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Driver crashes into medical care with 5-year-old in truck

by Tom Montgomery
 Editor

The driver of a pickup truck that crashed into the Huron County Medical Facility in Bad Axe Thursday night – with his five-year-old son inside the vehicle – remains on the run, but Huron County Sheriff’s Department investigators say the suspect has been identified.

The youngster was not hurt in the crash, but the suspect, who allegedly went on to steal a vehicle to flee the area, is believed to have suffered injuries, deputies said.

The bizarre incident unfolded just before 11:30 p.m. when the pickup truck rammed into the medical care facility on South Van Dyke Road. “Deputies found that a 2008 Dodge pickup was eastbound when it left

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A CONTRACTOR works to remove a pickup truck that smashed into the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Thursday night, coming to rest inside the building’s chapel. Investigators say the driver is believed to have been hurt, but a passenger – his five-year-old son — escaped injury.



School cancels meet

by Tom Montgomery
 Editor

The Cass City Board of Education canceled a scheduled special meeting early last week to discuss

budget cuts, instead opting to hear the recommendations of an ad hoc finance committee when the board meets in regular session Monday, June 22.

School officials, meanwhile, have provided some updates regarding prom and a planned commencement ceremony to honor members of the Class of 2020.

Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel said the board decided to cancel last week’s special meeting because there weren’t any new updates available regarding state revenue cuts expected to significantly impact schools’ 2020-21 spending plans, which by law must be adopted by the end of this month.

During their May regular meeting, board members formed an ad hoc finance committee, composed of board President Alice Zaleski, Trustee George Batty and board Vice President Janie Meeker, to make recommendations to the full board after hearing the estimates related to state cuts in per-pupil funding.

According to Cass City Schools

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Village pool to open this week in Cass City

by Tom Montgomery
 Editor

Cass City Village officials Friday announced what a number of area residents have been waiting to hear – plans to welcome swimmers to Helen Stevens Memorial Pool for the summer.

The village has been hiring lifeguards and the parks department has been busy cleaning and preparing the pool for use, according to village Manager Debbie Powell, who noted the Tuscola County Health Department has

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On the job

Village fellow Prusik to focus on economic development

by Tom Montgomery
 Editor

Cass City officials last week welcomed Josh Prusik, who will be serving as the village’s Community Economic Development Association of Michigan’s (CEDAM) fellow.

“Josh will expand our organizational capacity to prepare an economic development strategy and a marketing plan for the Village, along with assisting with other community projects,” explained Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell.

“I am so grateful that Cass City has this opportunity to work with Josh over the next year on economic and community development initiatives,” Powell said, noting Prusik will play a vital and cost-saving role in helping the village secure a certification that will pave the way for future economic growth.

“The village is pursuing the MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) Redevelopment Ready Certification (RRC) and many of the requirements would require the village to contract out for these services at a substantial cost.

“The CEDAM Fellowship program is a grant award with a 10

percent match of \$6,000 required from the village,” Powell added. “(Cass City’s) 2020 budget included over three times that amount to contract these services; therefore, allowing the village to save significantly.”

The RRC certification is basically the gold standard for communities in order to demonstrate to prospective business and industry that they are developer-friendly – ready, willing and

equipped to welcome new business.

Earning the RRC certification also opens the door to state funding opportunities,



Josh Prusik

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Fall Family Days canceled

Thumb Octagon Barn officials say the popular and unique barn and agricultural museum site near Gageton will remain closed for the rest of the year.

“With much regret, the friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn Executive Board has made the decision to cancel Fall Family Days for this year and all other scheduled events,” the board announced in a news release issued Friday. “The site will be closed until further notice.

“Our first priority is the safety of our members, vendors, exhibitors and patrons. After many discussions with health officials, our insurance agency and other organizations, it has become clear that large public events cannot be safely carried out.

“Please know this was a very difficult decision that we did not take lightly, and we appreciate each of you for your understanding.”

As developments surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic remain very fluid, officials say residents will find the latest information regarding the Thumb Octagon Barn on the website thumboctagonbarn.org and the organization’s Facebook page at Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum.



JIM AND KELLI Shaw are the founding members of the Sebawaing Area Sewers for a Cause, an organization that makes and donates cloth masks. They recently made a second donation to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City. (See story, page 14)



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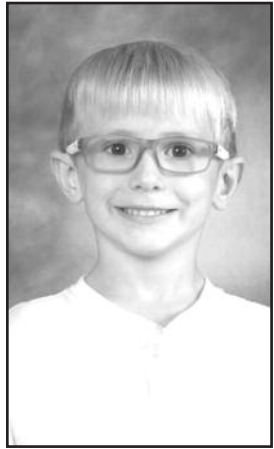
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Cass City Schools name "students of the month"



Young 5's Student of the Month is Alex Woodruff

Nominated by: Mrs. Maurer
 Characteristics he displays: Alex is the son of Gregory and Denise Woodruff. Alex Woodruff is an amazing young 5's student. During school he worked hard, followed directions and treated classmates and adults respectfully. When we couldn't be in school he did lots of work and kept me updated regularly on what he was doing at home.

Some of his favorite things: Chicken nuggets, Playing Tag, Swimming



1st Grade Student of the Month is Zachary Boulton

Nominated by: Mrs. Schefka
 Characteristics he displays: Zachary is the son of David and Alissa Boulton.
 While working from home, Zach completes all assignments. In addition, he is learning new skills such as the guitar, science experiments and writing creative stories. I am proud of your hard work Zach!

Some of his favorite things: Biking, Playing Minecraft



2nd Grade Student of the Month is Caralyn Gniewek

Nominated by: Mrs. Dorland
 Characteristics she displays: Caralyn is the daughter of Bob and Cori Cotton. Caralyn is a very reliable student. She has been working hard to complete her online work. She tries her best and asks questions when needed.

Some of her favorite things: Pigs, Coloring, Riding her bike, Taking care of her chicks



3rd Grade Student of the Month is Jocelyn LaFave

Nominated by: Mrs. Murdoch
 Characteristics she displays: Jocelyn is the daughter of Andrew and Nancy LaFave. Jocelyn LaFave is a nice girl! She is respectful, helpful, and kind. She is a good friend to her classmates. She has been putting forth her best effort to complete her online assignments during this time of at home learning. It is a pleasure to have her in class!

Some of her favorite things: Playing flute, Arts & crafts, Grandma's chicken tacos



4th Grade Student of the Month is Emma Daul

Nominated by: Fourth Grade Teachers
 Characteristics she displays: Emma is one smart cookie! She is a hard worker and she loves to read and draw. She is an amazing artist too! We love how responsible she is and we are very proud of Emma!

Some of her favorite things: Paints, Painting, Drawing



5th Grade Student of the Month is Jack Betts

Nominated by: Fifth Grade Teachers
 Characteristics he displays: Jack is the son of Toby and Jessica Betts. Jack Betts is a highly adaptable young man. He has stepped up and embraced online learning these past few months. He eagerly awaits the posting of the assignments and gets right to work. We are proud and appreciative of his hard work and positive attitude throughout this unique situation.

Some of his favorite things: Basketball, Baseball, Football, Video Games, Waterparks



6th Grade Student of the Month is Michael VanWongerghem

Nominated by: 6th Grade Team
 Characteristics he displays: Michael is the son of Logan Vanwongerghem and Kimberly Howell. He is one of those students you'd like a room full alike. He is a hard worker, courteous and is helpful to other students who may be having difficulty. You can depend on him to get things done, methodical and easy going. You will rarely see him without a smile and a "Have a good day comment." A great young man that displays all of the Red Hawk traits.

Some of his favorite things: Michael loves to garden which of course means that fruits and vegetables of all kinds are his favorites, but don't cook that broccoli! He enjoys most sports, but prefers hockey. He does have a goal for future training after graduation and is not ruling out the trades. His advice for the next 6 years is to stay organized and not get behind in your studies.



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Imagination equals nightmare



Mosquitos and ticks not just pesky bugs

With warmer summer weather finally here, Michiganders are urged to take precautions against mosquitos and ticks and the diseases they carry.

Officials at the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) are once again providing guidance for safely choosing and using insect repellants and insecticides designed to make outdoor activities more comfortable for residents this time of year.

Insect repellents applied to the skin are one of the most popular and effective products used to avoid insect bites. Other commonly used repellants include torches, table-top diffusers, candles and coils.

When used as directed, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents with one of the active ingredients below are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women:

- *DEET.
- *Picaridin (known as KBR 3023 and icaridin outside the U.S.).
- *IR3535.
- *Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE).
- *Para-menthane-diol (PMD).
- *2-undecanone.

Larvicides and adulticides can also provide temporary control of mosquitos.

Larvicides are products designed to be applied directly to water to control mosquito larvae. Adulticides are used in fogging and spraying to control adult mosquitos. Both options can temporarily reduce the mosquito population in your area, but do not provide long-term solutions against mosquitos.

Whether you use an insect repellent or insecticide, always remember to read and follow all label directions.

A safe alternative to applying insecticides yourself is hiring a mosquito control business. Mosquito control businesses are required to be licensed to apply pesticides in Michigan and must meet certain financial and experience requirements including proof of insurance and employing certified pesticide applicators who have passed MDARD proficiency examinations.

In Tuscola County, residents benefit from a local mosquito abatement program paid for through a special millage. The program was designed to keep the public safe from diseases transmitted by mosquitoes by reducing the mosquito population with treatment to areas such as public parks, campgrounds, trails, conservation clubs, golf courses and private property.

More information is available by calling (989) 672-3748.

Other steps residents can take to safely reduce mosquito populations include:

- *Remove any puddles of water or standing water around your home to reduce breeding sites.
- *Keep grass and shrubs trimmed short, reducing places for mosquitos to rest.
- *Use permethrin to treat clothing and gear (such as boots, pants, socks, and tents) or buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.

I know it is going to sound rather morbid, but I'm relieved that one of my favorite authors passed away a few years ago.

I've read most of Michael Crichton's books and watched movies that were made from his books. I read Jurassic Park and have watched all of the Jurassic movies dozens of times.

I just know that his creative mind would have latched on to a report I read entitled "Zombie Worms Frozen for 40,000 Years Have Come Back to Life."

Although I never found out for sure where Crichton's idea for his Jurassic story came from, I personally think it came from an article that both of us had read.

Before newspapers started going online, I subscribed to several of them. With my hectic work routine, I often didn't have time to read the newspapers all the way through, so I would cut out and set aside articles I wanted to read later. One of those articles was about prehistoric insects being found and preserved in an amber substance. The article speculated that they could be regenerated.

That was a similar scenario that was used in Crichton's first Jurassic movie.

Anyway, the recent article I read was about frozen soil samples in Siberia found in the permafrost that contained worms called nematodes.

When the scientists took the permafrost samples back to the lab, they thawed. That is when they discovered the 40,000-year old worms were actually preserved and not dead after all.

The worms were very much alive. They could move and eat.

The research information was published in the Doklady Biological Science report, and went on to note that the worms were nurtured back to life in a laboratory in Moscow.

Before that discovery, other scientists found bacteria, seeds, spores and yeasts had also been found frozen in permafrost for 30,000 years and were also viable.

Those involved in cryogenic preservation were intrigued that the nematodes revived.

Cryopreservation is the process where living cells, tissues, organs or entire bodies are protected from decay by storing them at extremely low temperatures while waiting for developing technology to bring them back to life and to cure them of an illness.


So far, the concept of such revival of a person without issues is science fiction, even though there are cryonics facilities in Arizona and Michigan.

I could see Crichton spinning the 40,000 year old worms into a story like he did with insects imbedded in amber.

I think such a story involving worms would be scarier than his Jurassic Park story. Worms crawl

quietly along and can burrow underground.

At least with dinosaurs you have a fighting chance because you can hear them crashing through the jungle.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will co-sponsor a workshop later this week dealing with two, new grant programs designed to assist small businesses. The keynote speaker for the event will be 84th District state Rep. Phil Green.

EDC officials report the workshop is open to all Tuscola County businesses, and will be held at the Indianfields Township Park pavilion on Friday, June 19, at 9 a.m. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling (989) 673-2849.

Green says a vote is scheduled later this week in the Michigan House on a "re-start" grant program that would provide \$5,000 grants to businesses with fewer than 500 employees. The program will be funded with \$200 million statewide by the Michigan EDC. The legislation is expected to be signed by the governor, and county EDC officials say they will be happy to assist business owners and managers with the timely submitting of applications for the grant.

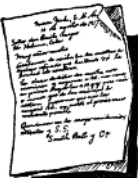
Another part of the funding program will help to provide PPE (personal protection equipment) to small businesses in Michigan.

More good news from the Tuscola County EDC: officials presented a grant of \$800 Thursday from a new EDC-funded program to the owner of B's Corner Cafe in Cass City. Brenda Sherman will be able to use the grant to continue serving her great menu items to a growing number of hungry customers from the Cass City Area. Joining EDC Executive Director Steve Erickson in making the presentation to owner Brenda Sherman was Debbie Powell, Cass City Village manager and EDC board member Debbie Powell.

Officials at Hills and Dales General Hospital recently let us know they fielded some phone calls from residents concerned that local physician Dr. Ray might be retiring, following publication of a feature on the retirement of another longtime physician, Dr. Richard Hall. We're not sure where the confusion lies — the story was accompanied by a group photo of Cass City doctors, including Dr. Hall, Dr. Ray, Dr. Francis Ozim and Dr. Donald Robbins, Jr. The photo caption notes Dr. Hall is retiring and that Dr. Ozim is already retired.

Bottom line? The good news for the community is that Dr. Ray has not announced plans to retire.

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More restrictions lifted in the state

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last week lifted restrictions on overnight residential, travel, and troop camps beginning Monday, June 15.

“As we’ve worked together to bend the curve and protect our families from COVID-19, our kids have lost time in the classroom and missed out on playdates, birthday parties and graduations. That’s why I’m glad they’ll have an opportunity to spend a week or weekend away at camp,” Whitmer said.

“This is another significant milestone for Michigan as we continue to slowly and safely reopen our economy, and I want to thank Michiganers for doing their part to flatten the curve. While this is good news, there’s still more work to do to protect Michigan families from the spread of this virus, avoid a second wave, and protect the heroes on the front lines. We will get through this together.”

The latest executive order requires camps to follow guidance issued by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The guidelines will be published in the coming days and were developed in close collaboration with public health experts and the camp industry.

The executive order also allows certain K-12 school sports activities and other in-person extracurricular school activities to resume. Such activities, however, are permitted only to the extent that they are consistent with rules requiring social distancing and, across most of the state, the closure of indoor exercise facilities.

Ann Hepfer, health officer for the Tuscola and Huron county health departments, acknowledged the continued downward trend of COVID-19 cases in the Thumb, saying, “There has not been a huge jump in cases, we are still maintaining our flattening.”

“Anyone who lives in a rural county can be tested with or without symptoms,” Hepfer noted, adding the testing is offered on Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Tuscola County Health Department in Caro. In Huron County, testing is at the Bay Great Lakes Health Care Center parking lot in Bad Axe on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon.

“The drive-through clinics in Huron and Tuscola are for diagnostic purposes and use the nasal swab method,” Hepfer explained, adding they differ from serology tests, which are used to look for the possibility of previous infection.

“Serology tests look for antibodies in the blood. (They) do not diagnose disease and do not guarantee immunity, but might provide information about previous infection, according to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.”

Latest numbers

Between Monday, June 8, and Monday, June 15, the number of combined confirmed cases in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties increased by nine — from 292 to 301 — with the three counties’ combined death toll rising by just one fatality, from 31 to 32.

As of Monday afternoon, Tuscola County had recorded 207 confirmed cases and 26 deaths, Huron County had recorded 52 cases and one death, and Sanilac County, 42 cases and five deaths.

Statewide, Monday’s total confirmed cases reached 60,064, with a total of 5,772 deaths, compared to 58,999 cases and 5,673 deaths a week earlier.

Road work, finances dominate Argyle meet

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Road work and finances dominated the agenda during a recent Argyle Township Board meeting.

Township Supervisor Jerome Foote presented the board with agreements for local road improvements, mowing and roadside spraying.

The board approved sharing the cost of the spraying with the Sanilac County Road Commission. Under the agreement, the township and the county each pay \$1,500.

Turning to roadside mowing, the township will pay for the second mowing — about \$1,200 — with no cost share to the county.

The board discussed graveling four miles of Freiburg Road, south of Argyle Road, but took no action.

Foote also reported that Wheatland Township has requested the township share the cost of graveling one mile of Wheatland Road and Sheldon Road, south of Deckerville Road. No action was taken.

He also reported he sent letters to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as well as to the Sanilac County Road Commission regarding safety concerns at the intersection of M-19 and Deckerville Road.

In other business, the board discussed the possibility of a Headlee override to restore one mill for township operations, but the trustees decided to hold off and wait until they find out more information on the override.

The board also discussed concerns about revenue to the township which could be reduced by as much as 50 percent due to the financial impact on the state revenue stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

High-speed chase leads to arrest

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies arrested a Southfield man after he led them on a high-speed chase on the west side of the county Saturday afternoon.

According to Sgt. Shelly Park, Deputy Otto Kutach attempted to stop a 2009 Ford Fusion that was traveling at a high rate of speed on VanDyke Road (M-53) near Downington Road in Lamotte Township.

“The driver, a 20-year-old Southfield man, failed to stop for the deputy and continued approximately 13 miles at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour,” Park reported.

“The driver of the Fusion lost control of the vehicle on Cass City Road, near Wheeler Road in Austin Township, and entered a ditch, coming to rest in a field, where he then fled on foot,” she said. “After deputies arrived and checked the area, a stolen handgun was located in the man’s car.”

Officers, assisted by the St. Clair County K-9 Unit, located the suspect about one mile from his vehicle after roughly one hour of searching. The man, whose name has not been released, was taken into custody without incident.

Park said deputies were also assisted at the scene by troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro and the Sanilac County Drug Task Force.

The suspect remains lodged in the Sanilac County Jail on multiple charges.

Sanilac deputies catch up with pair of armed robbery suspects

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies have now arrested all of the suspects in connection with an armed robbery reported last April in the Marlette area.

The crime took place April 20 at about 2:30 a.m., according to Sheriff Garry Biniecki, who said deputies were dispatched to the 3000 block of Gosline Road to investigate a reported home invasion in progress.

When deputies arrived, they were advised that three male subjects had left the residence prior to

their arrival on scene. Witnesses also told the officers that the three males had broken into the house, assaulted several people inside, taken some electronic gaming systems and then left the house.

“Upon searching the immediate area, deputies located one of the male subjects hiding in a ditch, holding the stolen gaming systems. The male subject, a 17-year-old from Brown City, was taken into custody without incident and was lodged in the Sanilac County Jail on numerous charges, including home invasion and armed robbery,” Biniecki said.

After obtaining witness statements and interviews, detectives were recently able to positively identify and obtain warrants for the other two suspects.

“An 18-year-old male from Marlette was arrested and lodged at the Sanilac County jail and later bonded out after his arraignment,” the sheriff noted. “The third suspect, a 25-year-old male from Marlette, turned himself in and was also bonded out after his arraignment.”

All three suspects face multiple felony charges, including armed robbery and home invasion.

Snover teen injured in two-vehicle crash

Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies say a Snover teen was injured in a recent two-vehicle traffic crash in Lamotte Township.

Deputies were dispatched to the scene — near Germania and Mushroom roads — June 7 at about 5:30 p.m.

Deputies said a 16-year-old male subject from Snover was driving a 1999 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck

north on Germania Road when he failed to yield while turning into a private drive, striking a southbound vehicle. The southbound vehicle was a 2017 GMC pickup being driven by a 19-year-old male from Snover, and he had a 16-year-old male passenger, also from Snover.

Sanilac EMS and Marlette EMS crews responded to the scene, ac-

ording to reports, which state the 16-year-old driving the S-10 was injured and transported to Marlette Community Hospital for treatment.

Deputies, who received assistance from the Lamotte Township Fire Department, said no one involved in the crash was wearing a seatbelt, and alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

Troopers save woman choking in Caro

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro are being credited with saving the life of a choking victim in Tuscola County last week.

The incident unfolded last Wednesday at about 6:50 p.m., according to reports.

“Trooper Jarosiewicz and Sgt. Pisha were dispatched to an address on Dixon Road, outside of

Caro, for a 67-year-old female choking,” a news release from the post stated.

“When troopers arrived, the female was on the floor of the kitchen and had shallow breathing and was very pale. Trooper Jarosiewicz began giving abdominal thrusts, which were ineffective. The victim then went unconscious and quit breathing.

Sgt. Pisha then delivered four to five abdominal thrusts and was able to dislodge a large piece of food.

“At this point the victim started breathing on her own and regained consciousness,” the release stated. “Troopers monitored the victim’s condition until MMR arrived and transported (her) to a local hospital.”

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

Editor’s note: while the COVID-19 pandemic has forced Tuscola County officials to close the courthouse doors to the public and scale back court proceedings initially, criminal cases are still being adjudicated.

The following people recently appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court on various criminal charges:

*Kiva Mahatma, 33, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail following her plea of no contest to attempted breaking and entering Nov. 30 in Ellington Township.

The jail term was deferred, according to court records, which state she was placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$608.

*Callie R. Csercsa, 26, Unionville, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (deferred) following her pleas of no contest to obtaining money/goods by false pretenses and food stamp fraud between July 19, 2018, and Oct. 9, 2018, in Unionville. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, she was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,326 plus restitution of \$100.14.

*Burton Colman, 66, Vassar, was sentenced to 150 days in jail (deferred for one year) following his pleas of no contest to charges of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony between Sept. 28 and Sept.

30 in Tuscola Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,194.

*Kayla R. Vandecar, 24, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (deferred) following her pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine Nov. 5 in Caro.

She was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to wear a GPS tether for a minimum of 90 days following her release from jail. She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,026.

*Codi L. Giddings, 27, Mayville, was sentenced to six to 40 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to first degree home invasion, using a computer to commit a crime and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder Nov. 29 in Juniata Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$394.

*Matthew J. Rupp, 34, Vassar, was sentenced to 93 days in jail (deferred for one year) following his pleas of guilty to child abuse, third degree, and domestic violence, second offense, Aug. 4 in Tuscola Township.

He was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,158.

*Casey M. Borcharding, 40, Vassar, was sentenced to 34 days in jail following her conviction on a charge of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) June 6, 2019, in Caro. She was also convicted of

being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258.

*Caden C. Curran, 21, Pigeon, was sentenced to one to 20 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, receiving and concealing stolen firearms, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Aug. 21 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$462.

*Barbara A. Applebee, 57, Mayville, was sentenced to 150 days in jail (delayed for one year) following her pleas of guilty to two counts of embezzlement of \$1,000 to \$20,000 from a non-profit or charitable organization while serving the American Legion Auxiliary between June 1 and July 31, 2019, in Mayville.

She was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$326 plus restitution of \$3,850 to the Mayville American Legion organization and \$2,100 to Wingert’s Market.

*Michael A. Leverenz, 26, Mayville, was sentenced to 300 days in jail (to serve 180 days immediately, with the remaining term deferred), with work release and worksite privileges, following his pleas of no contest to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and domestic violence Nov. 23 in Caro.

He was also placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,158.

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Reporter's notebook

The cartoon police have gone too far

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



The police of political correctness have really gone too far this time. When I first saw the headlines, I figured it was joke. But, nope, it's true – a new series of Looney Tunes Cartoons on the recently-launched streaming platform HBO Max features an Elmer Fudd and Yosemite Sam who are not allowed to carry.

In other words, while Elmer Fudd is still chasing a wascally wabbit, he's doing it without his trusty shotgun.

Yosemite Sam, meanwhile, has been stripped of his iconic double pistols in the series.

"We're not doing guns," Peter Browngardt, the executive producer and showrunner of the series, has been quoted as saying. "But we can do cartoony violence – TNT, the Acme stuff. All that was kind of grandfathered in."

I'm sure Wile E. Coyote is breathing a sigh of relief. For now.

C'mon. Really? Haven't we been traumatized enough already in 2020?

No reason has been given for the decision, but the powers that be evidently have no problem with the sort of campy violence – dynamite explosions by the tons, anvils dropping on characters' heads, whacky booby traps, etc. — Looney Tunes fans have always loved.

In one 90-second clip I watched, entitled "Dynamite Dance", Fudd is shown chasing his nemesis Bugs Bunny with a scythe before the rabbit puts a stick of lit dynamite in the hunter's mouth. Multiple explosions follow as Bugs jams sticks of dynamite in Fudd's ears, on the top of his bald head, and down his pants. The relentless assault moves from rowboat to unicycle to biplane.

So... violence is okay but violence with a shotgun – neither of which ever result in permanent damage – isn't?

I wonder if Mr. Browngardt is fully aware that these are cartoons?

In all fairness, perhaps this is simply an overreach in response to gun violence in this country, particularly violence targeting schools, churches, businesses etc.

I get that. What I don't get is the direct connection between the best Saturday morning cartoons ever (well, from my childhood, although I still love them) and violence in the real world.

Maybe that isn't the real problem today. After all, back in the day, my friends and I watched hours of these shows, and I can't for the life of me ever remember any of my peers – ever – taking a firearm to school with the intent of taking innocent lives.

Perhaps it's all the result of a very sad, long evolution in society that has dismissed God from our schools, decimated the value of marriage and family, convinced far too many folks that they don't have to answer for their actions, and stripped people of respect for life and for others.

Honestly, I don't know for sure.

What I do know is that I hope Mr. Browngardt never decides to remake episodes of The Three Stooges, particularly the classics featuring Moe, Larry and Curly.

I mean, can you imagine Browngardt telling the world, "We're not doing eye pokes (or smacks with two-by-fours, or crosscut saws across Curly's cast iron skull)?"

In the words of Moe, sir, "Pick two (fingers)."

Obituaries

Erwin "T" Hall

Erwin "T" G. Hall, 94, of Deford, passed away Fri., Dec. 27, 2019 at Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

He was born Sept. 30, 1925, in Caro, the son of the late George and Daisy (Gordon) Hall.

On Sept. 1, 1951 he married Amy G. May in Caro, after meeting her at the Chevrolet Dealer in Caro, where he worked.

"T" served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He owned Hall's Trim Shop for many years and he enjoyed restoring antique cars and boats.

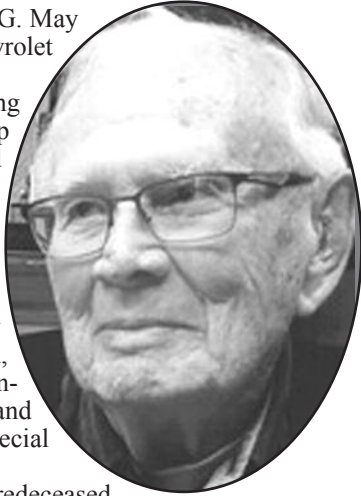
"T" is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Amy; children, Kenneth (Melany) Hall of Caro, Kelly Ann (Bob) Lehrman of IL, Karen Kay (Mike) Noble of Deford and Kathy Jo Kluthe of MN; 10 grandchildren, Kristen, Krenda, Ryan, Gavin, Kasandra, Daniel, Hannah, Hunter, Kevin and Jake; 11 great-grandchildren; and special nephew, Dwayne (Gloria) Hall.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a daughter, Wendy Sue Hall.

Honoring "T"'s wishes, cremation has taken place. A committal service will be held at 11:00 a.m., on June 27, 2020 in Indianfields Township Cemetery. Beverly LaJoie will officiate.

Memorials may be given to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.



Barbara L. Wald

Barbara L. Wald, 82, of Cass City, died peacefully Friday, June 12, 2020 in her home.

She was born July 25, 1937 in Bach, the fifth of seven children born to Earl and Velta Lena (Sontag) Stock.

Barbara worked as a housekeeper for numerous families over many years. She was a member of Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church. As a result of her sunny disposition, she called everyone "Honey". Barbara loved baking pies and crocheting. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and making memories.

Barbara is survived by her children: Timothy J. Wald of Saginaw, Laura Ann Raab of Mohave Valley, AR, Julie Anne (Chester Jr.) Koliboski of Flushing, Bridget Anne (Donald) Childs of Cass City and Kristie Ann (Richard) Scott of Deford; six grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; sisters: Donna Schember of Caro, and June Markert of Englewood, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Jacob P. Wald; sisters: infant Nira, Connie Armbruster and Delphine Dillon; and brother, Harlan Stock.

A graveside service was held Monday, June 15, in Hillside Cemetery with the Rev. Theo Nnabugo of Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church of Cass City officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius Catholic Church of Cass City.

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.



Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

The Cass City/Thumb Area Branch of Michigan AAUW (American Association of University Women) recently held its 19th annual Flamingo Fling to raise scholarship money for women returning to school, five \$1,500 scholarships have been awarded to the following women: Heather Franzel of Snover (studying nursing at Delta College), Barbara Dewey of Cass City (studying nursing at Baker College), Amy Tidwell of Marlette (studying nursing at Delta College), Gina Rochon of Cass City (studying health information technology through DeVry University), and April Barr of Snover (studying early childhood education at Baker College).

For the second straight year, Cass City junior Mason Erla has been named to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaching Association (MHSBCA) Division 3 all-state baseball team. As a sophomore, the Michigan State University recruit made the MHSBCA's first team as an infielder, and in 2015, he landed on the marquee squad as one of 5 pitchers. Both years, the Red Hawk standout had impressive numbers at the plate. In 2014, Erla made 114 plate appearances, resulting in 94 at-bats, 31 singles, 6 doubles, 5 triples and 3 home-runs. He also contributed 31 RBIs and 38 runs scored. His offensive total for 2015 included 6 doubles, one triple, one homer and 25 RBIs. Erla batted for a .439 average and .516 on base percentage in his third varsity season, striking out just once in 95 plate appearances.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Children from Rebecca's Day-care saved money to give to Rawson Memorial District Library for its 100th birthday celebration. They gave the library 100 \$1 bills on a card that was decorated by the handprints of Tyler Hennessey, Emma Hennessey, Alexis Champagne, Mariah Henne, Ethan Shrader, Annelise Walsh, Justin Daniels, Sophia Auvil and Konnar Warren.

The Cass City Rotary Club recently installed new officers Bert Althaver, sergeant of arms; Melissa Mathewson, secretary; Alice Zaleski, vice president; David Milligan, president; Karen Easterling, president-elect; Val Hartel, treasurer; and Amy Peters, programs chair. Mary Cunningham presented a Rotary International Presidential Citation Award to Zaleski on behalf of the club. Also recognized were Paul Harris Fellows Milligan, Carolyn Sorenson and Andy Gray, each of whom has contributed \$1,000 - or had the same amount contributed in their name - to Rotary International. Cunningham presented Althaver with a Major Donor Award, given to Paul Harris Fellows whose contribution to Rotary International reaches the \$10,000 mark during their lifetime.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Steve, Anne and Jacob Ballard of Homestead, Fla., announce the arrival of John Alexander Ballard, born June 16, in South Miami Hospital. John is named for his maternal grandfather and was born on his maternal grandmother's birthday (Jack and Ruth Esau). His paternal grandparents are the late James and Dorothy Ballard.

Mrs. Ellen Crawford was honored on her 85th birthday Thursday at her home in Argyle with a potluck lunch. Attending were Mrs. Marion McClorey, Mrs. Onalee Crawford and Mrs. Mary Damm, all of Cass City, Miss Les-sel Crawford of Rochester Hills, Mrs. Virginia Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crawford, all of Caro.

Jack and Anne Baker of Royal Oak announce the birth of a son, Andrew Steven, May 4, at Huron-Valley Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18 1/2" long. Paternal grandparents are Jack and Marlene Baker. Maternal grandparents are Gerry and Judy

Polk, all of Cass City

Julia Morgan Karr, born Nov. 2, 1994, daughter of Dr. Curtis and Cynthia Karr, received the sacrament of baptism June 11 at the West Side United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, Following the service, lunch was served at the Karr home for guests attending. Among those present were maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Somers of Troy, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Karr of Gagetown.

Amy Rosinski, granddaughter of Mrs. Alger Freiburger of Cass City and the daughter of Terry and Diane Rosinski of Granger, Ind., has been named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the spring semester. Rosinski earned a 4.0 grade point average and is ranked 12th in her class of 1,900 students. She will be returning to the University of Notre Dame in the fall as a sophomore, resuming her studies in pre-med.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Central Michigan University's winter semester honors list includes four students from the area. Kris Proctor, Cass City, Karen Prich, Gagetown, Karla Kretzschmer, Owendale, and Jennifer Thompson, Snover, made the honors list. Honor students are chosen from the top 10 percent of each academic class. In addition, to qualify for honors a student must complete 12 or more letter graded hours of on-campus credit during the semester and have a grade point average of no lower than 3.50.

Marie Helen Hobart, daughter of Ben Hobart, Gagetown, graduated Friday from Yale University's School of Medicine with an M.D. degree in psychiatry. Miss Hobart, a 1975 Cass City High School graduate, received her B.A. from Albion College in 1979.

Bette Lou Hurford, RN is Employee of the Month of June. Bette has worked as a charge nurse supervisor at Provincial House Cass City since the facility opened in October of 1973. Bette is married to Lynn and they have 2 children, Scott in college at Ferris State and Debbie starting Ferris State in the fall of 1985. Bette is the daughter of Clara Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Adams hosted a first birthday party for their daughter, Ashley, June 15 at their home in Gagetown. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright, Scott Wright of Gagetown, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Adams of Deford, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Joles of Owendale, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wright, Karen Wright and Matthew and Mrs. Mike Root and daughters of Cass City. Following the party, Chuck and Judy Wright were honored by a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party given by their children. Many relatives and friends attended and they were presented with an assortment of gifts.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Half a century of service was honored Saturday when Meredith Auten received a 50-year award from District Governor John Broadfoot. Auten was one of the original 15 founders of the Cass City Rotary and one of only two still surviving. The other 50-year member, Fred Pinney was unable to attend.

With the ceremonial ribbon-cutting ceremony, Hospital Board President James Bauer officially opens the ambulatory care unit of Hills and Dales General Hospital. Presiding with Bauer are Thomas Spence, general contractor; Janet Sticken, assistant administrator of medical services; Bauer; architect Dick Forsythe; Madelyn Skaggs, director of nursing, and administrator Ken Jensen.

The sixth birthday of Jamie Parrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Parrish, was celebrated with various parties over the weekend. Saturday Mrs. Parrish, Jamie and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stilson visited the Huckleberry Railroad at Cross Roads Village near Flint.

Six tables of cards were played when the Euchre Club met at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fuester. High prizes were won by Mrs. Leonard Beulla and Harold Copeland. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Sylvester Bukowski and Bill Andrus. Ronnie Gracey won the traveling prize.

The Cass City Lions Club held their 26th annual installation. Officers and directors installed were president, Donald Erla; first vice-president, Thomas Craig; second vice-president, Gary Jones; third vice president, Richard Hunt; secretary, Ronald Keegan; treasurer, Robert Copeland; tailtwister, Ralph Retherford; and Lion tamer, Wayne Dillon. Directors: Robert Green, Kenneth Blue, Alvin Seuryneck, David Dunn, Charles Guinther, Curtis Strickland. New members installed were Wayne Dillon, Raymond Dearing, Michael Shaft and Marvin Hobart. Perfect attendance awards were presented to 20 members. The Lion of the Year award was presented to Kenneth Martin.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Mr. and Mrs. William Spaid of Cass City are the parents of a baby boy, Matthew Wayne, born Friday, June 19, in Caro Community Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Orra Spaid and Mrs. Geraldine Dewey of Cass City.

Cass City's newest business, the KUKUCOW, has scheduled its grand opening this week end, Bill Loomis, manager, said this week. The unusual store features ice cream, dairy products, assorted specialty treats and delicatessen items. It will be watched with interest by both management and the business community. The store here is one of two pilot units established in Tuscola County. The other will be in Caro. If successful the promoters hope to establish units in other small towns around the state. To acquaint residents with the store, a grand opening with a host of specials and a free drawing is slated during the grand opening days.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Thirty-five relatives of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hendrick enjoyed a potluck dinner with them Sunday in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary. All of their daughters were present, Mrs. Sherwell Kelley and children of Detroit, Mrs. Earl O'Dell and sons of Dearborn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Finkbeiner and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mark O'Dell and family. Other relatives came from Detroit, Ortonville, Snover, Wickware and Cass City. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick were presented with a number of useful gifts and, from their children, a purse of money with which they are to enjoy a trip to Niagara Falls a little later in the summer.

Pfc. Harold Asher came home Tuesday evening on a 21-day rest leave after which he returns to Percy Jones hospital at Battle Creek. Wounded twice while overseas, he has been awarded the Purple Heart. Pfc. Asher had some harrowing experiences while engaged in the "big push" into Germany and as a prisoner of war of the Germans. He developed a "case of nerves" as a result, but is now well on the road to recovery.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Sunday being Mrs. Jessie Dixon's birthday, Mrs. Win. Paul invited Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Striffler, and son, Irvine and their guests, Wm. S. Haynes of Flint and Mrs. Dixon and daughter, Roberta, to her home for the day. As Mrs. Dixon is to leave so soon, Mrs. Paul made an extra effort go make it a day to be remembered. The first sight to greet her guests was a huge birthday cake in pyramid style, made as only Mrs. Paul can. It was made with beautiful frosted decorations and tiny candles. A most elaborate four course dinner was served at noon. An equally appropriate supper was served. The guests left at a late hour, declaring it one of the best days spent during Mrs. Dixon's stay here, and hoped that she would be able to spend many more birthdays with Cass City friends

Storm cancels village council meet

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

After months of waiting to be able to have face-to-face meetings again, a storm that rolled into the Thumb last Wednesday caused a change of plans for the Cass City Village Council.

The council's special meeting didn't happen due to the inclement weather, which caused wind damage in some areas.

"We lost power at about 2 p.m. and it wasn't restored until about 7 p.m., so we had to cancel the meeting," village Manager Debbie Powell said.

According to the agenda, the council had been scheduled to "receive and approve" the village financial audit and adopt a resolution to be a fiduciary agent for local business grant recipients.

Rather than try to schedule another special meeting, the audit presentation from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran was moved to the next village meeting, Monday, June 29, at 7 p.m.

However, the second item on that agenda proved to be unnecessary. When the council packet was put together, local officials were expecting to hear from the state regarding a local business awarded grant funding.

"We were being proactive in putting that resolution in place, which was required. However, we didn't receive any grant funds," said Powell. "As I understand it, from Steve Erickson, from Tuscola's EDC (Economic Development Corporation)...none of the four applicants in Tuscola County received funds, unfortunately."

During the June 29th meeting, village officials are asking anyone planning to attend to practice social distancing and to wear a face covering in compliance with health department recommendations to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19.

In other village business, the zoning board of appeals is slated to meet in special session Tuesday, June 23, at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

The hearing is to consider a zoning variance for a non-conforming use of a building at 6325 Main Street.

Powell explained there is a single-family residence at that location, which is zoned OS-1 Office Service, that was recently sold.

Under the zoning ordinance, when a non-conforming use of a structure is discontinued or ceases to exist for six consecutive months or for 18 months during any three-year period, the structure, or structure and land in combination, must be used in accordance with existing zoning uses.

Because the home was for sale and vacant for more than six consecutive months, the zoning reverted back to OS-1 Office Service, and to reside there would constitute a nonconforming use, Powell said, adding, "The village is in need of housing and encouraging investment in our downtown corridor. The request of the zoning board of appeals is to grant a variance for non-conforming use."

Driver sought after crashing into facility

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the roadway, striking a gas main, then a tree and then ended up (inside) the building's chapel on its top," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported.

Deputies learned that the driver and a young child had fled the scene, and they found evidence that one or both had been injured in the impact, he said. "A puppy that was likely a passenger of the vehicle as well was found possibly injured and taken by a good Samaritan.

"With the gas main leaking, gas company officials advised to evacuate the building, but the leak issue was quickly brought under control," the sheriff noted.

"Deputies continued to check the area, and the accident scene was cleared, with the pickup remaining in the building. This was done

in order for experts to properly survey the damage to the building in the daylight."

As the investigation continued into the early morning hours Friday, deputies learned the suspect driver and five-year-old boy had made it to the boy's mother's residence in the Croswell area.

"Sanilac Deputies responded, but the driver once again fled on foot. Deputy Sgt. Neumann responded to that residence and learned the full identity of the suspect driver," Hanson said. "He further learned the suspect had also stolen a vehicle, to get out of the (Bad Axe) area, from the Misty Meadows Trailer Park, which was a couple miles west of the accident scene."

Hanson indicated there's evidence that the suspect stopped at a number of other residences in search of a getaway vehicle before finding one at the trailer park.

He said investigators were able to confirm that the young boy was okay. He was left with his mother. "Fortunately, the child hadn't been injured in this incident, but the 36-year-old male suspect driver was.

"Apparently, the two had come to the area to purchase a puppy for the child," Hanson continued. "The puppy was to get checked out by a veterinarian (Friday) morning and will be reunited with his new owner."

The suspect, meanwhile, will be facing multiple felony charges when he is apprehended, according to Hanson, who said no estimate was available on the dollar value of the extensive damage done to the medical care facility.

Agencies assisting deputies included the Bad Axe police and fire departments, Central Huron Ambulance and the Michigan State Police.

School board will tackle budget Monday

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Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba, the latest projections indicate schools will be losing \$700 per student in state revenue in the coming year. On a positive note, she said, it appears schools will be allowed to use the previous year's enrollment totals, so a loss of students in the coming months won't further impact budgets.

For Cass City, the loss of \$700 per pupil adds up to \$690,000, but the net loss to the district would actually be roughly \$450,000 after a federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act subsidy is figured into

the equation.

Zimba noted the board has already discussed covering the loss with a combination of fund balance dollars and a reduction in expenses.

Specifics are expected to be unveiled June 22 when the board approves the district's new budget.

That meeting, slated to begin at 7 p.m. in the high school library, will be the first in three months to take place in a face-to-face format. After state executive orders went into effect in mid-March prohibiting gatherings in an effort to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, the board canceled its March meeting and then conducted virtual meetings via ZOOM in April and May.

The restrictions on gatherings of small groups have since been lifted by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Grad date changed

Also last week, Hartel announced school officials have decided to cancel the district-sponsored junior-senior high school prom on the advice of school attorneys and local health department officials over concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted a prom could still take place under the volunteer direction of parents and students.

However, Hartel said officials still plan to host a social-distancing style commencement ceremony, although the date and time have been changed.

Previously scheduled for Friday, July 31, at 7 p.m., the graduation ceremony will now take place Thursday, July 30, at 8:20 p.m. (which in military time is 2020) at the football field. The event is expected to include a special senior video and possibly fireworks.

Group proposes urgent care sites in Thumb towns

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A plan is being developed for a centralized urgent-care clinic in Tuscola County.

Representatives of Putman Developing recently outlined their plan for the clinic to the Caro City Council.

Bill Putman, Dr. Blake Putman and Joe Latozas said that for the past year and half they have been working with the state and hospitals to bring an urgent care medical mall to the Thumb.

Although they are specifically looking at locating the project in Caro, other options include Cass City and Vassar.

A medical mall would centralize medical services in one area, according to the developers, who say it will take roughly 14 months to construct the mall, which would total about 40,000-square feet. They would like the property selected for the facility to be annexed into Caro.

If the centralized urgent-care mall is developed, there is potential to create about 122 jobs with an average pay of about \$44,000.

Village pool set to open this week

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given Cass City the green light to open the pool effective Friday, June 19, at 1 p.m.

"The health department inspected the pool Friday afternoon," Powell said. "They inspected the pool and facilities, and approved opening."

However, it won't be business as usual at the pool this year. "Due to the late start and the social distancing requirements...we are limited in our offerings of classes and lessons," Powell explained. "We did not know if we could open and use our pool this year due to Covid-19. So, the plan is to keep operations simple, with leisure use of the pool only with open swim."

Due to the COVID-19 challenges and concerns, the staff will be taking extra precautions to insure the health, safety and welfare of the public and employees.

In addition, the village has changed the disinfection process from salt to chlorine, as recommended by the pool contractor, Powell noted.

The pool will be open every day for open swim, Monday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The facility will close from 4:30 to 5 p.m. for cleaning and shift change, and will re-open from 5 to 9 p.m. weekdays. The pool will be open on Saturdays from 1 to 7 p.m., and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

The pool staff will monitor attendance, allowing a maximum of 100 people at the pool, including staff, at one time.

Patrons will be asked to notify pool staff when they leave in order to disinfect their seating area and potentially allow admittance to others who are waiting.

At this time, no swimming lessons or private lessons are being scheduled this summer. There will also be no early bird lap swim, water aerobics or pool rentals.

Admission remains at last year's rates; single daily admission is \$3 day and the family daily admission is \$10. Season pool passes will not be available.

More information is available by calling the municipal building at (989) 872-2911.

News briefs

Village details road work plans

CASS CITY — A pre-construction meeting with Spicer Engineering and Astec Asphalt last Wednesday morning laid out a more detailed timeline for street projects planned in the village of Cass City this summer.

Work on Beechwood, from Hospital Drive to Hemlock Street, is scheduled for July 7 through July 16. And, work on Pine Street, from Leech Street to Seeger Street, will be done from July 13 through July 17.

There are three additional locations for large roadway patches to be started on July 16, with a substantial completion date for all work to be done by July 31, village Manager Debbie Powell said.

Village officials also recently announced the municipal building is now open Monday through Friday with limited hours, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Also, the Cass City Police Department will resume code enforcement related to rubbish and inoperable vehicles in the village starting Monday, July 6.

County earns accounting kudos

TUSCOLA COUNTY — The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recently notified Tuscola County officials that they have met certain finance report benchmarks.

"We are pleased to notify you that your 2018 fiscal year-end comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) qualifies for the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Accounting and Reporting," Michele Levine, GFOA director, Technical Services Center said.

Levine noted the certificate is the highest form of recognition in governmental and financial reporting, and earning the recognition represents a significant accomplishment.

When a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is awarded to a local unit of government, an award is also presented to the individual or department responsible for having earned the certificate — in this case Tuscola County Controller-Administrator Clayette Zechmeister.

Extension office opens this week

BAD AXE — The Huron County MSU Extension Office was scheduled to reopen to the public Monday, July 15, with protective safety measures in place following guidelines established by the health department.

Visitors will be screened upon entering the building, and everyone is asked to observe six feet of social distancing and to wear a face covering within public spaces of the building. Anyone who is ill or sick over the past 24 hours is asked to stay home.

The office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. More information is available by calling the Extension office at (989) 269-9949.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



HILLS AND Dales General Hospital officials recently voiced their appreciation to Michigan Sugar Company for its donation of KleenGuard hazmat suits to the hospital. "Pictured are two of our respiratory therapy employees with the suits. We continue to be amazed and humbled by the generosity of our community," hospital officials wrote in a post on Facebook. (Photo courtesy of Hills and Dales General Hospital)

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A GRAY FOX appears to be on the lookout for his breakfast near DeFord early Friday morning. Michigan is host to both gray and red foxes – both species of fox are omnivores, meaning that they eat both animals and plants. Small mammals such as cottontail rabbits, rodents, birds and reptiles make up the bulk of the animal's diet. Fruit, nuts seeds and insects are also common foods.



Cass City officials welcome fellow Prusik

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according to Powell, who says Cass City has been working towards the certification for some time by updating its master plan and, currently, updating the community's zoning ordinance.

Powell said Prusik could be assigned to assist with a number of possible projects during his 13-month assignment, including working with the local downtown development authority to establish a community information kiosk and streetscape program, working with downtown property owners to consider transforming second-floor space into housing, organizing special events, and applying for grants.

Cass City was one of 10 communities chosen to host a fellow through the CEDAM Community Development Fellowship, which is made possible with funding and support from the MEDC.

According to Michelle Parkkonen, community development di-

rector of technical assistance programs at MEDC, the fellowship was created to help address a common challenge Michigan's diverse communities face: a lack of sufficient capacity to achieve their economic development potential.

Fellow projects expand organizational capacity, increase local collaboration and remove barriers to development, she said.

"Vibrant, strong communities attract and retain young professionals, increase tourism and support small businesses, but communities need to collaborate and build capacity to move forward and transform," Parkkonen explained. "By participating in CEDAM's Community Development Fellowship program, these 10 communities will be empowered to build a strong future, and we're pleased to support their efforts."

"Last year's fellows made a significant impact in their communities, and we are excited to see how this year's communities, all of whom are engaged in the Redevelopment Ready Communities

(RRC) program, benefit from the fellowship," said Sarah Teater, program manager at CEDAM. "Cass City has identified ambitious and impactful projects that will make a difference in their community."

Prusik graduated from Michigan State University in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in environmental studies and sustainability. He is currently a graduate student in the field of public administration at Western Michigan.

Prior to being hired to work with the CEDAM, Prusik was the professional development manager for the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA), leading trainings for farmers market managers across the state. His work at MIFMA allowed him to advocate for great public spaces, ultimately drawing him to this fellowship opportunity at CEDAM.

He says he hopes this experience will help prepare him for a lifetime of public service to Michigan communities.

State records first West Nile virus activity in Lapeer County hawk

The first West Nile virus (WNV) activity for Michigan in 2020 has been reported in a captive hawk in Lapeer County.

In making the announcement Friday, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials also reminded residents that the best way to protect themselves against West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses, including Eastern Equine Encephalitis, is to prevent mosquito bites.

Every summer in Michigan, bites from mosquitoes carry the risk of spreading diseases to people and animals. Last year, West Nile virus (WNV) sickened 12 Michiganders along with 20 animals and birds.

Last year, West Nile virus (WNV) sickened 12 Michiganders along with 20 animals and birds. The state also experienced its worst outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis in 2019.

"It only takes one bite from an infected mosquito to cause a severe illness," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. "We urge Michiganders to take precautions such as using an EPA-registered insect repellent when outdoors."

Although WNV is common in Michigan, in 2019 the state experienced the worst outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus ever recorded. There was EEE activity reported in 20 Michigan counties, with 50 cases in animals and 10 people infected with EEE, including six deaths.

Nationally, 26 states reported EEE activity, with 38 human cases and 19 deaths occurring in 10 of those states. To-date in 2020, there has not been EEE detected in Michigan, however this virus is typically detected later in the summer.

Symptoms of arbovirus infection, like WNV, typically include a high fever, confusion, muscle weakness and a severe headache. More serious complications include neurological illnesses, such as meningitis and encephalitis.

WNV and EEE are transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird.

Most people who contract the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. As summer temperatures rise, mosquitoes and the virus develop more quickly, so it is important to protect yourself from mosquito bites as the weather warms.

Mosquitoes that transmit (WNV) may breed near people's homes in storm drains, shallow ditches, retention ponds and unused pools. They will readily come indoors to bite if window and door screens are not maintained.

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include:

- *Use EPA-registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol or 2-undecanone; follow the product label instructions and reapply as directed.

- *Don't use repellent on children under two months old. Instead dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs and cover crib, stroller and baby carrier with mosquito netting.

- *Wear shoes and socks, light colored long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors.

- *Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings.

- *Use bed nets when sleeping outdoors or in conditions with no window screens.

- *Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding around your home, including water in bird baths, abandoned swimming pools, wading pools, old tires and any other object holding water once a week.

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Library cooperative distributes PPE to members as state restrictions are lifted

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's lifting of additional restrictions stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted area libraries, which have been allowed to re-open with curbside service.

Libraries are taking extra measures to open safely, with the health of their patrons and staff in mind.

Towards that end, White Pine Library Cooperative Director Kate Van Auken has been distributing PPEs (personal protective equipment) to member libraries in the cooperative.

As of last Wednesday, Van Auken had personally delivered PPEs to libraries in Saginaw, Chesaning, Sandusky, Cass City, Bad Axe and Gladwin, but there are several libraries in the cooperative, so it will take a few days to be able to reach them all.

With curbside service, patrons call their local library and explain the material(s) they want. Library staffers then gather the items together and contact the patron to let them know the items are available for pick-up.

Returned items can be placed in drop boxes outside of libraries, or the staff will collect items curbside at some libraries.

Returned items will be quarantined for at least three days and will be wiped down with a disinfectant cleaner.

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City opened June 10 for curbside service, which is available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

The number to call for service is (989) 872-2856. Requests can also be processed online.

The Sleeper Public Library in Ubyly also opened June 10 for curbside service. The library is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Materials can be requested by calling (989) 658-8901. The library staff will call patrons when their orders are ready and provide a time for pick-up and in which tote the orders will be located. There will be two numbered totes near the front handicap entrance of the library.

At the end of the month, the Sleeper Public Library Board will meet and review the COVID cases in the area to determine whether or not to transition to opening with a restriction of 25 percent occupancy inside the library.

"Because there is just myself and Bonnie working, if even one of us comes down with COVID, the library will be shut down for two weeks," explained library Director Barbara Butch.

The Opperman Memorial Library in Kingston, meanwhile, has also opened for curbside service. For service, call (989) 683-2500 to request items to be borrowed.

A staff member will deliver the requested items in the parking lot and return items placed in the drop box.

Donations are not being accepted at this time.



WHITE PINE Library Cooperative Director Kate Van Auken has been distributing PPEs (personal protective equipment) to libraries in the cooperative. Each of the libraries in the Chronicle's coverage area opened with curbside service last week.



CASS CITY Elementary School first grade teacher Deb Persuki poses with one of her students, Leiya Lounsbury, during a "good-bye parade" organized June 4. "Because of Covid-19, schools were ordered to shut down on March 13. It has been a difficult time for staff, parents and students," said teacher Paula LeValley. "The staff planned this event so students could say goodbye and collect belongings that were left behind in classrooms. The event was made successful with the help of donated tents by community members, tables by the (Elkland Township) fire department, Revive Ministries that provided ice cream...and the PTO and many sponsors that provided a yearbook for every student."

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Morgan is the daughter of Kurt and Cari Russell and Crystal Quinn. After graduation she plans to join the military.

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The Cass City High School Graduating Class of 2020 sought to make a difference each day, and you will continue to find ways to make the world a better place. I thoroughly enjoyed our time together, and I can't wait to see what you accomplish!

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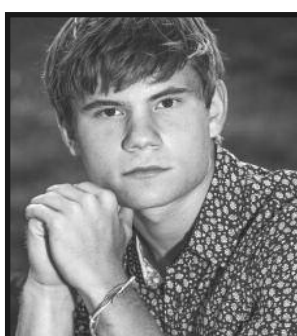
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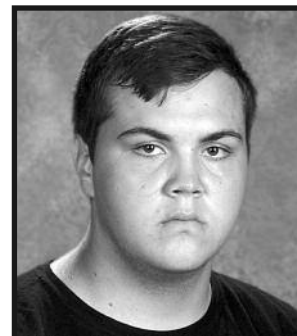
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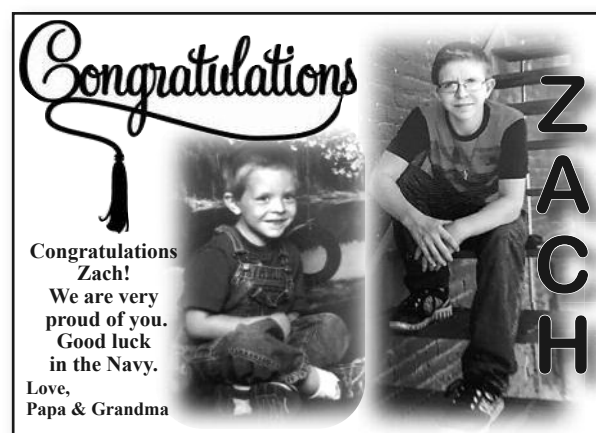
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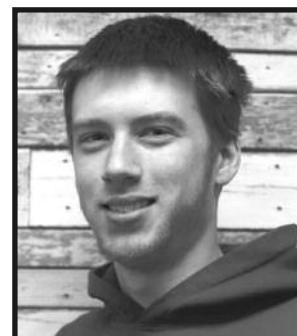
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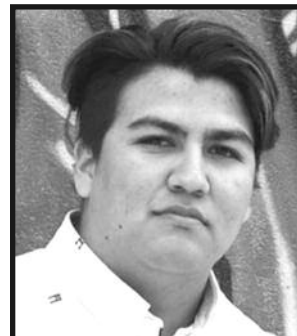
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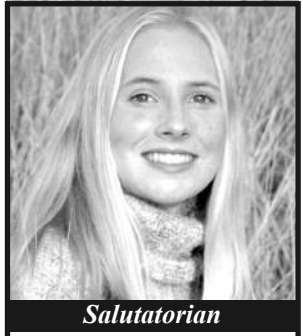
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 Paul & Darcy Guello
College/Future Plans:
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Sponsor:
 Cole Carbide



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 Crystal Parker
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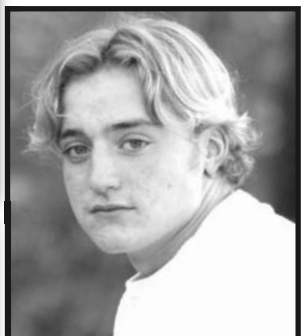
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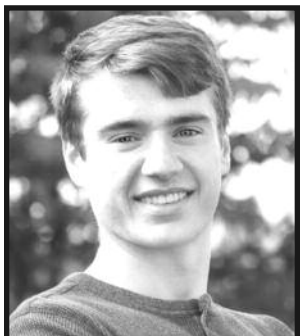
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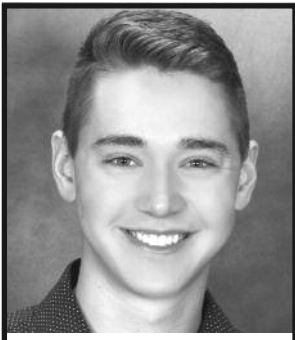
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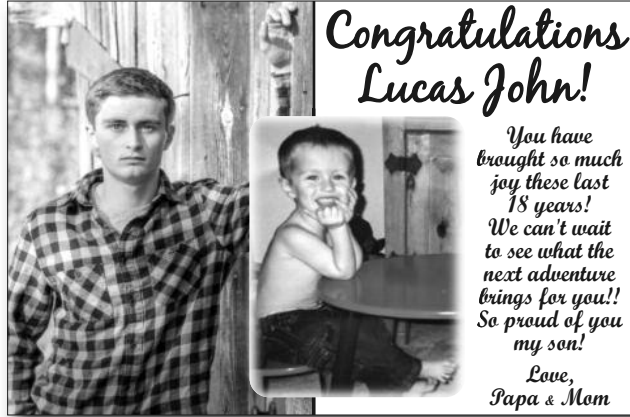
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Congratulations Lucas John!

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Love, Papa & Mom



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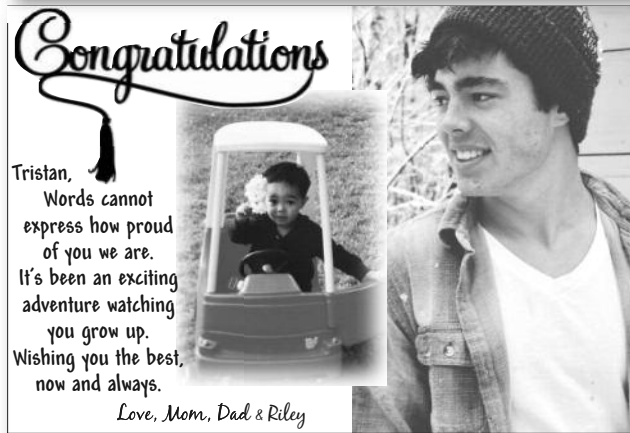
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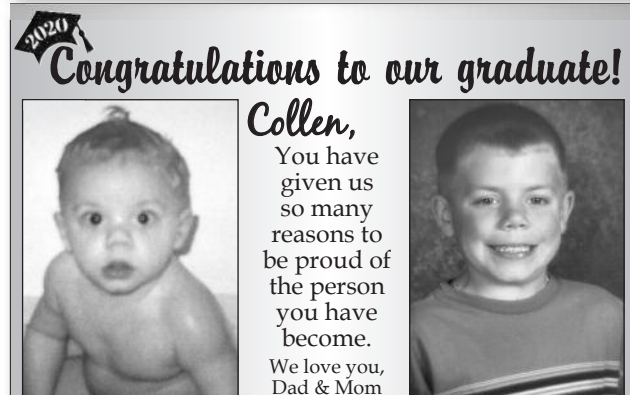


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Tristan, Words cannot express how proud of you we are. It's been an exciting adventure watching you grow up. Wishing you the best, now and always.
Love, Mom, Dad & Riley

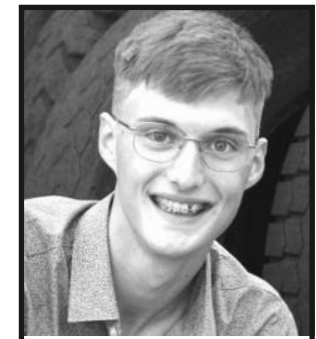


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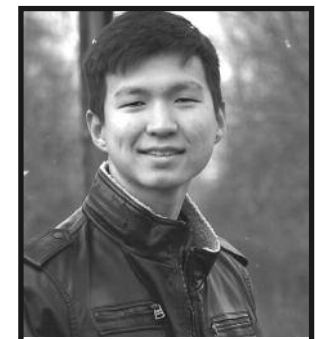
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THE SEBEWAING Area Sewers for a Cause have made and donated well over 10,000 face masks to help keep others safe from the COVID-19 virus.

Sebewaing group keeps giving - face masks - to Thumb area hospitals

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A group of talented Thumb residents determined to help with the need for face masks has made a huge impact over the last two months.

The Sebewaing Area Sewers for a Cause has produced more than 10,000 homemade cloth face masks in recent weeks in an effort to meet the demand among healthcare workers near and far.

The organization's key members are Jim and Kelli Shaw, Jeanie Squires and Barb Drzewicki.

And the latest recipient of their group's generosity — Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City — has been on the receiving end of the sewers' talents before.

Local hospital officials said they greatly appreciated the gift of masks, and the time and skill that it took to make them. Several others have also made and donated masks to the hospital.

Kelli Shaw said she is amazed by how many people came together to work on the project, as well as the generous donations to cover shipping masks and ordering more rolls of tie material and have them sent directly to anyone who needs them.

Some of the masks have been sent to Detroit hospitals, where they have floors of COVID-19 patients.

Shaw, Squires, Drzewicki and others in the group have been working in partnership with Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Huron and Tuscola county health departments, in distributing the masks, some of which were donated to the Tuscola County Medical Care Community in Caro.

Shaw said she is humbled and in awe of the selfless efforts of those who have helped make masks and of those who have donated towards the cause.

"My mom taught me to sew. I've done a lot and I actually have a business where I sew also. The company is Funky Threadz. We do art fairs in the summer," she explained.

As a result, the Shaws were already set up to help make masks.

Although they do not charge for the masks or for shipping them to those in need, the group does accept donations to help cover expenses.

More information about the Sebewaing Sewers for a Cause is available by emailing Kelly at kellijeanshaw@gmail.com.

Brownfield grant program a big success story for Tuscola Co., Cass City Village

Steve Erickson figures the Brownfield Redevelopment Grant program might be one of the most successful tools the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) has at its disposal.

The agency was awarded a grant of \$600,000 — the largest grant recently approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the three-county Thumb area — according to Erickson, executive director of the county EDC, which serves as the grant administrator for the region.

Erickson says the program is very cost-effective and has saved a large amount of money for property owners and local units of

government through Tuscola County.

"The village of Cass City has benefitted from...Brownfield grant funding over the past few months," he said. "These projects include the Cultural Center in downtown Cass City, the Nestles Building just north of M-81, and on behalf of a local manufacturing company — Mi Tech Tooling."

The EDC staff provides regular updates to both the Cass City DDA and other local EDC boards, according to Erickson, who noted the county agency also assisted in securing Brownfield grant funding used for a portion of the Cass City Industrial Park several years ago. "This grant helped pave the

way for new businesses deciding to locate in the industrial park.

"Other recent projects to benefit from Brownfield Redevelopment grant funding are in Caro, Millington, Vassar, Reese and the Mayville area," he continued.

Erickson said the Tuscola County EDC has an impressive, long-standing relationship with the EPA. "Working with the EPA staff in Chicago has been great. We have found them to be very pro-business and easy to communicate with," he added.

The EDC plans to apply for additional funding to continue the program in Tuscola County, with the goal of retaining existing jobs and helping to create more jobs.

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