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## HDC cuts foster grandparent, RSVP programs

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The COVID-19 pandemic has claimed two more victims in the Thumb – this time volunteer programs that have offered hundreds of senior citizens the opportunity to impact the lives of thousands of children and adults alike across the region.

“The Human Development Commission (HDC) has not been immune to the effects of COVID-19. We have gone through our own struggles because of this pandemic but, because of our staff’s commitment and dedication, we have continued to provide services to the most vulnerable in our community,” HDC officials stated in an announcement issued last week.

“So, it is with a very heavy heart and profound sadness that we announce to the public that the Foster Grandparent and Retired Senior Volunteer programs have

been defunded by the state of Michigan, as of July 31, 2020. They are both casualties to COVID-19 and the budget shortfall that every state in our nation is facing.”

Nationally, the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) was established by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Locally, HDC has operated a FGP program since 1978. HDC has operated the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) since 2001.

Both outreaches have impacted residents in the Cass City area, both in terms of volunteers and the organizations they served.

Last summer, for example, HDC officials honored nearly 40 volunteers who had worked with more than 150 children in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties during the 2018-19 school year.

“Through the years, these programs have benefited countless children, older adults and the schools, camps and agencies they

assisted,” HDC officials said. “We are so appreciative of the many older adults who participated in these programs and we will miss their enthusiasm and the joy which they gave us and others on a daily basis.”

Elimination of the programs also resulted in the loss of three full-time jobs – an FGP/RSVP pro-

gram manager, FGP program assistant, and community specialist, according to Kristy Sutherland, HDC’s senior services director.

In addition, she said, HDS officials last week contacted 34 foster grandparents and 91 RSVP volunteers to let them know about the decision.

Sutherland explained both pro-

grams receive federal and state funding, and the loss of state funding proved insurmountable.

“Unfortunately, the federal (dollars) are just not enough to carry the programs through,” she said, noting state funding has typically accounted for nearly \$149,000 of the FGP’s \$180,000 annual

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TROOPERS FROM the Michigan State Police in Caro say distracted driving contributed to a multiple-vehicle traffic crash that left two motorcycle riders critically injured last Wednesday in Tuscola County’s Juniata Township.

## Homicide case slated for trial in September

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

An Ellington Township man charged with fatally stabbing the mother of his 11-month-old daughter and seriously injuring the child at his residence late last year is scheduled to go on trial this fall.

The defendant, Larry E. Lyons, 37, was bound over to Tuscola County Circuit Court on multiple felony charges following his preliminary examination in district court in June. That court appearance came after Lyons was cleared for trial following his psychiatric exam at the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti.

“He was deemed competent (to stand trial) and criminally responsible,” Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said. “His case is set for trial at the end of Septem-

ber – Sept. 29 through Oct. 9.”

Lyons is charged in the death of B r a n d y Marie Dickson, 36.

Prosecutors, who say the victim was clutching the couple’s daughter as Lyons allegedly attacked her with a knife inside his home, is also charged with assault with intent to murder the baby, who suffered cuts to the top of her head, a stab wound to the side of her head, a skull fracture and bleeding in the brain during the Dec. 15 assault.

Lyons also faces charges of child abuse, second degree; domestic violence, third offense; carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful

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Larry Lyons

## Troopers: driver distracted in cycle crash

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Troopers from the Michigan State Police in Caro say distracted driving contributed to a multiple-vehicle traffic crash that left two motorcycle riders seriously injured last Wednesday in Tuscola County’s Juniata Township.

Troopers were dispatched to the scene – the intersection of West Sanilac Road (M-46) and South Ringle Road – at about 3:40 p.m.

“The crash involved two passenger cars and a motorcycle,” Sgt. Don Pisha of the Caro post reported in a news release. “Upon arrival, troopers discovered two motorcycle riders in critical condition. Troopers began providing immediate medical attention until

ambulance personnel arrived.”

The preliminary investigation, combined with witness statements, revealed a small red passenger car driven by a 68-year-old male from Vassar was travelling east on West Sanilac Road and

stopped in the roadway, waiting to turn left onto South Ringle Road, Pisha said, adding a silver passenger car driven by a 22-year-old female from Mayville was also traveling east on West Sanilac

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## Crash claims motorcyclist

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Tuscola County motorcyclist lost his life in a three-vehicle traffic crash Thursday in Watertown Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who identified the victim as Mayville area resident Rusty Pyles, 64, reported deputies were dispatched to Fostoria Road near Swaffer Road at about 1 p.m.

“It was reported a motorcyclist involved in the crash was not breathing.

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HILLS AND Dales General Hospital officials are inviting the community to join in the Cass City hospital’s 60th anniversary by participating in their “Roll or Stroll” celebration Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



HILLS AND Dales opened its doors Aug. 15, 1960, with a capacity of 57 beds and six active physicians on the medical staff. The first baby born there came into the world on the same day, at 7:50 a.m. (Photo courtesy of Ty Perry)

## Happy birthday, Hills and Dales

Community invited to celebrate with “Roll or Stroll” Friday

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City is marking its 60th birthday this month, and officials are inviting residents throughout the region to help celebrate.

The hospital is gearing up to host its “Roll or Stroll” anniversary celebration” Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

But it won’t be a typical party, given the precautions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are changing up our 60th anniversary celebration a little to try and do our best to keep everyone safe,” said Danielle Blaine, director of public relations, marketing and foundation at Hills and Dales.

Towards that end, Blaine explained, the hospital will be setting up stations along the blocks surrounding the hospital, and visitors will be invited to drive around or walk by to greet Hills and Dales staffers and grab some goodies in the process.

In an effort to maintain a steady flow of traffic, those planning to participate are asked to start in front of the hospital and then head down Hill Street.

“We ask that (everyone) maintain social distancing. If you are driving, we are happy to hand you items through your car window – we will be handing out pre-packaged snacks, giveaways and more,” Blaine noted.

“As we prepare to celebrate our 60th anniversary, I am incredibly thankful to be a part of Hills & Dales.

I have the distinct pleasure of leading a team that is dedicated to our patients and community,” commented Jean Anthony, Hills and Dales president and CEO.

“To see the growth of the hospital over the years, it is truly humbling to have patients continue to support and trust Hills & Dales for their care. We wouldn’t be here without our patients and community and we look forward to providing care for many more years to come,” she added.

Back in time

The celebration focuses on six decades of service to the community, with Hills and Dales’ roots dating back to the 1940s.

The idea to build a hospital in Cass City began in 1943 as something for a post-war project. Funds for the project were raised from the community over the next several years and construction of the new hospital began in the late 1950’s.

Hills and Dales opened its doors Aug. 15, 1960, with a capacity of 57 beds and six active physicians on the medical staff. The first baby born there came into the world on the same day, at 7:50 a.m.

In 1971, a fund drive was initiated in the community for an expansion project. Construction began shortly thereafter, and in April 1972, the west wing opened, increasing the hospital’s bed capacity to 65.

The new wing also included a medical library, lab,

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# Man in custody after pointing gun at motorists in Huron Co.

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Some Huron County motorists were startled Thursday night when they encountered a man jumping out of a ditch and pointing a gun at them on a Gore Township roadway.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) in Caro caught up with the suspect – identified only as a 42-year-old Northville man – early Friday morning and took him into custody with the assistance of a K-9 unit.

Sgt. Joseph L. Rowley, MSP Third District public information officer, said troopers were dispatched to North Lakeshore Road (M-25) at Lawitzke Road at about 9:45 p.m. to investigate a reported subject shooting at vehicles.

“Huron County Central Dispatch received two 911 calls, from different victims, reporting this,” Rowley stated in a news release. “The victims (stated) a vehicle was disabled in the roadway and each stopped to check on the car at different times.

“The first victim reported as they slowed down to check on the parked car, a man jumped out of the ditch and began firing a gun. The suspect then pointed his gun at them and was demanding a ride,” Rowley said. “The second victim observed the vehicle in the road and slowed to go around it. At this time, a man ran out of the ditch and pointed a handgun at them.

“Each victim was able to drive away and call 911. No one was injured, but one victim’s vehicle was struck by a bullet.”

Harbor Beach police, Port Austin police, Huron County Sheriff’s deputies, an MSP Emergency Support Team (ES Team), MSP K-9s and an MSP helicopter responded to the scene and established a perimeter.

“When officers arrived in the area, they could see the suspect, who was still armed, near the disabled vehicle,” Rowley reported. “At approximately 3:15 a.m., ES Team members approached the vehicle, but the suspect had already fled into the woods.”

An hour later, a K-9 unit located the suspect on a two-trail trail, and he was taken into custody.

“The suspect received minor injuries from the K-9 and was treated at a local hospital,” said Rowley, who noted the man faces numerous felony charges.

## Shots fired, deputies arrest county man

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thursday was a busy day – and night – for Thumb law enforcement officials.

While state police troopers were contending with a man threatening motorists in Huron County Thursday night (see related story), Tuscola County Sheriff’s deputies were investigating a “shots fired” complaint earlier in the day in Vassar Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent said the 911 call came in at about 4 a.m. from a Saginaw Road residence, with the call reporting

they could hear shots being fired and people yelling.

“Tuscola County deputies responded along with Vassar and Caro police to assist. The Vassar officer reported hearing the gunfire and yelling upon his arrival,” Skrent said.

“Officers immediately found two armed subjects outside of a home on Saginaw Road,” he added. “It appeared that both subjects, a 32-year-old female and a 44-year-old male, were under the influence of something. The subjects admitted shooting at subjects they thought were stealing their marijuana, and

(they) may have been hallucinating.”

Skrent said the male subject was taken into custody on suspicion of reckless use of a firearm, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony (felony firearm), and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was lodged and later released on his own recognizance.

Skrent, who noted a report on the incident was forwarded to the prosecutor’s office, said mental health workers have reported seeing more clients exhibiting paranoia after smoking large amounts of marijuana.

## Bader preliminary exam slated for Friday

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The former Cass City resident and Thumb Youth For Christ Campus Life director accused of attempting to meet with an individual he believed was a 14-year-old boy in Bay City early this year is scheduled to return to Tuscola County District Court this week for a preliminary examination.

Jeffery Lloyd Bader, 47, of Caro, previously waived his arraignment in district court and was bound over to Tuscola County Circuit Court on felony charges of using a computer to commit a crime and accosting a child for immoral purposes.

However, Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said, plea negotiations in the case broke

down, and Bader’s attorney requested that the case be remanded back to district court for a preliminary exam, which has been scheduled for Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Using a computer to commit a crime is punishable by up to seven years in prison, while accosting a child for immoral purposes carries a maximum four-year prison term.

Bader remains free on bond, which was set at \$20,000 (10 percent). Conditions placed on his bond include orders that he have no contact with minor children in any manner. He is also prohibited from accessing the Internet.

The charges followed an investigation launched by Caro police after the department along with the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department received numerous contacts from alarmed citizens who

had viewed a YouTube video posted on Facebook Feb. 1.

The video starts out with the depiction of online conversations, allegedly between the suspect and an individual identifying themselves as a 14-year-old boy. Later in the video, after the two allegedly make arrangements to meet in the parking lot of the YMCA in Bay City, the adult who posted the clip approaches the suspect’s vehicle and confronts him.

Bader is perhaps best known in the Cass City area for his longtime affiliation with the Youth For Christ organization as a Campus Life director for the Cass City and Kingston areas. He also served as a youth camp counselor and as a youth leader for Christian clubs organized in area school districts, including Cass City.

## Lyons homicide trial scheduled for this fall

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intent; and child abuse, third degree.

The most serious of the charges is open murder, which is punishable by life in prison. Assault with intent to murder carries a maximum penalty of life in prison or

any term of years.

He remains lodged in the Tuscola County Jail pending his transfer to Ypsilanti.

The horrific attack was reported at 2900 Gerou Rd. at about 7:15 p.m., according to Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who noted Lyons was taken into custody the

same day.

Skrent said Dickson had suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported by MMR ambulance for emergency treatment to a local medical facility, where she died. “(The) 11-month-old child was also treated for injuries and was transported for emergency treatment to a local hospital.”

An autopsy was performed Dec. 16 and confirmed Dickson’s cause of death to be multiple stab wounds. Investigators indicated they believe they have the murder weapon — a knife seized at the crime scene near the victim, who was found outside the residence.

According to Reene, the defendant and victim at one time lived together, but not at the time of the assault.

Reene described the assault as particularly vicious, judging by the wounds suffered by both the victim and the child. “All the evidence points to...she (Dickson) was trying to protect the child,” he said.

“It’s so sad, so incomprehensible.”

According to court records, Lyons’ has a history of domestic assault, including at least two convictions of domestic violence involving “assaulting or assaulting and battering his spouse, former spouse, an individual with whom he had a child in common, or a resident or former resident of his household, or of knowingly assaulting a pregnant individual.” Those convictions took place May 24, 2007, and Sept. 30, 2019.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## Promise for state's kids in foster care

With bad news the order of the day in the midst of a pandemic, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials recently offered some promising news for some children who could really use it.

MDHHS is getting a boost to its efforts to find loving adoptive homes for children more quickly from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

MDHHS and the foundation, a national nonprofit started by the fast food chain founder, recently announced Michigan's participation in the foundation's signature program, Wendy's Wonderful Kids, which will focus on finding adoptive homes for children who have been in foster care the longest and cannot safely return to their families.

The partnership funds 37 adoption professionals to serve youth at highest risk of aging out of foster care, including teenagers, children with special needs and siblings.

"Each day a child spends in foster care waiting for a permanent family is too long," said JooYeun Chang, executive director of the Children's Services Agency within MDHHS. "Wendy's Wonderful Kids has demonstrated success at finding families for children who have waited in foster care the longest, and we are thankful for the opportunity to expand this program in Michigan."

Also participating in the project are two existing MDHHS child welfare partners – Orchards Children's Services and Judson Center Child and Family Services, which will employ adoption resource consultants who are being trained to implement the Dave Thomas Foundation's evidence-based, child-focused recruitment model.

The model focuses on finding an adoptive family from the child's known network. Prior to the expansion of the program in Michigan, there were three positions already in place at Spaulding for Children and St. Vincent Catholic Charities.

"We look forward to working with the State of Michigan as well as Orchards and the Judson Center to serve more children in foster care who are often overlooked and need our help more than ever," said Rita Soronen, president and CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. "No child should face the COVID-19 crisis, or any other, without the stability and support of a permanent, loving home."

A rigorous, five-year national evaluation found that a child referred to the Wendy's Wonderful Kids program is up to three times more likely to be adopted.

Based on this evaluation and a successful pilot of the program, Ohio became the first state to expand Wendy's Wonderful Kids statewide in 2012. In 2017, the foundation launched a 12-year business plan to fully scale the program across all 50 states and Washington, D.C. Nearing the end of phase one of the plan, statewide expansion is underway in Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah, Washington and now, Michigan.

To date, Wendy's Wonderful Kids has helped to find adoptive homes for more than 9,500 children across North America, including 195 youth in Michigan.

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Let fireflies be your guiding light



Fireflies have always fascinated me with their little lightbulb in their tummy.

Although I was very young, I remember my grandmother's reaction to watching them with me one night. The wrinkles in her face smoothed out with the biggest smile I had ever seen her do. She clapped her hands in delight as she watched the little light show they put on as they flitted about the yard.

I was surprised at her reaction to seeing them. She acted like it was the first time she had seen them. She was really old so she must have watched them several times over the years, but it still gave her delight to watch them.

I remember thinking at the time that her reaction to watching them was a little odd, but figured she was just doing that because she was with me.

Gram watched me chase the little lightening bugs around the yard trying to catch one. It wasn't easy to do because their light would be there for a second and gone the next with a light appearing several feet away.

She was delighted when I gave her one to hold in her cupped hands and it kept lighting up.

Information on Facebook posting by a friend of mine on fireflies dimmed the delight of that memory, and I will never look at them the same way again.

According to what my friend posted, a firefly's flashes are part of a complex male - female seduction. The light show fireflies put on is actually a sophisticated mating ritual.

And there are some "femme fatale" fireflies that eat the male. Some poor fireflies are out there flying a fine line between sex and death.

I looked up the information she posted to see if it was accurate.

After reading the information, the fascination in watching fireflies dimmed for me for a while.

Then, I noticed my cat sitting in the window watching fireflies and I had to laugh as I watched him bob back and forth trying to follow their flight pattern.

Watching my cat's animated fascination trying to follow a firefly's flight reminded me of the nostalgic memory of the night my grandmother and I watched the little beetle's light appear and then disappear.

As we sat there together on that warm summer night, Grams advised me there would be tough times ahead in my life, and to watch fireflies. At the time, I didn't understand what she was trying to tell me.

The other night as I watched my cat watching fireflies, I finally understood what Grams told me.

Fireflies are to remind us to keep the sense of child-

like wonder in our lives along with dreams that nothing is outside the realm of possibility - like a bug lighting up the world with its butt.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson are teaming up to warn Michiganders of an increase in complaints of deceptive petition circulation, with circulators allegedly misleading people about the true nature behind the petitions they're being asked to sign.

In some reports, complainants indicated they were told by circulators that the petition was about one topic, such as helping small businesses or supporting medical marijuana initiatives, while the actual printed content was completely different from what was described by the circulator – such as repealing state legislation.

Circulators are often paid per signature collected, so there is an incentive for them to collect as many as possible.

"Regardless of what your political stance is, I am urging anyone who is approached by a petitioner to carefully read and make every best effort to understand what you are agreeing to sign," Nessel said.

"The petition process is an important right that belongs to the people of this state, but these deceptive and dishonest practices are not being conducted in the spirit of a free and transparent democracy, one in which the power truly rests with an informed populace."

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While many summer events and activities have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, area residents are invited to participate in one this weekend that offers the opportunity to get out and enjoy some fresh air and, at the same time, help to raise money for a good cause.

The 14th annual Exchange Club of Caro Trail Walk is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Exchange Club Forest, Caro.

The forest, which consists of about 40 acres with two miles of walking trails, is located at the corner of M-24 and Gun Club Road. The entrance is off Gun Club Road.

In keeping with state and local health recommendations, organizers ask that all participants observe social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and no pets are allowed. Attendance is free, and there will be free doughnuts and juice, and prizes.

Donations will be accepted.

"The Caro Exchange Club is part of a nationwide club whose main purpose is to fight child abuse. A lot of our fundraising (dollars) go to the Child Advocacy Center (of Tuscola County), explained Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, a veteran member of the club.

"We also honor students of the month and a local police and fire person. We promote families and patriotism," he added.

"The trail walk is our biggest fundraiser — It's been held for the last 14 years. The trail has been maintained by the Exchange Club since they planted it (about) 80 years ago. Since they added the extension connecting Chippewa Landing Trail, we have a lot of people using it."

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I've made hundreds of trips returning home from Boyne City to Cass City over the years. And 99 percent of the time I've driven 75 south from Gaylord to Wilder Road near Bay City.

Not Sunday, though, as my iPhone had me getting off 75 just south of Grayling and hopping onto 27 south instead. I headed toward Midland and eventually to Bay City.

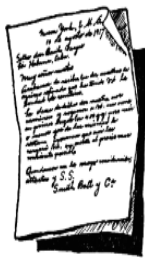
The new route was quite busy, but traffic never slowed down because of it. That can't be said for those who traveled 75 south all the way to Bay City, as backups resulted in stop-and-go traffic near the Standish exit, according to my wife, who was there.

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Last week I told you the salmon were in Lake Michigan near Manistee. This week I am not so sure.

We've tried our luck for the past two Thursdays with Capt. Gabe Graham – he operates Elsie K Charters - and the results were quite different. Our first trip (July 30th) we landed eight King salmon, but on our last trip (Aug. 6th) the bite was slow and we were limited to a solo Chinook salmon, albeit a 20-pounder.

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# Thumb Gospel convention off

Organizers of the Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music Convention last week shelved plans to forge ahead with this year's 23rd annual event, citing Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's latest state executive orders designed to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Convention officials early last month announced this year's Gospel music gathering would take place Aug. 27-30 after lengthy discussions focusing on how to stage the event safely.

"We once again had a very difficult conversation about this year's

gathering," organizers stated in a Facebook message posted Friday.

"We took into account the new orders from our state government...as well as multiple discussions with our state rep in the Thumb. With those in mind, Bay Shore Camp, as well as our committee, does not feel comfortable risking the possibility of the state regulatory agencies pulling their license to operate by continuing to hold our event. So, due to that uneasiness, we regrettably have to cancel this year's annual Thumb gospel music convention."

The 23rd convention is now

slated to take place August 26-29, 2021.

"This situation we are finding us all in has certainly changed everyone's plans these last five months," the Facebook post states. "We tried hard to make our weekend a constant in this year of cancellations and postponements. We now have a longer wait until our next gathering, but the important thing to know here is that there will be a 'next gathering'."

"Together we will get through this. Stay safe out there. Next August will be here before we know it."

## Primary voters generous at the polls

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Area voters decided some key races in the Thumb and proved themselves willing to support tax requests for various services during the Tuesday, Aug. 4, primary election.

In Tuscola County, Ashley Bennett emerged the winner in a heated race for county treasurer, defeating fellow Republican Rita Papp, 5,722 votes to 2,541 votes.

In another heated race, for the District Two Tuscola County Board of Commissioners seat, incumbent Republican Thom Bardwell defeated Republican challenger Richard Lipan, 1,011 to 672. District Two is comprised of Almer, Ellington, Kingston, and Novesta townships and the city of Caro.

In District Four, Republican newcomer Douglas DuRussel defeated another Republican newcomer Roger A. Bacon Sr., 868 to 786. Incumbent Mark Jensen did not seek re-election. District Five is comprised of Arbela, Millington, Tuscola and Watertown townships.

District Five incumbent Republican Dan Grimshaw, meanwhile, survived a challenge from Republican Dean A. Tomlinson. Grimshaw received 782 votes and Tomlinson, 601 votes. District Five is comprised of Denmark, Juniata and Vassar townships and the city of Vassar.

### Millage requests

Among the successful millage campaigns was a requested renewal of one mill for six years to fund the fire department and ambulance services. The measure passed, 682 to 85.

In Koylton Township, voters ap-

proved a road millage, 245 to 78.

A countywide millage renewal to fund a long-running mosquito suppression program easily passed, 9,987 to 1,741.

In addition, the Caro Area District Library millage request was approved, 2,251 to 626, by residents in the library's coverage area – the city of Caro and the townships of Ellington, Indianfields, Juniata and Wells.

### State representative

In the 84th District, comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties, first-term state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) ran unopposed, while Democratic challenger Patrick J. Wood of Otisville, defeated Douglas P. Marker, Bay Port, and will face off with Green in November.

### Rep in Congress

In the 5th Congressional District, Republican newcomer Tim Kelly of Saginaw defeated fellow Republican Earl Lackie, Hale, for the right to challenge incumbent Dan Kildee (D-Flint) in November.

In the 10th District, Lisa McClain, Clinton Township, emerged the winner among a trio of Republicans vying for the chance to battle in November for the seat being vacated by two-term incumbent Paul Mitchell (R-Dryden Township), who opted not to seek a third term. The other Republican candidates were Doug Slocum, Macomb, and Shane Hernandez, Port Huron. McClain will face Democrat challenger Kimberly Bizon, Lexington, who defeated fellow Democrat Kelly L. Noland.

### Huron County

In Huron County, Bingham

Township's request to renew a road millage passed, 206 to 107, and Brookfield Township's road millage was approved on a vote of 84 to 39, with a second request – a millage to fund fire protection – also passing, 99 to 25.

### Sanilac County

Sanilac County voters approved a senior citizen services millage, 9,259 to 2,692.

In addition, Argyle Township's request for fire service passed, 166 to 47, and a request for road funding passed, 144 to 65; Evergreen Township's request for roads passed, 150 to 63; and Greenleaf Township's proposed road millage passed, 139 to 47, with a second request for fire and emergency services passing 137 to 48.



**TUSCOLA County Sheriff Glen Skrent recently announced the promotion of Deputy Ryan Robinson to the rank of sergeant. Robinson, who has been with the department since 2006 and has been partnered with K-9 Officer Blek since 2018, is originally from Gladwin County and attended SVSU, where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. "He is a 2005 graduate of the Delta College Police Academy, where he earned the Top Gun Award and placed second overall in academic standing. Over the years, he has been (recognized) for professional excellence several times," Skrent noted.**

## COVID-19 pandemic claims foster grandparent program

Continued from page one.

budget, and roughly \$47,000 of the RSVP's \$80,000 budget.

The impact will be felt by several Thumb school districts – including Cass City and Kingston — that have hosted foster grandparents, whose presence in the classroom provided students with extra one-on-one attention, motivating them to embrace school and improve academically.

"So, 18 different schools lost 'grandparents', and each grandparent worked with one to five kids," Sutherland said, adding the program touched the lives of hundreds of youngsters and their teachers. "They just lost another resource in the classroom."

The loss of the program was news to Cass City Elementary School Principal Aaron Fernald, who said foster grandparent volunteers have been a welcome addition to the local elementary school.

"They've (volunteers) been valuable to our special ed students and our special ed teachers – they came in and provided some extra support in the classroom," he noted.

"They're dedicated; when they said they were going to come in, they came in. They're very dedicated and very committed to being here every day," said Fernald, who indicated the children responded well to foster grandparents assigned to the local district.

"The teacher depended on them a lot, too. It was a good mix," he added. "I think it was a good program for the kids and for the (senior volunteers). It benefited both."

RSVP volunteers, meanwhile, devoted their time and talents in a variety of ways, including working senior fairs, community expo events, food drives and serving as home delivered meal drivers, according to Sutherland, who said the program also focuses on "the well-being of seniors after they retire to give them a purpose in life, a reason to get up in the morning after retirement."

One of the program's signature outreaches was Safe Seniors, in which volunteers would place calls to isolated seniors to provide companionship and check on their well-being, she added, noting HDC officials have encouraged volunteers to continue reaching out, but without the administrative services previously provided by HDC.

Last year, more than 100 senior volunteers put in a combined 17,000 hours of service through RSVP in communities throughout the upper Thumb.

As for the future, HDC officials are taking a wait-and-see approach to the foster grandparent and senior volunteer programs.

"It's definitely in the hands of our legislators now," Sutherland said. "We would certainly welcome the opportunity to bring (both programs) back."

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## Reporter's notebook

Coffee is life...

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I really don't mind the inconvenience of wearing a mask and social distancing these days as all sides bicker about everything COVID-19 pandemic, but I draw the line at 24-hour convenience stores/gas stations no longer being open 24 hours so I can grab a coffee in the middle of the night.

I've always been a night owl, which means the mood to write and design newspaper pages frequently strikes at odd hours.

Oh, well, I'll just chalk it up to being another basic inconvenience – no big deal. I'm far more concerned about the oddballs out there (family and friends alike) who casually dismiss coffee for what it is: life.

How can someone not like coffee? There's no reasoning with these people. In short, if you understand the supernatural essence that is the coffee bean, no explanation is necessary. If you don't, no explanation is possible, I guess.

The people at [www.healthline.com](http://www.healthline.com) understand.

I say that, of course, because I like what they have to say on the topic of java in a story published early last year (which is to say I can't back up any claims in the article).

Anyway, here goes:

According to author Kris Gunnars, whose resume describes him as a nutrition researcher with a bachelor's degree in medicine and a passion for evidence-based nutrition is his passion, coffee is one of the healthiest beverages on the planet.

Coffee contains hundreds of different compounds, some of which offer important health benefits, according to Gunnars, who says several large studies have shown that people who drank moderate amounts of coffee were less likely to die during the study period.

"When hot water runs through coffee grounds while brewing, the natural chemical compounds in the beans mix with the water and become part of the drink. Many of these compounds are antioxidants that protect against oxidative stress in your body caused by damaging free radicals," says Gunnars, who noted oxidation is believed to be one of the mechanisms behind aging and common, serious conditions like cancer and heart disease.

"Coffee happens to be the biggest source of antioxidants in the western diet — outranking both fruits and vegetables combined," he wrote.

"This doesn't necessarily mean that coffee is richer in antioxidants than all fruits and vegetables, but rather that coffee intake is so common that it contributes more to people's antioxidant intake on average."

Gunnars cites a 2012 study on coffee consumption in 402,260 people ages 50 to 71, which observed that those who drank the most coffee were significantly less likely to have died during the 12- to 13-year study period.

"The 'sweet spot' appeared to be a coffee intake of four to five cups per day. At this quantity, men and women had a 12 percent (to) 16 percent reduced risk of early death, respectively. Drinking six or more cups per day provided no additional benefit."

Looking at particular causes of death, researchers found that coffee drinkers were less likely to die from infections, injuries, accidents, respiratory disease, diabetes, stroke and heart disease, according to Gunnars' article.

However, he offers these words of caution: "Keep in mind that these are observational studies, which cannot prove that coffee caused the reduction in risk. Still, their results are a good reassurance that coffee is — at the very least — not to be feared."

Well, I'm convinced.

I'm also assuming Gunnars' conclusions cover most forms of coffee. Me? I'm basically a meat-and-potatoes guy when it comes to coffee. I have no use for those fancy schmancy vanilla-caramel-hazelnut-latte-doubleshot-whatever versions. Couldn't care less for creamers, etc., either.

But, hey, no judgment here.

Okay, I'm done.

Off to grab another cup of life.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2015)

A flash mob occurred in the Rotary Park on Main Street in Cass City early Monday morning. The 40 young dancers are members of Dance Center No. 1 of Augsburg, Germany. The group started their American visit in Chicago and have now been to Grand Rapids, Birmingham, Lansing and Cass City. Next, the performers are headed to New York City before returning to Germany. The visit was arranged through Excel Dance studio owner Jeralyn Herp, in collaboration with Thumb Friends of the Arts and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. Area families volunteered to host two or three students for their 3 day stay in the Thumb.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Jennifer (Sweeney) DiCicco, a 2004 graduate of Cass City High School, recently graduated from Ferris State University with a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. Jenny is currently employed as a staff pharmacist at Meijer Pharmacy in Brighton, and also works as a staff pharmacist for the inpatient pharmacy at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. She plans to continue to work and reside in the Brighton area. Jenny is the daughter of Terry and Colleen Sweeney of Cass City. She recently married Thomas DiCicco of Brighton.

Local honeybee keeper, Dean Hutchinson said the decline has not been pinpointed yet, but he has some theories on why they are declining. Hutchinson is the largest honeybee keeper in Tuscola County. He has about 600 beehives in his back yard with anywhere from 50,000 to 60,000 honeybees in each of the hives, but added he is relatively small compared to honeybee keepers in Sanilac and Huron counties. "The number of honeybees are astronomically lower," he said. One reason there is a honeybee decline, Hutchinson said, is because agricultural practices are a lot different from what they used to be. "Farmers are spraying a lot more pesticides," Hutchinson explained.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Serving as an elementary school principal is new territory for Jody Miklovic, but the seasoned educator and counselor is confident he's up to the task. A Thumb native who was raised on a farm in the Akron-Fairgrove School District, Miklovic, 46, is the new principal at Campbell Elementary School, "I've always been a person who's taken on a lot of responsibility and worn a lot of hats. But for the first time, I feel like the one who's at the bottom of the funnel because as principal, everything funnels down to you," he recently commented. "It will take some adjustment." It's a challenge Miklovic said he's looking forward to meeting. Miklovic will rely on 22 years experience in education, including 16 years in the USA School District, where he started out as an elementary teacher and later moved on to the middle school as a teacher and counselor.

Barbara Merchant, daughter of Allen Merchant and Joanie Merchant of Cass City, is vacating her current teaching position at the Pioneer Work and Learn Center in Vassar and has accepted a home economics teaching position at Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools. She is a 1986 graduate of Cass City High School, a 1989 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in education, and in 1992, received a third minor in English education at Saginaw Valley State University. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in counseling through CMU.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1985)

The Rev. Eldred Kelley and congregation members of the Evan-

gelical Free Church of Cass City held a ground breaking ceremony Sunday to kick off the construction of a new church building.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barnes and Mrs. Harold Craig were at Buckley over the weekend to attend a show of antique farm machinery.

Mrs. Myrtle Evans, Mrs. Patricia Posluszny and Mrs. Ina Reid spent last week in the Upper Peninsula. Highlights of the trip were a visit to the Sleeping Bear Dunes, watched the sunset over Lake Michigan from Pointe Betsy, toured Old Mission Point and visited the Gwen Frostick museum. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neuman of Milford joined the group Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorn Evans on Indian Lake at Manistique. Mrs. Reid spent the week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Evans at Escanaba.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Mr. and Mrs. John Krug of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Sue, to Paul Leon Kersh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kersh of Saginaw. Both are students at the Ferris State College School of Pharmacy, Class of 1981. A May, 1981, wedding is planned.

Pvt. Harold J. Mosack, son of Mrs. Gail R. Mosack, 8068 Sebewaing Road, Owendale, recently was assigned as a combat engineer with the 9th Engineer Battalion in Aschaffenburg, Germany.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new 750-seat auditorium at the Deford Community church took place after morning services Sunday. Rev. Gerald Rodgers manned the plow, with church board members, deacons and trustees taking the place of the horse. Construction should be done by early 1981, with most of the work being done by church members.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1970)

If a man who raises crops is a farmer, and one who raises cows is a cattleman, then what do you call a man who raises pigeons? Stanley Edzik, Sr., that's what. On his 66 acre farm just west of Cass City, Edzik has more than 100 pigeons, with more hatching every day. The birds are housed in a small out building at present, but Edzik plans to build a larger more modern house or convert another building for the purpose. The pigeon house is a kaleidoscope of color as the birds flutter from perch to perch. Pigeons, according to Edzik, are hardy creatures that require only a minimum of care. Most of the work in raising the young is done by the mother pigeon.

COMMENDED FOR 10 years of service with the Department of the Army recently was Mrs. Vera Balwinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright. Officials of the Army presented the service award.

David J. DeGrow, 20, son of Senator and Mrs. Alvin J. DeGrow, Pigeon, has been promoted to Air Force Sergeant. He is assigned to the 557 Civil Eng. Sq. "Heavy Repair" (Red Horse), Aux. Field #2, Eglan Air Force Base, Florida, where he teaches combat construction. He and his wife Terry live in Niceville, Florida. David is a 1967 graduate of Laker High School.

Lynn Marie Weippert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Weippert, was baptized Sunday morning in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church by Pastor James Van Dellen. Mrs. Beverly Nieboer and Thomas Guinther were witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Guinther and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Weippert, all of Cass City, are grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wheeler returned home Monday afternoon from a 10-day trip to Prince Edward Island, Canada. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McLean of Uby. They

visited the church where Mrs. Wheeler's and Mr. McLean's grandparents were married.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Mr. and Mrs. John Guisbert have received the Purple Heart awarded to their son, Pfc. Dane H. Guisbert, for wounds received in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands, April 28th last. Pfc. Guisbert was graduated from Cass City high school June 2, 1944, and was inducted into the armed forces Aug. 4 of the same year. He received his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, and was sent overseas last January. He was assigned to the 11th Airborne division-on Luzon where he acted as first scout until Aug. 1. Since then he served as second gunner. He was wounded by shrapnel from a Jap mortar shell Apr. 28. He was also awarded the Combat Infantry badge. Pfc. Guisbert completed his parachutist training June 1 and is now a member of the 188th Parachute Infantry.

Don Loomis, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loomis, of Gagetown, recently showed his Hereford steer at the beef cattle show at Cass City. The animal was awarded reserve champion place and was first in the light weight steer class. The steer showed a gain of 420 pounds in five months, or, an average gain of a little over 18 pounds a week. Don will show his Hereford steer at the Junior Livestock show in Detroit Dec. 11-13. Around 50 young folks, members of the Cass City Livestock club, are fitting animals for the Detroit show. Don's Hereford steer came from the Meadowbrook farm at Rochester. This is Don's first year in club work.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1920)

The Cass City Sand and Gravel Co. has received an American steam pump which is being installed at their plant. This pump has a capacity of a thousand gallons of water a minute and will be used in the company's screening and washing plant. A quantity of eight-inch pipe needed for connections to the pump was excavated from the old power house site owned by J.A. Caldwell, a member of the company. The company has made several car lot shipments of pit-run gravel recently.

Wm. Martus and son, William, Miss Leanore Linck and their guests, Sylvester and Helen Elsey, of Detroit motored to Imlay City Sunday, where they enjoyed a basket picnic with the following: John Linck and family, Peter Linck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elsey and Mrs. Nellen Back. Sylvester and Helen Elsey returned to their home in Detroit and will remember the pleasant weeks spent at the Martus Farm.

P.S. McGregory, who sold his business block and his interest in the T & M Quality Store last week, has been identified with Cass City business interests for 36 years. Mr. McGregory has witnessed many changes in this community in the period of time which extends from the day of ox teams to that of aeroplanes. He started the business here in 1884 with his partner, J.S. McArthur, and operated many years under the firm name of Two Macks. Later the firm dissolved partnership and divided the stock, Mr. McArthur taking the dry goods and Mr. McGregory retaining the clothing and shoes and with this line Mr. McGregory has been identified in Cass City until the present time. He paid strict attention to his business affairs, but contributed to his share of time and talent towards the improvement of the community. For many years, he was a member of the board of education and has always been identified with the up-building of the local Baptist church. After 36 years in the harness, Mr. McGregory is entitled to a real vacation and here's hoping he enjoys it.

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# Obituaries

## Joyce Neal

Joyce Ann Neal, 82, of Cass City, died Friday, July 10, 2020 in Ascension St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw. She was born June 8, 1938, in Bad Axe to Stanley Ellis and Ruth Ann (Steadman) Morell. Joyce married James Leroy Neal on February 2, 1957 in Gagetown United Methodist Church, now Hillside Community Church, where she was currently a member.

Joyce moved to Bay City following graduation from Bad Axe High School.

Jim and Joyce were blessed with four children, Janet, James, Jeanne and Jacqueline.

During the blizzard of 1978, the Neals moved to Toledo, Ohio. Joyce worked for Dr. Razi Rafeeq as office manager for 30 years. Upon retiring, they lived in Tennessee, Florida and finally settled back in Cass City. Joyce loved to knit, sew, go to ceramics with her sister, play the piano, and sing in the choir.

Everyone who came into the Neal home always enjoyed plenty of home cooking, a warm environment, and lots of baked goods. Joyce knew how to be a gracious hostess! She was also a gracious guest. Whenever she went to visit or stay with someone, she always had a special gift to show her appreciation.

There are plenty of people that own personally handmade gifts from Joyce, everything from hats, socks, blankets, Christmas stockings and more. If you knew Joyce, you knew she loved Christmas. It was her favorite holiday. Her home was always beautifully decorated, but at Christmas, you could feel the magic come alive. She would have music playing, cookies and candies for tasting, and presents for all. More than anything else, Joyce loved her family. It was important and very special when all of her children could be together and celebrate.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 63 years, James; children: Janet (Mike) Darrah of Groveland, FL, James (Joe) Neal of Tucson, AZ, Jeanne (Fred) Quinn of Toledo, OH and Jacqueline (Thomas) Van Tress of Phoenix, AZ; twelve grandchildren: Melissa LeTourneau, Matthew LeTourneau, Stephanie Darrah, Clint Darrah, Elizabeth (Kris) Kruse, Benjamin Darrah, Brandon (Jon) Quinn, Brian (Karina) Quinn, Alexandria (Jeremiah) Eklund, Mackenzie (Jacob) Keck, Zachary Van Tress and Madison (Joshua) Orcutt; five great-grandsons: Ryker LeTourneau, Christopher Head, Nico Darrah, Emrik Eklund and Carson Eklund; a sister, Betty (Jack) Laurie; sisters-in-law: Jeanette (Lynwood) LaPeer, Janice (Edward) Neal and Shirley (Danny) Haag; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, many loving cousins and close family friends.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Shirley (Jerry) Houghton and Marilyn (James) Dennis. A celebration of Joyce's life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 16, at Hillside Community Church, 4750 South St., Gagetown. This service will take place outdoors and the family requests that all in attendance wear facial coverings and observe proper social distancing.

Memorials may be made to Hillside Community Church, Gagetown.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



## Drug overdoses surge since the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic

Michigan health officials say the state has seen a substantial increase in opioid overdoses since the beginning of the COVID-19 epidemic.

These increases are a tragic reminder of the continued toll of the opioid epidemic, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials are urging anyone with an opioid use problem to carry naloxone and practice other safety measures to prevent overdose deaths.

According to statistics gathered by MDHHS, EMS (emergency medical services) responses for opioid overdoses increased by 33 percent from April to May. In addition, EMS responses for opioid overdoses from April through June were 26 percent higher than the same period a year ago.

EMS responses for opioid overdoses increased for all regions and nearly all demographic groups, with the exception of residents ages 65 years and older.

"Opioid overdoses kill far too many Michiganders, and it's a double tragedy that the pandemic has exacerbated this crisis," said Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun, MDHHS chief deputy for health and chief medical executive. "If you or someone you love has an opioid use disorder, please take steps to prevent overdose deaths – like carrying naloxone and never using alone."

The data provides other insights on how the pandemic has impacted the opioid crisis.

Patients were more likely to refuse transport to emergency departments (Eds) in April to June compared to the same period in 2019. The percentage of opioid overdose EMS responses that resulted in the patient declining transport to EDs nearly doubled, from 7.7 percent April to June 2019, to 14.3 percent April to June this year.

While all racial groups demonstrated increases in opioid overdoses and transport refusals during the pandemic, preliminary data suggests white residents experienced the greatest increases during this period. Despite this finding, longstanding racial disparities continue to impact how black residents experience opioid overdoses, resulting in a far higher opioid overdose rate.

After an initial drop in April, ED visits for opioid overdoses increased in May and June to pre-pandemic levels, in spite of EDs seeing fewer visits overall in Michigan during the pandemic.

The total number of ED visits April to June 2020 declined 38 percent compared with April to June 2019, while the number of opioid overdose ED visits increased by two percent. It is too early to determine if opioid overdose deaths have increased following the onset of the pandemic due to the length of time required to finalize death certificates.

MDHHS continues to use every available tool to combat the opioid epidemic during this challenging time, including ensuring continued access to Syringe Service Programs (SSPs) and increasing access to naloxone, the medication used to treat overdoses, for individuals and organizations.

Treatment for opioid use disorder, which may include medications used to combat the effect of opioids on a person's brain, remain available. For individuals who are not ready to access treatment, MDHHS recommends safer drug use to prevent further injury and death due to overdose during this time.

If you or someone you know has an opioid use disorder, MDHHS officials recommend:

- \*Accessing resources to support the mental and physical health.
- \*Contact your primary care provider before you run low on necessary medications. If you need access to a medical provider, contact your nearest Federally Qualified Health Center for support.
- \*Ensure naloxone is readily available. Individuals can request naloxone online at [www.naloxoneforall.org/michigan](http://www.naloxoneforall.org/michigan).
- \*Practice safer drug use (safety practices that prevent overdose deaths) and encourage others to do the same. More information is available online at [www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/COVID19\\_safer\\_drug\\_use\\_002\\_684573\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/COVID19_safer_drug_use_002_684573_7.pdf).

\*Contact Never Use Alone, a service anyone can call while using drugs. The caller will be connected to a person who will seek emergency services for them if they drop off the line or don't respond to a return call. Call 800-484-3731 or visit [NeverUseAlone.com](http://NeverUseAlone.com) to learn more.

If you or someone you know would like to seek treatment for opioid use disorder, treatment centers are still open during COVID-19 and listed online so you can find a center near you.

If you or someone you know is in recovery, reach out with a phone call, text or email to let him or her know you are there. You can also share the COVID-19 hotline number (888-535-6136) and tell them to press "8" for free emotional support counseling.

Those in need are also encouraged to visit [Michigan.gov/StayWell](http://Michigan.gov/StayWell) for a list of other help lines, including a peer "warm line" for individuals in distress who want to talk to someone who understands substance use disorders, the National Disaster Distress Helpline at 800-985-5990 and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255.

Residents can also call 211 — anyone struggling or seeking resources for substance use treatment services can call this free service that connects Michigan residents with health resources in their communities.

# Legal Notices

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Tuscola County) 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 (at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan), starting promptly at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, September 10, 2020. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage made by Jason Paul Cherniawski, a single man, as original mortgagor, to Chemical Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, as original mortgagee, dated June 11, 2018, and recorded on June 27, 2018, at the Tuscola County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 1400, commencing on Page 518, which mortgage is now held by Chemical Bank, a Division of TCF National Bank, successor in interest by merger to Chemical Bank, a Michigan banking corporation. The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, was \$34,589.08. 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.

The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Indianfields, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan further described as follows: Part of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at the intersection of the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 20 and the Easterly right of way line of Bruisee Road which is South 02 degrees 29 minutes 58 seconds West 2636.99 feet along the West line of said Section to the West 1/4 corner and along said East-West 1/4 line, South 87 degrees 51 minutes 57 seconds East, 1558.30 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 20; thence continuing along said East-West 1/4 line, South 87 degrees 51 minutes 57 seconds East, 300.00 feet; thence parallel to the Easterly right of way line of Bruisee Road, South 02 degrees 57 minutes 45 seconds West, 150.00 feet; thence parallel to said East-West 1/4 line, North 87 degrees 51 minutes 57 seconds West, 300.00 feet; thence along the Easterly right of way line of Bruisee Road, North 02 degrees 57 minutes 45 seconds East 150.00 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of Section 20 and the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 2245 Bruisee Rd. Tax ID Number: 013-020-300-0300-00 The redemption period shall be Six (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 thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and 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 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. Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Shaheen, Jacobs & Ross, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose Dated: July 30, 2020 Chemical Bank, a Division of TCF National Bank

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

8-5-4

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate  
File No. 17-35849-DE

Estate of ROBERT ELLIOTT COLLIER, Deceased Date of birth: 11-14-1956  
TO ALL CREDITORS:\*  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Elliott Collier, died 06-24-2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless present to Cathy Collier, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 440 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 08-03-2020  
Attorney Duane E. Burgess (P30248)  
121 W. Grant Street, Suite 2  
Caro, MI 48723  
989-673-1990

Personal Representative  
Cathy Collier  
7860 Deckerville Road  
Fairgrove, MI 48733  
989-693-0157

8-12-1

## Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance

The Village of Cass City Planning Commission will conduct a **Public Hearing on August 19, 2020**, at the **Cass City Lions Pavilion**, Cass City Recreational Park, Scotty McCollough Drive, Cass City, MI **beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon as the agenda will permit.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public on a new zoning ordinance that will replace the existing zoning ordinance in its entirety. The proposed zoning ordinance contains more graphic representations of zoning regulations and new formatting, which will make the zoning ordinance more user-friendly, and it includes minor amendments to clarify certain existing provisions.

A draft copy of the zoning ordinance is available for review at the village offices during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m., or on the village website at [www.casscity.org](http://www.casscity.org).

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting at the Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726.

Oral comments will be taken during the Public Hearing.

This noticed is published pursuant to the requirements of Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended.

The Public is invited to attend.

Nanette S. Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer

## NOVESTA TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Novesta Township is accepting bids for the rental of approximately 8 acres, for the 2021 growing season.

**Bids will be accepted until Friday August 21, 2020.**

Bids should be mailed to Novesta Township Clerk  
3016 N. Cemetery Rd. Cass City Mich. 48726

## NOVESTA TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Novesta Township Planning commission will hold a Virtual Variance hearing for Cass City Oil and Gas Land use Variance.

**August 31, 2020 at 7:30 p.m**  
for login information please visit  
<https://www.novestatownship.org/>

Pennie Rienas  
Novesta Township Clerk



**BLAST from the past – A fundraising sign erected in the late 1950s heralds the coming of a new hospital in Cass City. (Photo courtesy of Ty Perry)**

## Hills and Dales celebrating 60th birthday

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x-ray, pharmacy, physical therapy and offices. In addition, a medical office building with the capacity to house four physician offices was built.

In 1976 hospital officials launched a community drive to fund construction of a new ambulatory care center. The project started in 1978 and the new center opened two years later. The center included additional rooms for the emergency room, exam rooms, orthopedic room, and an outpatient surgery suite. The main hospital building also underwent a complete renovation.

In 1985, Hills & Dales opened the Thumb Area Home Care Agency to provide home health services to the residents in the Thumb. And, a year later, the hospital opened its new mammography suite and a medical supply service. Those upgrades were followed by the addition of nuclear medicine services in 1990, CT Scan services in 1993 and upgraded SPECT Nuclear Medicine services in 1995.

In the late 1990's, Hills and Dales opened its physical medicine and rehabilitation outreach facility in Caro as well as physician offices in Unionville and Ubyly. A physician office was opened in Kingston a few years later.

During this time, Hills and Dales also entered into joint ventures with other area hospitals that brought needed MRI and renal dialysis services to the residents of the Thumb. Both of those facilities are located in the Cass City area.

In January 2006, Hills and Dales officials kicked off a major expansion and renovation project that was completed in April 2007. The work provided new state-of-the-art surgical suites — including large pre-op and post-op areas — a fully equipped state-of-the-art lab, much needed office space and

conference rooms for employee and community education activities. In addition, the project upgraded the emergency room, registration and diagnostic imaging areas.

In April 2006, Hills and Dales installed its new, state-of-the-art 64-slice CT Scanner — the only one of its kind in the Thumb — which provided for an extremely fast exam, highly detailed images and the ability to diagnose heart disease at a very early stage using non-invasive methods. That same year, the hospital installed a new state-of-the-art bone densitometry machine that provides screening diagnostics for osteoporosis.

In the fall of 2008, Hills and Dales entered an affiliation relationship with Covenant Health-Care in Saginaw. This relationship was established to help the local hospital continue to provide close to home, top notch health care to patients.

In 2015, the hospital installed a new 128-slice CT scanner, also the first of its kind in the Thumb. Officials also launched a pulmonary rehabilitation program and swing bed program, and began offering sleep studies.

In 2015, Hills and Dales officials started working with the U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Development to secure financing for another renovation and expansion project, with the goal of breaking ground in April of 2017.

The resulting \$8 million project, completed in January of 2019, yielded a dozen new private patient rooms on the inpatient floor, a new specialty clinic and extended hours clinic, a new gift shop, expanded cafeteria and more. A community fund drive

conducted at the same time generated more than \$650,000 towards the upgrades.

Hills and Dales earned a Level IV Trauma Facility designation in 2017, making it the first facility in the state of Michigan to do so. As a Level IV Trauma Facility, the hospital was classified as part of the statewide trauma system. In that role, the Cass City hospital provides evaluation, stabilization, and diagnostic capabilities for injured patients and, when needed, will transfer a patient on to a Level I, II or III facility.

Today, Hills and Dales is one of the largest employers in Tuscola County, with more than 350 people working for the hospital. The facility's medical staff includes 12 physicians encompassing the areas of emergency medicine, family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, general surgery and orthopedics.

"Additionally, we have 12 nurse practitioners who work beside our physicians in caring for our patients. We have clinics in Cass City, Caro, Kingston and Ubyly, and two rehab centers located in Cass City and Caro," Anthony noted.

"We also welcome a variety (of specialists) to our specialty clinic each month, including cardiology, ENT (ear, nose and throat), neurosurgery/pain management, physical medicine, podiatry, neurology/sleep, and urology.

"Hills and Dales has been named one of the 'Best Places to Work' by Modern Healthcare three times in the last five years," Anthony said. "Additionally, Hills and Dales departments have received numerous awards and accreditations throughout the years."

## Driver distracted in crash

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Road and rear-ended the red vehicle at the intersection.

"The collision pushed the red car into the westbound lane of West Sanilac Road and directly into the path of an oncoming motorcycle," he said. "The motorcycle driver, identified as a 36-year-old male from Saginaw, along with a 35-year-old female passenger from Flint, had a head-on collision with the red vehicle."

Both of the individuals on the motorcycle were ejected upon impact, and Pisha noted both were wearing helmets.

"Troopers received information during their investigation that the female driver of the silver vehicle was distracted by her cellphone, which caused her to rear-end the red vehicle," he said.

The drivers of both the red and silver vehicles were treated at the scene for minor injuries. The riders of the motorcycle were flown from the scene via medical helicopters to area hospitals for additional medical treatment.

None of the names were released pending completion of the investigation.

Pisha reported troopers were assisted by Mobile Medical Response (MMR), the Vassar Fire Department, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, Tuscola County Road Commission, LifeNet Helicopter of Covenant and FlightCare Helicopter of St. Mary's as well as an MSP crash reconstructionist.

# Cass City Red Hawk

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Knights Insurance Agency honors 2020 graduate Logan Boynton as their Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week. Boynton was a 3-sport standout performer at Cass City Junior/Senior High School.

In the fall, Boynton made his presence known on the grid-iron fields. He was a key defender for Cass City's championship squad that advanced to the Michigan High School Athletic Association semifinals, the best playoff run in school history.

In the winter, Boynton was a member of the Caro-Cass City cooperative swim team and was a team leader and high scorer for the Independent Swim Conference (ISC) swimmers. Boynton swam a leg on the Caro-Cass City 200 free relay team that won ISC first place honors.

In the spring, track Coach Jon Zdrojewski was looking forward to a banner final season for Boynton before COVID-19 halted all sports.

"Logan was my thrower, both disc and shot. He's a big, strong kid. I was excited to see what he could do" said Zdrojewski.

Logan is the son of Jacob and Emily Boynton. His future plans included attending Northern Michigan University.



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## Fatal crash

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Deputies arrived on scene and attempted lifesaving efforts with the help of a bystander. Unfortunately, the effort was not successful," Skrent said.

The preliminary investigation indicated Pyles was southbound on Fostoria Road at the time of the crash.

"Two other vehicles were northbound at that time. The first northbound vehicle began to turn west into a driveway. The motorcyclist struck a portion of that vehicle and then careened into the path of a vehicle that was behind that one," Skrent said.

An MMR Ambulance crew, the Mayville and Fostoria fire departments and Tuscola County Emergency Services Manager Deputy Anderson assisted at the scene.

The accident remains under investigation, according to the sheriff, who did not release the names of the other motorists.

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# Governor extends state of emergency through September

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It was a week of new executive orders and extensions in Michigan as daily new COVID-19 cases continued to climb by the hundreds across the state, although the number of new fatalities was less startling.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed a new executive order Friday that extends the governor's emergency and disaster declaration through Sept. 4.

The state of emergency, first declared more than five months ago, allows Whitmer to issue executive orders that place restrictions designed to slow the spread of the virus, such as restricting occupancy at dine-in restaurants, limiting the size of gatherings, requiring the use of face masks at indoor public places and crowded outdoor spaces.

Since Whitmer first declared the state of emergency more than five months ago, she has issued more than 160 separate executive orders related to protections against COVID-19, most without the support of the Republican-led Legislature, which is challenging the governor's ability to unilaterally extend her powers without lawmakers' input.

"We are in a crucial time in our fight against COVID-19, and we must do everything we can to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and the brave men and women on the front lines of this crisis from a second wave," Whitmer said. "I want to remind everyone in Michigan to wear a mask, practice safe physical distancing, and do everything in your power to fight COVID-19."

Every region in Michigan has seen an uptick in new cases over the past several weeks, with daily case counts in late July exceeding 50 cases per million statewide. Michigan's statewide testing positivity rate has also increased, from a low of two percent in mid-June to 3.5 percent in late July.

The increase in cases reflects a national trend; COVID-19 cases are growing or holding steady in 40 states, and deaths from COVID-19 are increasing in most of those states as well. While cases in Michigan have increased since June, the state's numbers are below the national average, with roughly a 3.5 percent positivity rate in Michigan compared to nine percent nationally and considerably lower than surrounding states.

Even as Michigan experiences unemployment rates not seen in decades, federal pandemic unemployment assistance has expired, with Congress deadlocked over a renewal. Unless it is renewed, the additional \$600 federal pandemic benefit will no longer flow to Michigan families, and without that money, state officials say, many families will struggle to pay their bills or even put food on the table.

In addition to those challenges, many Michigan students are expected to return to in-person instruction over the next month, increasing the risk of outbreaks.

States that have reopened schools have already begun to see new cases—a second-grader in Cherokee County, Ga., a middle schooler in Greenfield, Ind., and a high schooler in Corinth, Miss., have already tested positive for COVID-19 after having attended school in person, triggering quarantines in those districts.

In addition, the governor last week signed an executive order directing state departments and autonomous agency heads to review allocation of their resources to ensure that enforcement of COVID-19-related laws — such as limitations on capacity and the requirement to wear a mask when entering a Michigan business — is a priority.

The order requires departments to consider violations of law when determining eligibility for licensing, including any violation of relevant COVID-19 executive orders or epidemic orders.

If a state department or agency becomes aware of non-compliance under the law, they must consider it to be presumptive evidence of a "public health hazard" or "imminent and substantial hazard to the public health" and take appropriate steps, including suspension of a license or cessation of operation of a food establishment, in order to mitigate risk to public health and safety.

Also last week, Whitmer signed an order requiring face coverings be worn in all child-care centers and camps, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon issued an emergency order requiring COVID-19 testing for agricultural and food processing employees.

"The men and women who work in our fields and food processing plants are at particular risk for COVID-19, and they need and deserve protection," said Gordon. "(This) order will help to reduce the spread of COVID in communities across Michigan and reduce the pandemic's disparate impact on Latinos."

In recent weeks, there have been 11 identified outbreaks in farms and food processing plants in Michigan. In addition, Latinos represent five percent of Michigan's population but make up 11 percent of COVID cases in which the individual's ethnicity is identified.

Gordon's order requires migrant housing camp operators, as well as employers of migrant or seasonal workers and meat, poultry and egg processing facilities and greenhouses with more than 20 workers on-site at a time to provide COVID-19 testing.

"The department will work with employers and housing operators to ensure timely reporting of testing data and access to PPE so that together we can prevent further viral spread," Gordon said.

Employers and housing operators were required to complete a plan by early this week for how they will conduct testing in compliance with the order. Completion of baseline testing and implementation of ongoing testing is required no later than Aug. 24.

COVID positive and exposed residents would be required to isolate or quarantine until meeting the return-to-work criteria from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. MDHHS will be partnering with Community Action Agencies in impacted communities in order to provide food, housing, and economic support for workers who lose income due to testing.

## Latest virus numbers

Between Monday, Aug. 3, and Monday, Aug. 10, the number of combined confirmed cases in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties increased by 51 — from 505 to 556 — with the three counties' combined death toll increasing by two for a total of 38 fatalities.

As of Monday afternoon, Tuscola County had recorded 318 confirmed cases, an increase of 31 cases compared to a week before, and 29 deaths (an increase of one), Huron County had recorded 133 cases (an increase of eight cases), with four deaths (an increase of one), and Sanilac County, 105 confirmed cases, up from 93 cases a week earlier, and five deaths (no change).

Statewide, Monday's total confirmed cases reached 87,960, with a total of 6,257 deaths, compared to 83,386 cases and 6,212 deaths a week earlier.

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# News briefs

# Use of courthouse lawn approved for a petition drive, "Rosary Rally"

## HHW collection set in Huron

HURON COUNTY — Huron County residents are encouraged to take part in a HHW (household hazardous waste) collection scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The drop off location will be provided when participants register with the MSU Extension Office. Participants can register and learn more, including items that can and cannot be dropped off during the collection, by calling (989) 269-9949.

## Preserve the harvest class set

MICHIGAN — As gardens are growing, thoughts turn to the ripening overflow of shiny, red tomatoes, bright green peppers and other delicious home-grown goodies along with farmers markets filled with fresh produce. Why not save some of this bounty via safe food preservation techniques to enjoy all throughout the year? MSU Extension is offering virtual "Preserve Your Harvest" classes every Thursday from Thursday, Aug. 13, through Oct. 29, at 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. No matter your home food preservation experience, whether beginner or seasoned, these free classes will allow you to learn the most current recommendations for safe home preserving and to ask any questions you may have. Topics will range from traditions and trends, to too many tomatoes, to preserving venison. A complete list and registration are available by visiting the website <https://events.anr.msu.edu/PreserveHarvest/>. To listen by phone, call (877) 643-9882 to register.

## Turn your passions into profits

MICHIGAN — Area 4-H youth are invited to discover the entrepreneur in themselves by attending a free virtual camp with interactive activities designed to introduce kids to the 4-H entrepreneurship project. Topics include how to develop your own business ideas, exploring how to price your product, determining your target market, and marketing techniques to help you succeed in starting your own business. The camp, for youth ages 12 to 15, is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug 25, 26 and 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The registration link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ENTREP/>. For more information, contact Dave Radloff, Extension educator, via email at [radloff@msu.edu](mailto:radloff@msu.edu).

## "Fishful Thinking" program set

MICHIGAN — MSU Extension is offering new statewide program — Fishful Thinking: Project Fish — slated to get underway Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m. Do you love fishing? Ever wonder what kind of fish we have in Michigan? Ever have issues tying the best knot for your lines? Ever wanted to make a pop can caster rod? Then this is a program for you. Zoom sessions will run every Tuesday through Sept. 15, with a new topic each week. The one-hour sessions are open to both 4-H and non 4-H youth in grades K-12 statewide. Registration can be completed online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/thinking-project-fish>. The Zoom link and supply list will be emailed upon registration. More information is available by contacting Mollie Hogg via email at [hoggmoll@msu.edu](mailto:hoggmoll@msu.edu).

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

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For the Chronicle

Provided future state executive orders don't get in the way, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners has approved two requests from individuals/groups who plan to temporarily utilize the courthouse lawn in Caro. Those requests were made by Jeannine Roteman-Bustie of Fremont Township, who plans to use the courthouse lawn as a site to collect signatures for a proposed recall of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, and Dave Kolacz, who again asked to stage a "Rosary Rally" Oct. 10.

Although his request did not specify a time, it was noted that in the past the event has started at noon.

Roteman-Bustie, meanwhile, requested use of the courthouse lawn Aug. 14, 15, 21 and 22, and Sept. 4 and 5.

The proposed recall petition was filed by Chad Baase. It was the third time he had submitted such a petition — his first two efforts were rejected by canvassers because of wording. The four-member board of canvassers unanimously approved the wording on the latest recall petition, ruling the language is clear and factual, paving the way for the petition process to proceed.

The canvassers' decision is not a determination on the issue; rather, it is only a determination that the wording on the petition is understandable and factual.

Baase's petition contends the governor should be recalled, citing her state of emergency decla-

ration and some of the executive orders she issued that temporarily suspended activities and some business operations.

The next step for Baase and other supporters of the recall effort is to collect the signatures of more than one million registered voters in 60 days or less to initiate a recall election. The signature collection in Tuscola county is part of that effort.

By state statute, the number of signatures needed to initiate a recall is 25 percent of the votes that were cast in the last gubernatorial election, which was more than 4.2 million votes in the 2018 election. Baase must collect 1,062,647 valid signatures in the 60-day window over the next 180 days for the petition to qualify for the statewide ballot issue.

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