lions Club breakfasts, blood drives, senior citizens' luncheons, and Veterans Day activities. He's also assisted with elementary school events such as Santa's workshops, Scholastic book fairs, movie nights and daddy-daughter dances.

Howard's future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University in the fall to pursue a career as a nurse anesthetist.



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