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## Pool worker tests positive for Covid

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Officials with the Tuscola County Health Department and village of Cass City announced Monday afternoon that an employee at the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool in Cass City has tested positive for COVID-19. Anyone who attended activities at the pool between 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, and Wednesday, Aug. 12, has potentially been exposed to the virus, according to Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Tuscola and

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## Revive cafe could be opening doors in fall

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Revive Ministries officials in Cass City have continued to make steady progress in their plans to open a unique café inside the former Carmela's Pizzeria building in town, in spite of the turmoil and challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are getting closer every day to opening the café," Revive spokesman Rob Sangster recently posted on the ministries' new Facebook page dedicated to the soon-to-open Revive Ministries Common

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## Huron deputy charged with indecent exposure

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Huron County Sheriff's deputy was arraigned last week on charges he allegedly exposed himself several times to a Port Austin female.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced the investigation and arrest of Deputy Patrick O'Brien Thursday, noting the officer has been charged with three counts of aggravated indecent exposure, a two-year high court misdemeanor, following an investigation by the Michigan State Police and review of the case by the attorney general's (AG) office.

According to Nessel, the charges stem from incidents that allegedly took place July 26-27 in Port Austin, when O'Brien reportedly intentionally exposed himself multiple times and masturbated in an area visible to the public through a window of his home. He was off duty at the time of the reported incidents.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson offered little comment on Brien's arrest, saying, "When the allegations came about, we suspended him (placed him on administrative leave). Anything about the details of it would have to be referred to the AG's office."

"Police officers are expected to know the rules, and we cannot turn a blind eye to those who choose to neglect their duties and violate the

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## Novesta removes "unenforceable" blight ordinance

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Novesta Township has one less ordinance after the board recently voted to eliminate the township's blight ordinance.

"What we have with the blight ordinance right now, we have been told several times it is unenforceable. When Jason Bitzer was our attorney, before he became a judge, he said that, and the current attorney we have now says it is unenforceable," said township Supervisor Chad Daniels.

The township's planning commission reviewed the ordinance and agreed, last November, that it should be abolished.

"The current blight ordinance we have is quite bad," said Trustee Jesse Robinson, noting the COVID-19 pandemic slowed the process of addressing the issue.

The board wanted township residents to give input on the matter. Towards that end, officials sought to solicit public comment before

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**ROB SANGSTER** stands in the kitchen inside the Revive Ministries Common Grounds Café on Main Street in Cass City, which has received numerous financial gifts, grants and the donation of equipment, including an eight-burner commercial stove, commercial fryer and a convection oven. Officials hope to open the doors this fall.

## Deford heartbreak: Dazzlers disband

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

After just a decade of existence, including successes that launched a group of Thumb area youth into the national spotlight, the Deford Dazzlers Rocketry Team is disbanding, at least for the foreseeable future.

Mark and Patricia Hansen of Cass City, who have led their charges to multiple national rocketry competitions and other events over the past several years, say the COVID-19 pandemic is to blame.

"It is with heavy, heavy hearts that we, the mentors of the Deford Dazzlers Rocketry Team and STEM 4-H Club, announce that the club and team are being closed out as we write this," Mark Hansen recently posted on the

club's Facebook page.

"Covid has taken its toll on youth programs and education around the U.S.A., and 4-H is no exception," Hansen said. "No in-person instruction will be allowed to take place for the remainder of the year, which forces us to scrap all of our STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education and rocketry plans.

"We do not have the necessary time to plan for a robust curriculum virtually, and are aware that many students who already face virtual possibilities at school and in their college dual enrollment coursework are not interested in more virtual work.

"We have loved working with all of you!" Hansen wrote. "We are so proud of every Dazzler alumnus. You have given us, for sure,

more than we have given you. It is definitely very hard to do this. It was not an easy decision to make. But, for us, there isn't any other reasonable alternative.

"We are still NAR (National Association of Rocketry) members and mentors in good standing, so the silver lining in this cloud is that we can still host launches and NAR education outreach as long as we follow state health guidelines," Hansen noted. "Therefore, we are leaving this page up so that we can communicate on social media about upcoming launch possibilities."

The announcement comes in the wake of the Dazzlers' final competition – the Battle of the Rockets – which was scheduled to take place last April in Culpeper, Va.,

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## Kingston Community Schools has a new logo

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Birds of a feather are no longer flocking together now that the Kingston School District has a new logo of its own.

But making the transition won't be cheap.

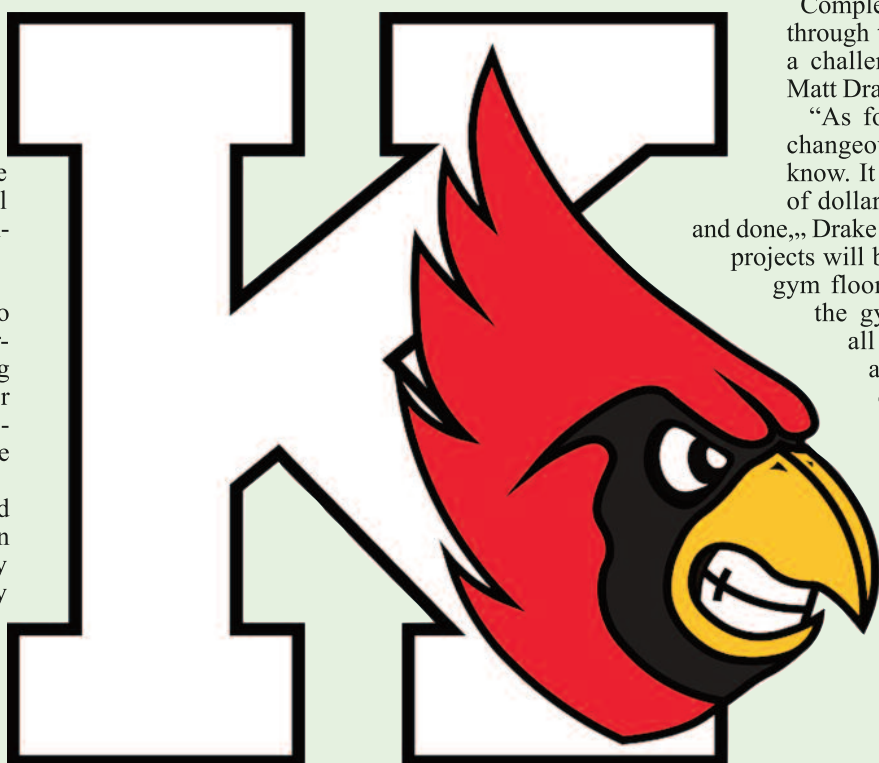
The Kingston Board of Education recently approved using a design developed by Tightrope Digital. The new logo features an angry cardinal face with the letter K in the background.

School officials learned months ago that its existing logo — of an angry cardinal with a clenched fist in a swirling design — which they have used for more than two decades, too closely resembles the logo used by Iowa State University.

The university's lawyers notified Kingston about the copyright violation and asked the school district to remedy the issue, but they also indicated they were willing to work with the local school officials to resolve the matter.

Doing that will be no easy task, as the Kingston Schools have spent several years and a lot of

money to incorporate the swirling cardinal design throughout the district. For example, officials replaced a 50-year-old gym floor last year and put a lot of time, detail and money into having the swirling cardinal design placed at center court.



Completing the transition through the district will be a challenge, school Supt. Matt Drake acknowledged.

"As for the cost of the changeover, I really don't know. It will be thousands of dollars when all is said and done," Drake said. "The biggest projects will be the center court gym floor, the end-mats in the gym and replacing all of the decals around the sports complex and the schools.

"As far as the letterhead, jerseys and things like that, they are not a huge deal to do."

The district has 10 years to complete the changeover to the new logo.

# Teen in hot water after fleeing Tuscola Co. deputy Thursday

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Thumb teen driving with a work permit license bought himself more trouble than he bargained for when he fled the scene of an attempted traffic stop Thursday afternoon.

According to Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, the incident unfolded at about 1 p.m. when county Weighmaster Deputy Ryan Herford observed a vehicle, heading northbound on Graf Road, dis-

regard a stop sign. "He (Herford) attempted to stop the vehicle, which then sped up," Skrent reported. "Dispatch advised Deputy Herford the driver may be a suspect wanted in an assault in the area.

"After pursuing several miles and going through several stop signs at high speed, the suspect turned into a private driveway and ran into a house," Skrent said, adding Fairhaven Township police along with other Tuscola County deputies and the department's K9

unit assisted. "The suspect eventually came out of the house with an object in his hand, but officers determined it was a cell phone."

Skrent said deputies learned the suspect is a juvenile, 15 years old, who admitted to being the driver.

"He stated he only had a work permit license. He was not the possible assault suspect," Skrent said. He noted the officers contacted the prosecutor's office and were instructed to turn the juvenile over to his mother. A juvenile petition was subsequently forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

# Sanilac balks at shared probate court

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

The Sanilac County Board of Commissioners recently took action that impacts both Sanilac and Huron counties.

During their last meeting, Sanilac commissioners decided against asking voters to approve the merging of Sanilac's probate court with Huron County's probate court.

Huron County commissioners approved the proposal last month.

Sanilac County's decision ended the proposal, which had to be approved by both counties in order to place it on both counties' ballots during the November general election.

The initiative to merge the counties' probate courts dates back about 10 years ago when the

Michigan Supreme Court conducted an analysis of the judicial system. From that study, it was determined those two counties could function with two judges rather than three.

Had both counties approved the proposal as well as voters, and the governor signed it, the change to have one judge handle probate duties in both counties would have gone into effect Jan. 1, 2021.

# Huron County deputy faces charges

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very laws they are meant to enforce," Nessel said. "Since I took office, I have consistently advocated for law enforcement accountability, and my office will take action against anyone who breaks the law – regardless of whether they have a badge or not."

After the Huron County prosecutor recused himself due to a conflict of interest, the Michigan State Police presented its report to the Michigan Department of Attorney General, which reviewed the case and authorized the charges.

O'Brien was arraigned Thursday in Huron County District Court before Magistrate Jessica Testolin-Reinke.

He is scheduled to appear in court for a probable cause conference Thursday, Sept. 3, at 9 a.m., and for a preliminary examination Friday, Sept. 11, at 9 a.m.



## Join us at the Parks and Recreation Community Meeting!

**Who:** Community members & organizations, parents, students, etc.

**What:** Public meeting to share input about the parks and our future goals

**When:** Wednesday, August 26th at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Cass City Lions Pavilion in Municipal Park

**Why:** To create Parks & Rec Plan for the next 5 years

Cut out and return to the Municipal Building

## Village of Cass City Parks and Recreation Survey

Please return to the Municipal Building by Friday, September 4, 2020

As part of the Village of Cass City's 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan due to expire in December 2020, we are seeking community input on our Parks and Recreation facilities. We value your opinion and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

	YES	NO
1. Do you use the Pool Facilities, Pavillions, Park amenities, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Should playground equipment in the park be updated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Would you like to see camping in the park?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Would you like to see WiFi in the park?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Should the lighting in the park be improved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Would you like to see the tennis courts renovated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Would you like to see a pickleball court in the park?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Would you like to see an outdoor winter ice rink constructed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do you value the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do you value the Splash Park?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Do you value the Disc Golf Course?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Would you like to see the Day Camp Building updated and available all year for multipurpose use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Should Scotty McCullough Drive become a paved roadway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Would you like to see better access to the Cass River created?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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# In Our OPINION...

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## No substitute for water safety rules

Thumb area residents are spoiled when it comes to enjoying close and easy access to some of the most beautiful Great Lakes access in the state.

But there's also a downside. Large bodies of water such as Saginaw Bay can transform from an idyllic recreational playground into a treacherous mix of waves and undertows in minutes, ready to take the life of anyone who doesn't fully respect the limits of their knowledge and equipment on the big lake.

Sometimes that means simply having the smarts to stay off the water until the weather improves.

Mother Nature can be even more unpredictable as summer transforms into fall.

Unfortunately, too many residents and visitors fail to heed that advice. Just ask the Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola county sheriff's departments, which devote a significant amount of time, money and manpower to rescuing swimmers, boaters and fisherman each year.

On average, more than ten people die each year because of dangerous currents in the Great Lakes.

While residents are encouraged to visit and enjoy Michigan beaches, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is urging everyone to learn about safe swimming and the signs of dangerous currents.

Dangerous currents develop when winds blow toward the shore, and waves are moderate to high (three feet or higher). The Great Lakes produce structural currents, rip currents, outlet currents, long shore currents, and channel currents – all of which can cause serious danger to swimmers.

The eastern shore of Lake Michigan has the most current-related incidents of all the Great Lakes, and out of the 514 current-related incidents (rescues and drownings) that occurred on the Great Lakes from 2002-2016, more than 71 percent were on Lake Michigan.

But don't overlook the sunrise side, where Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron have both taken their share of swimmers' lives, with rescuers credited with preventing many more deaths.

The good news for beachgoers is that currents and high wave activity can be forecasted, and with the right information, you can help to have a safe and enjoyable time in natural waters.

MDHHS encourages all residents to remember the following before planning a trip to the beach:

\*Everyone is encouraged to learn to swim and how to be safe in and around the water.

\*Watch for dangerous waves and signs of rip currents (water that is discolored and choppy, foamy, or filled with debris and moving in a channel away from shore).

\*It is never safe to swim near a structure such as a pier or break wall.

\*Never go swimming alone, and designate someone to watch people who are in the water.

\*Follow beach hazard statements and avoid the water when conditions are not safe for swimming.

While it is important to avoid currents altogether, it is equally important to know how to survive one.

If you find yourself in a rip current, flip on your back, float to conserve energy, and follow the safest path out of the water – which could be along the line of the current until it is less strong, or along the shoreline.

Before your next trip, be sure to check out Great Lakes beach hazards by visiting <http://www.weather.gov/greatlakes/beachhazards>.

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

No swing -- and a miss



After having my heart majorly broken 53 years ago, I swore I would never, ever become a fan of anyone again.

Because I was always lonesome at night and all I ever wanted was just for someone to love me tender, I joined Elvis' fan club. I had to wait until it was summertime when I was the main one to get the mail. I had to hide my membership from my parents who thought Elvis (a.k.a the pelvis) was a bad influence who undermined the morals they were trying to instill in me.

My brother, who was seven years older, had a couple of Elvis' records. When I was alone in the house, I would sneak into his room and listen to the first singer whose songs I could relate to.

I was so sure one day Elvis would find me on the farm in rural Unionville, sweep me off my feet, and marry me. I hung on to that dream for a long, long time.

That dream came to a crashing end in May 1967 when I was 16 years old and the love of my life married that hussy Pricilla Beaulieus.

And, to add insult to my aching heart, he married that floozy on my birthday.

It took a long, long time for me to get over that. However, I've started to rethink my stance of becoming a fan once again of anyone.

Whether you like him or not or agree with him or not, I've become a "Fauci Fan" — of Dr. Anthony Fauci.

He reminds me a lot of someone who I used to work with who was very knowledgeable in his field, who wasn't appreciated and was undervalued.

Anthony Fauci is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

I really liked Brad Pitt's portrayal of the doctor in a Saturday Night Live skit, and was impressed when Pitt came out of character to address the doctor's efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

That performance earned Pitt an Emmy nomination. And, during all of the doom and gloom of the pandemic, Fauci was able to forget about that for a few moments when he threw out the ceremonial first pitch during a baseball game between the Washington Nationals and New York Yankees baseball teams (I tape recorded the news and finally got around to watching that event).

Fauci missed home plate by a mile. Rather than being embarrassed by his less than stellar performance, Fauci took it in stride.

And, his way outside pitch made me even more of a Fauci Fan.

He is a man who practices what he preaches. His pitch far from home plate showed "social distancing" and re-enforced that he doesn't want anyone to catch anything.



### Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Running a red light is something most of us avoid at all cost, but the Michigan State Police (MSP) issued a statement Monday afternoon that offers motorists fair warning regarding stepped-up enforcement of this particular traffic law.

According to officials at the MSP post in Caro, troopers are teaming up with local law enforcement agencies "to address vehicles running red lights. Due to numerous traffic complaints, troopers along with officers from the Caro Police Department and deputies from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office will be addressing red light violations."

The first enforcement period is expected to get underway this week and continue throughout the year.

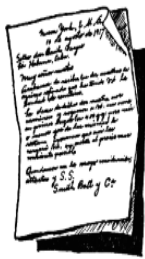
The civil infraction fine for running a red light is \$110 plus three points assessed on your driving record.

FYI: There were more than 6,000 traffic crashes involving motorists who ran red lights in 2019, accounting for just under two percent of the total crashes but claiming 25 lives.

Let's all pay attention on the roads and be safe out there.

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## Have a concern? A complaint? Just want to voice your opinion?



### The Cass City Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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

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

Committee members for the Cass City Farmers Market contacted the Chronicle to let us know they will be expanding the market across Oak St. in front of the Chronicle and Schneeberger's this Thursday.

New vendors isn't the only thing committee members are boasting about, they also have Rec-Connect returning to the Rotary Park this week with volleyball demonstrations as their free fitness activity for all ages.

Friends of the Rawson Memorial District Library will also be holding their annual book sale during market hours on the Rotary Park stage between 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., all books are only fifty cents.

Check out their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/casscityfarmersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/casscityfarmersmarket) for weekly updates on new vendors and products available.

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Please note that tonight's (Aug. 12th) Committee if the Whole Meeting in Cass City will be held at the Lions Pavilion located on Scotty McCollough Drive in the Recreational Park.

The Lions Pavilion will also be the site for the next Village Council meeting slated for Monday, Aug. 31.

Both outdoor gatherings begin at 7:00 p.m.

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## News briefs

### Daley to meet with constituents

CASS CITY – Michigan Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum) will host constituent hours in the 31st District later this week.

The hours, scheduled for Friday, include a time slot of 2 to 3 p.m. at the Lions Pavilion in Cass City Recreational Park.

Participants are encouraged to wear masks and maintain proper social distancing. The location will have seating available, but participants can bring their own.

More information is available online at [www.SenatorKevinDaley.com](http://www.SenatorKevinDaley.com), or by calling Daley's office at (517) 373-1777.

### Revive cafe could be open this fall

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Grounds Café.

"Currently we are awaiting the go ahead with the plan review so that we can add some new equipment in the cafe and also continue to update, clean, remodel. We are praying that it will be soon that we will be able to begin serving our community through the cafe and giving back to our community."

The café building is located next to the Revive Ministries thrift store and food pantry operations. Revive, which bought a portion of the Carmela's building in 2016 to house its Common Grounds outreach, closed on the purchase of the remainder of the building late last year.

Sangster said Thursday that Revive has received numerous donations and grants since last spring, including gifts of \$7,500 each from the Pinney Foundation and the William A. and Ruth Janks Foundation through the Tuscola County Community Foundation. Other donations have included an eight-burner commercial stove, convection oven and soup warmers. More recently, donors have come through with a commercial fryer and convection oven.

Sangster said the grants combined will cover about half the cost of a fire suppression system and hood in the kitchen – a requirement in commercial kitchens that utilize open flames.

Improvements to the building already completed include putting a new face on the café, including completing repairs to the wall, replacing the windows and installing new doors. The canopy has also been refurbished, complete with new lighting.

Revive officials were initially looking at a remodel/update project budget for the café of roughly \$55,000. By last spring, the ministry was still looking at a shortfall of \$30,000.

Today, Sangster estimated, "We've probably got about \$10,000 to go. It's probably less than that."

"Definitely God has been providing in ways that we could not have imagined," added the veteran Revive Ministries Board of Directors member, who agreed last year to also head up the project as manager of the Common Grounds Cafe.

The café's passed its first health department inspection, and Revive is awaiting word on the plan review it submitted, according to Sangster, who is hoping he'll be able to open the doors in a matter of weeks, providing the final inspection and remaining upgrades can be completed without a hitch.

"I would like to have been serving already, of course," he added. "The soonest (we could open), I'm going to say...end of September."

The Common Grounds Café promises to be unique among most eateries in the Thumb.

"It's going to be a very simple café," Sangster explained. He said the initial plans call for offering a couple of staple food items, such as burgers and pizza, along with a daily dinner special. There will also be soups, chili, etc.

Like Revive Ministries, the café will be a non-profit operation, relying on donations only. In other words, Sangster said, customers will be asked to pay what they can afford. The idea, he added, is that those who can afford to buy a meal will do so and also donate a few extra dollars to cover the cost of those unable to pay.

Members of the Revive Ministries Board of Directors have talked about the café idea for several years, but they knew they couldn't make it work without hiring someone dedicated solely to managing the operation.

However, the board decided to pursue opening the café and offer the job of managing the operation to its longtime board president — Sangster — last fall after Sangster found himself at a crossroads in his career.

Sangster figures God's timing had everything to do with him losing his job as an engineering designer at Walbro in conjunction with a round of cutbacks in late October, the same way the door to employment at Walbro was opened up after he was forced to close the books on a 17 1/2-year career as a mechanic with the closure of J and C Service, Cass City.

And while he's been busy preparing for his new career with commercial food preparation training and health department paperwork, Sangster is eager to get started.

"We just keep moving one step at a time," he commented Thursday. "There's excitement in the community for it, and we're excited for it on our end."

"This creates another avenue to be involved in the community...by giving back – reaching into the community and showing God's love. "It's building relationships with (members of) the community, and getting them to build relationships with each other."

*Editor's note: Area residents can receive regular updates on the progress of the project by logging on to Revive Ministries' new Facebook page dedicated to the Common Grounds Café.*

### Village pool worker tests positive

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Huron county health departments.

The good news, according to Hepfer, "is that the pool is outside and capacity is at 50 percent, so it was not crowded."

Just the same, Hepfer is recommending that anyone who was at the pool during those dates should monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days since the date of exposure. Symptoms can include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, headaches, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, congestion, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and muscle or body aches.

Hepfer urges anyone who develops symptoms to be tested, which is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at Great Lakes Bay Healthcare Center in Bad Axe, and on Thursdays from 8 to 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the Tuscola County Health Department in Caro.

"Individuals need to remain vigilant; wear a mask, practice social distancing and continue good hand hygiene. Anyone could have COVID-19 and be carrying and spreading the virus without symptoms," Hepfer said.

## O-G ready for new school year

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Like their counterparts in neighboring school districts, Owendale-Gagetown School officials are gearing up for an uncertain new school year under the cloud of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

"As far as our preparedness plan, our district...will offer options for students. If we are in phases one to three, we will be prepared with several improvements over the learning that took place in the spring," school Supt. Terri Falkenberg said following a recent board of education meeting.

Schools were unprepared when Gov. Gretchen Whitmer closed them in March without notice after the state's first cases of COVID-19 were confirmed, forcing district officials to come up with virtual learning plans to finish out the 2019-20 school year.

"If we return in phase four or five, our district is ready for a five-day-a-week, face-to-face instruction with the required PPE

(personal protective equipment) for students and staff, as well as being set up for appropriate social-distancing," said Falkenberg. "We want students back in the building, but if there are those who just are not comfortable yet, we would offer them to learn virtually or set up an online program through the school."

"We want to be supportive to our families, and we will look out for our students' best interests."

District officials are monitoring the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) daily reports on COVID-19 cases.

"At this time, we continue to await further guidance from the governor and the health department. We will work directly with them to help make successful experiences for students," Falkenberg added.

In other business, the board met in closed session for about an hour to discuss a student's petition to return to school.

"We had a student expelled early

last school year and they petitioned to return," Falkenberg explained. "The board has officially accepted the petition and will work with the family to get the student back to the classroom."

Falkenberg also noted the 2020-21 school year will bring some staffing changes.

The board accepted "with regret" the resignations of Christina Grim, and Chuck Bicigo.

"Christina Grim was our high school special education teacher and has moved out of the area. She had been with the district for about nine years," Falkenberg said. "Chuck Bicigo was our band director. He was called back to Hemlock Public Schools, where he did his student teaching. He had only been with us for the 2019-20 school year."

School officials are working to fill those positions. They also hired Tanya Evans as the English/social studies teacher, and they hired Rebecca McKnight to serve as a Title 1 para-pro and yearbook advisor.

## Uby Schools offering students options

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Officials in the Uby Community Schools are making a list and checking it at least twice as they prepare to dive into uncharted territory with the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Like their peers in neighboring districts, Uby officials have had to establish a learning plan with options to continue providing a quality education while at the same time limiting student and staff exposure to COVID-19.

In order to compile an accurate count of students who will be attending face-to-face classes or learning online, the district has asked parents to fill out a form and send it back to the school building the child attends.

"We have provided a variety of options for those who choose to keep your child home due to concerns with COVID-19," school Supt. Joe Candela wrote in a letter to parents, detailing options and

services that will be provided by the school. "We believe the learning plan Uby Community Schools is offering is one of the most advanced plans being offered in the tri-county area."

Uby Schools was scheduled to host a question-and-answer session for parents Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. via Zoom (link provided on the school district's website at [www.ubyschools.org](http://www.ubyschools.org)).

"The question-and-answer session (was) an opportunity to get clarification for any questions about the learning plan, or the preparedness and response plan for the upcoming year," explained Candela, who noted parents can also view those plans on the district's website.

As for the safety of all students and staff, parents will be asked to check their child's health each morning before they arrive at school. The district has provided a checklist to help parents with that process.

Another change this school year

is there will not be an open house in order to comply with social distancing rules and the limit on indoor public gatherings.

Students will receive their materials, including iPad, during the first days of school. Students who choose to learn from home will need to make arrangements to pick up their needed materials from the elementary and high school offices.

"We may not be able to control the situations that arise, but we are asking (for everyone's) support during this most difficult time," Candela said. "Our number one priority is to make sure your child is safe if they plan on attending face-to-face."

In other district matters, updates/changes to the preschool handbook, the latchkey handbook, the teachers' handbook, and the athletic handbook were approved.

School officials also accepted "with regret" the resignation of Moses Garner, assistant cross-country coach.

## Kingston finalizing plans for school start

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Kingston Community School District officials have been busy finalizing plans for the start of the 2020-21 school year, which is scheduled to get underway Monday, Aug. 31.

The school system's improvement team has been meeting and developing Kingston's Return to Learn Plan. Team members are Matt Fields, Melinda Freeland, Dan Wenzlaff, Lynn Hable and Mike Seaman.

"I have been and will be holding meetings with all teachers and para-pros to discuss (the plan)," school Supt. Matt Drake noted during a recent board of education meeting.

Kingston's return-to-school plan will reflect the state's phase of operations based on the COVID-19 pandemic, with officials tentatively planning to open under the current phase four. Highlights include:

\*Students who do not choose the district's virtual learning format will attend classes five days per week.

\*Physical distancing will be practiced in the classrooms and throughout the school.

\*Schedules for recess and lunches will be planned to minimize contact with students from other classes.

\*Masks are to be worn in the hallways.

\*Cleaning of bathrooms and frequently touched items will take place multiple times each day.

Should the governor increase restrictions by declaring a return to phase three, the following procedures will be in place in Kingston Schools:

\*Teachers will come to school and teach remotely from their classrooms.

\*Textbooks, workbooks and Chromebooks will be sent home.

\*Videos will be recorded to teach the lessons from the district's curriculum.

\*Live support sessions, as well as individual help, will also be available each day and one evening per week.

Drake also pointed out hand-sanitizing units will be readily available and touched on personal protective equipment (PPE) and sanitizing protocols in school building, and he said the district will be working with local health officials to handle contact tracing and advise on quarantine measures if a student or staff member tests positive for the COVID-19 virus.

"We are looking to upgrade our building air filtration systems and (we're) exploring UV air scrubbers," Drake added.

In other business, the board re-

newed the district's bus maintenance contract with mechanic Nick Osentoski. Rather than the district employing its own maintenance department, it contracts with Osentoski to provide that service.

"Of our last five years of transportation expenses, the (cost) for 2019-20 was the lowest of the five years at \$148,553," Drake noted.

The board addressed some staffing changes.

Retiring are Technology Coordinator Renee Van Allen and first-grade teacher Beth Marshall, while high school Counselor Shelly Blatt also resigned. Arlene Clapsaddle, meanwhile, was hired as a library aide.

## Village, district share cost

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Kingston Village officials are lending a financial hand to the Kingston Community Schools as it prepares to tackle the new school year in the face of challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

School officials are working to create an online "hotspot" in the downtown area that would provide Internet service to students who do not have internet service at home. Developing the hotspot would be especially helpful in the event school has to be shut down and virtual learning take place.

Even if the school is not shut down due to COVID-19, the hotspot would provide an option for those families that are uncomfortable with their children engaging in face-to-face learning.

When the governor abruptly shut schools in March, districts scrambled to put together packets of instructional material and develop virtual learning presentations. Doing that was a challenge because not every household had Internet service.

Kingston School officials received a quote of \$2,000 to set up a centralized hotspot in the community and asked if the village would help cover half the cost or at least a portion.

The Kingston Village Council obliged, approving an expenditure of up to \$1,000 towards the effort.

In other business, the village council continued its performance evaluations of some key officials and approved pay adjustments.

They are:

\*The pay for fire chief will increase from \$6,500 per year to \$7,500 per year.

\*The pay for assistant chief will go from \$14.80 an hour to \$20 per hour.

\*The pay for captains will go from \$11.10 per hour to \$15 per hour.

\*The pay for fire fighters will go from \$7.40 to \$10 per hour.

## Reporter's notebook

Have a heart

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I'm not much into those self-care check lists, mostly because I know I do some things that are inherently not healthy.

I'm guessing most smokers are in the same boat (don't judge unless you're willing to put down that martini or family-size bag of chips and take a two-mile walk with me), but I still occasionally read articles like one I found on the website Healthyway.com that addresses heart care.

According to the article, cardiovascular disease is the leading global cause of death, accounting for more than 17.3 million deaths annually, including just over 800,000 in the United States.

It's no surprise that smoking tops the list of the worst habits for heart health, but if you're smugly thinking, "I don't smoke. No problem," better read on.

In fact, a number of lifestyle issues can up your chances for heart problems.

Take not sleeping well, for example. Studies show that those who sleep fewer than six hours a night had a whopping 79 percent increased incidence of coronary heart disease compared to people who sleep eight or more hours, according to the article, which notes a lack of quality sleep impacts blood pressure.

Here are a few other contributing factors that suggest you may be at risk if:

\*You don't laugh enough (stress has a way of hurting your arteries. Laughing relaxes and expands blood vessels).

\*You don't floss (research has found a strong link between gum and heart disease).

\*You don't stretch (flexible blood vessels help moderate blood pressure).

\*You're not shvitzing (before you ask me to watch my language, the Yiddish word simply refers to sweating, as in sweating out the presence of any heavy metals in your body that can lead to heart damage).

\*You party too much (alcohol, in excess, is associated with high blood pressure, high blood fats and can lead to heart failure).

\*You drink too much sugar.

\*You're sitting too much.

\*You forget your fruits and vegetables.

\*You eat bacon.

\*You add more than a dash of salt (again with the blood pressure, and how excess sodium is the leading cause of same).

\*Your jeans aren't fitting (it's estimated two-thirds of the U.S. adult population is either overweight or obese).

\*You skip your check-ups.

Okay, so to sum it up, I smoke and don't sleep enough, but I laugh more than enough, floss regularly, and I've been doing plenty of shvitzing this summer. I don't sit too much, but I like sugar in my coffee. Oh, and I like salt...and bacon. Okay, I love bacon (c'mon, who doesn't?).

I definitely don't party too much (anymore), my jeans fit, I (grow) and eat plenty of vegetables, and I undergo an annual physical (which includes a specific charge for "tobacco cessation counseling" that is comprised of me answering the following two questions: do I still smoke, and am I ready to quit?).

The good news, according to the article, is that high-risk factors don't necessarily sentence you to cardiovascular disease, and studies show the sooner you make positive lifestyle and diet changes, the better you'll feel and the healthier your heart will be.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



### 5 YEARS AGO (2015)

88-year-old Bruce Sherman, a World War II veteran from Cass City, waited decades to receive his high school diploma after he left school to join the U.S. Army. The wait came to a happy end during a monthly Cass City Board of Education meeting Monday, when board President Alice Zaleski presented the area native with an honorary diploma on behalf of the Cass City Public Schools.

### 10 YEARS AGO (2010)

With 23 years of teaching under her belt, and a 15-year maternity leave, Connie Iwankovitsch had been making plans to retire. When Iwankovitsch started teaching, she decided to take a year off to have her first child. One year led to 2 years off to have her second child. Iwankovitsch said she then decided to resign and take a 15-year maternity leave to raise her family. Once she decided to go back to work, she subbed for a year, worked at the Tech Center in Caro, then worked in the Cass City Public Schools for 23 years before deciding it was time to retire. "I knew I was going to retire (this year)," Iwankovitsch said. "2010 was (the) year."

### 25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Cass City DPW Supt. Gary Barnes Monday presented a plaque to village Trustee Cathy Kropewnicki in appreciation for the work done by her resource room students at the middle school. The students put together a brochure for the water department as part of the village's Well-head Protection Program.

Veteran Cass City teacher and Principal Don Schelke has accepted a position in the Deckerville School District. Schelke was hired as junior/senior principal during a special Deckerville Board of Education meeting last Wednesday.

### 35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bartle, Mr. and Mrs. Gil Schwaderer, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey, Carolyn and Paul were in Pontiac Saturday evening to attend the wedding of Jill Mead and Marvin Forbes. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mead and grandniece of Mrs. Bartle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Neal and daughter Jackie of Toledo, Ohio, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Morell and attended a pink and blue shower Saturday

evening for Mr. and Mrs. Loren O'Harris. Others from out of town included Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Shirley) Houghton of Houghton Lake, Mrs. Daisy Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Marilyn) Dennis of Caro.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Natalie W. Rabideau graduated this month from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, with a B.S. degree in business administration, with emphasis in marketing and a minor in economics. She is the daughter of Wayne and Mary Rabideau and a 1976 graduate of Cass City High School.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Kenneth Martin, 38, a native of Cass City, has returned to the community to open an electrical business on Hurds Corner Road, west of Cass City. Martin is a licensed electrical contractor and is leaving a job as foreman in a Saginaw factory to start in business here. He is a 1950 graduate of Cass City High School. His wife is the former Carolyn Bernethy, a niece of Mrs. James Bauer, and is a registered nurse.

Seaman Apprentice Henry E. Ciesielski, son of Mrs. Marry A. Porritt of Cass City, completed basic training during ceremonies at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

### 75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Marvin W. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Moore, of Cass City, has been promoted from Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant. The 22-year-old officer is a P-51 Mustang fighter

pilot with the 334th Fighter Squadron of the famous 4th Fighter group. Along with other pilots of the group, Lt. Moore has been participating in a rigid training program in England designed to fit pilots, accustomed to fighting Germans, for Pacific combat.

Cpl. Howard D. Moore, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Moore, of Cass City, was recently graduated at Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona, as an aerial gunner of a B-29 Superfortress crew. Cpl. Moore was a member of the fifth B-29 crew class to be readied Davis-Monthan Field, since Superfortress training was inaugurated there last February. Supervised by veteran combat instructors, these 11-man crews have been taught to work together in the skies as highly-precision teams. Before joining the Air Force in November, 1942, Cpl. Moore was employed as an auto mechanic in Cass City. He was graduated from Cass City high school in 1940

### 100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Pleasant Home Hospital closes its year by the installations of \$2,200 operating and sterilizing rooms. Both the walls and woodwork finished in white enamel. The water supply is controlled by foot pedals and everything is finished with a view of the highest possible amount of cleanliness and asepsis and light. The sterilizing units are all heated with electricity, thus eliminating smoke, odor and gas. Every physician who has seen the new rooms has made complimentary remarks about the workmanship. Rooms hold X-Ray equipment which places the Cass City Hospital in front of ranks as far as efficiency is concerned.

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# Public comment sought on updated zoning ordinance

The Cass City Village Planning Commission will host a public meeting today (Wednesday) starting at 7 p.m. to consider the adoption of a new zoning ordinance. The meeting will take place at the Lions Pavilion at Cass City Recreational Park.

The hearing was scheduled to receive comments from the public on the new zoning ordinance, which will replace the existing zoning ordinance in its entirety, according to Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell, who noted the updated ordinance will contain more graphic representations of zoning regulations along with new formatting designed to “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 municipal building Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.

# Suspect charged with assault

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Northville man arrested after allegedly jumping out of a ditch, aiming a gun at passing motorists and firing shots in Huron County’s Gore Township Aug. 6 was arraigned on multiple felony charges last week in Huron County District Court.

Jonathon Christian Burns, age 42, was formally charged with one count of assault with intent to murder, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), one count of attempted carjacking, and four counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony (felony firearm).

Burns’ preliminary examination was set for Friday, Aug. 28. Bond in the case was set at \$200,000 cash. He remains lodged in the Huron County Jail.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) in Caro reported they caught up with the suspect during the early morning hours of Aug. 7 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 3:15am, ES Team members approached the vehicle, but the suspect had already fled into the woods.”

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## Novesta eliminates "unenforceable" ordinance

Continued from page one.

moving forward, but that hasn't happened because of the pandemic and restrictions that were imposed because of it.

"We are getting (blight) complaints, but the ordinance is unenforceable. Everyone wants us to enforce it," said Robinson. "Therefore, I think it is better not to have one than (have) one that we can't even take to a judge or a lawyer."

The board briefly discussed the issue before taking action.

Daniels made the motion to abandon the township's existing blight ordinance.

"Just because I made the motion to get rid of it does not mean I'm against a blight ordinance. What I'm saying is, if we have one, we need one we can enforce that will do good, and hopefully won't bankrupt the township," Daniels explained.

Robinson concurred.

"I wholeheartedly support some sort of blight ordinance that is a good, common sense ordinance that can be enforced. I strongly support (the motion)," he said.

Other board members agreed, supporting Daniels' motion.

With that being done, the matter goes back to the planning commission.

The planning commission will consult with the township's attorney about some recommendations and moving forward with a new blight ordinance.

Robinson pointed out a lot of time and money has been spent on the issue.

"We have two to three different drafts and proposals. It's down to that fine tuning," he said. "I would like to do that in a public setting with a lot of people from the township there."

Daniels noted several other townships are dealing with blight all over the county.

"It seems like it is worse here in Novesta Township," he said, adding he believes the township can develop a new ordinance without breaking the bank.

In other business, township resident Bob Dickson asked who would take control of the records when they come back from the auditor, referencing a disagreement between Clerk Pennie Rienas and Treasurer Valerie Peters that was discussed during the board's July meeting.

At that meeting, Dickson pointed out he noticed there seems to be animosity between the clerk and treasurer.

Dickson went on to question Peters regarding how Rienas is to do her job if she does not have all of the information she needs.

At that point, Daniels interjected, "That is why we are having a new set of eyes on the audit. We will follow the recommendation from them as being the expert in that field."

One of the issues between the clerk and treasurer involves checks and balances. Peters had

asked the attorney if checks and balances could be done over the phone, but Rienas had a problem with doing checks and balances over the phone.

According to Rienas, township Attorney William Fahey had informed the treasurer that she was to put the tax account on the township hall computer so the clerk has this for checks and balances comparison, but that was not done.

Also, Rienas noted several items on her desk, including a full candy dish, that had been put in the trash, and that toilet paper was missing as well.

Peters asked if she was being accused.

Rienas countered she was "just stating facts of what had taken place," that she thought it was childish, and she asked for a security system to be installed.

Daniels said he would look into the cost of a system.

The brouhaha between the two women dates back to June and a discussion about locked doors and who accesses the records.

Rienas explained the office door was locked because it contained election records and other documents the public should not have access to.

In addition, the supervisor and the treasurer are responsible for the security of some records.

The board then moved on to setting the next meeting, which will be 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, due to the Labor Day holiday. A decision also has to be made regarding if the session will be another virtual meeting or in-person.

This month's meeting was virtual because the attendance at the July meeting exceeded a state executive order limiting gatherings, forcing officials to turn some people away.

"And, the number of people we had to turn away at this meeting, we would have been over the legal limit this month too," said Daniels. "We will play it by ear and see what happens. If the (allowable) number is upped from 10, we will do an in-person meeting. We will have to wait and see."

## Drive sober campaign now up and running

The Michigan State Police is participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign through Labor Day weekend.

In an effort to protect the lives of those traveling, there will be increased patrols on area roads through Monday, Sept. 7, with zero tolerance for those who drive impaired, according to Sgt. Joseph L. Rowley, MSP Third District public information officer.

The enforcement campaign kicked off Friday.

"During the 2019 Labor Day holiday in Michigan, 10 people lost their lives in traffic crashes. Throughout 2019, there were 9,787 alcohol-involved crashes in Michigan, with 295 alcohol involved fatalities statewide," Rowley said.

"Drunken driving is deadly and illegal. It is never acceptable to get behind the wheel of a vehicle after you have been drinking. Doing so endangers you, your passengers, and everyone on the road around you. If you are attending Labor Day weekend parties or other celebrations to mark the end of summer, always drive sober."

Rowley encourages residents to celebrate with a commonsense plan. "The Michigan State Police urges people to designate a sober driver before heading out for the day. If you plan on drinking, plan on riding rather than driving," he added.

The state police encourages residents to:

\*Designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride-sharing service to get home safely, even if you have had only one alcoholic beverage.

\*Call 911 if you see a suspected drunken driver on the road.

\*Take the keys away from a friend who is about to drink and drive, and plan to get them home safely.

### Cass City Red Hawk

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Meet Taylor Cumper, Knights Insurance Agency's Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week.

Taylor is a 2020 graduate of Cass City Junior/Senior High School and plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to continue her education.



**TAYLOR CUMPER**

During her high school tenure, Taylor was a valuable member of the Lady Red Hawk volleyball team and also a member of Cass City's track team. She was always a popular teammate and was voted to the school's Homecoming and Snowcoming courts as a senior.

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# FALL 2020 | Cass City Jr./Sr. High School Sports Schedule

*Support your favorite athletes all season long with this guide to Cass City High School's big games!*

## Football Season Postponed

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) recently made the difficult decision to postpone football until the spring of 2021. This decision was based on feedback and input from the Governor's office, state health department officials, member schools, collegiate conferences and individuals on both sides of the issue.

Please note that all other fall sports in the low and moderate risk categories are moving forward

Mark Uyl, Executive Director of the MHSAA, wrote in an email: At the end of the day, we did everything we could to find a path forward for football this fall. With all input received, along with school feedback from the first week of practice, there was just too much uncertainty and too many unknowns to safely play football this fall. While there is disappointment today that we could not play football this fall, we are encouraged and motivated to find the best possible plan to fit football in with existing seasons to give all of our kids the best experience possible.

## Volleyball (FRESHMAN, JV & VARSITY)

Date	Opponent	Time
8/21	Bad Axe Inv. (JV)	TBA
8/22	Bad Axe Inv. (V)	TBA
<b>9/10</b>	<b>Bad Axe (F, JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/12	Birch Run Inv. (V)	TBA
<b>9/15</b>	<b>Vassar (F, JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/17	USA (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/19	Frankenmuth Inv. (V)	TBA
9/19	USA Inv. (F)	TBA
9/24	Caro (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/26	Bay City Central Inv. (JV)	TBA
<b>9/29</b>	<b>Reese (F, JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/1	EPB Lakers (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/3	Ogemaw Heights Inv. (JV)	TBA
10/6	Bad Axe (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/8	Vassar (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/10	Cros-Lex Inv. (F, JV)	TBA
<b>10/13</b>	<b>USA (F, JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/15	Harbor Beach (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/17	New Lothrop Inv. (V)	TBA
10/17	North Branch Inv. (JV)	TBA
<b>10/20</b>	<b>Caro (F, JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/22	Reese (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/24	Marysville Inv. (V)	TBA
10/24	Caro Inv. (F)	TBA
<b>10/27</b>	<b>EPBP Lakers (F, JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
11/2-7	Districts (V)	TBA

## Cross Country

Date	Location	Time
8/21	USA	4:00 p.m.
9/2	Mayville	4:00 p.m.
9/3	Brown City	5:30 p.m.
9/12	Bad Axe	9:00 a.m.
9/17	Reese	4:00 p.m.
9/19	Holly	8:00 a.m.
9/24	Frankenmuth	4:15 p.m.
9/26	Lakers	9:00 a.m.
10/3	Wagener Park	9:00 a.m.
<b>10/10</b>	<b>Cass City</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
10/14	Ubly	4:30 p.m.
10/20	GTC League @ Reese	4:00 p.m.
10/24	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:00 a.m.
10/31	Regionals @ Delta	TBA
11/7	State Finals @ Brooklyn	TBA

## Varsity Boys Soccer co-op @ USA

Date	Opponent	Time
8/21	Memphis	5:30 p.m.
8/22	Caro Hank Mai Tourn	TBA
8/24	Marlette	5:30 p.m.
8/26	Bad Axe	5:30 p.m.
9/2	Harbor Beach	5:30 p.m.
9/7	Caro	5:30 p.m.
9/9	EPB Lakers	5:30 p.m.
9/12	Clare Quad	TBA
9/14	Capac	5:30 p.m.
9/16	Memphis	5:30 p.m.
9/21	Marlette	5:30 p.m.
9/23	Bad Axe	5:30 p.m.
9/28	Harbor Beach	5:30 p.m.
9/30	Caro	5:30 p.m.
10/5	EPB Lakers	5:00 p.m.
10/7	Capac	5:00 p.m.
10/14-16	Districts	TBA
10/19-24	Districts	TBA

~ Home games are located at USA ~

## Varsity Girls Swim co-op @ Caro

Date	Location	Time
8/22	Oscoda	9:00 a.m.
8/27	Garber	6:00 p.m.
9/1	Ogemaw	5:00 p.m.
9/12	Ogemaw Inv.	9:00 a.m.
9/22	Gaylord	6:00 p.m.
9/29	Ogemaw	6:00 p.m.
10/6	John Glenn	6:00 p.m.
10/13	Oscoda	6:00 p.m.
10/20	Standish/Sterling	6:00 p.m.
10/27	Garber	6:00 p.m.
11/6	ISC Prelims	TBA
11/7	ISC Prelims	TBA
11/12	Dive Regionals	TBA

~ Home meets are located in Caro ~

Home games in bold.

Admissions:

High School - \$5.00

Jr. High - \$4.00

Season Sport Passes:

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Welcome students to the 2020-2021 school year!

General Information
The Cass City Public Schools will open Monday, August 24, 2020. All students are to report to their respective buildings.

Kindergarten
All day every day kindergarten classes will begin on Monday, August 24, 2020. Kindergarten parents will be notified by letter when to come for parent conferences.

Table with 3 columns: Building, Start Time, Dismissal. Rows include G.S.R.P. AM, G.S.R.P. PM, Elementary, Jr/Sr High.

Safe Routes to School
The CCPS Coordinated Health Team will be sponsoring, "National Walk to School" for all students to be held in October and "National Bike to School" in May.

Transportation
Face Coverings must be worn at all times while riding on a school bus. Parents are asked to call 872-5618 to inform the transportation department if students will not be riding busses due to extended illnesses or to make special requests regarding carry on items.

Changes in enrollment and a geographical shift in student population within the Cass City Public School District may facilitate the need to restructure our bus routes.

Student Responsibilities
1. Students and parents must understand that the school day does not end until the student is dropped off at the take home location.

2. To occupy the seat assigned by the driver and remain seated in an erect position with both feet on the floor while the bus is in motion.

3. To be at the pickup place designated 5-10 minutes before the scheduled time.

4. To wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to get on or off.

5. To keep all parts of your body inside the bus at all times.

6. To cross a traveled highway, if necessary after leaving the bus, by walking in front of the bus.

7. To leave or board the bus only with the consent of the driver and only through the proper door.

8. To immediately report to the driver any damage to the bus.

9. To help keep the bus clean, sanitary and orderly and the aisles free of any obstructions.

10. To obey the driver cheerfully and to refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is moving.

Parent Responsibilities
1. To take all precautions necessary for the protection of their children while going to and from the bus stop.

Bus Discipline Procedure
First violation - The driver submitting the violation report will submit it in Skyward and forward it to the Principal of the building the student attends.

Second violation - The same procedure as in the first violation. The minimum disciplinary action will be a three (3) day suspension from riding the bus.

Third violation - The same procedures as above with a five (5) day minimum suspension.

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Jane Ignash.....7th/8th Grade Social Studies

Chris Kimble.....Anatomy, Forensics, Biology, Stem 7/8
Danielle Laming.....Art I, Art II, Publications, Art 7/8

Heather Middleton.....Animal Science, Intro to Ag Science, Botany/Zoology, Online Technology

Jane Reif.....11th Grade English, AP Language, SAT Prep

Tana Shrader.....Special Education (2 hours)
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Jon Zdrojewski.....7th/8th Grade Science

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Laura Curtis Instrumental Music (Elem. & Jr/Sr High)
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PREP - PM (TISD) Meredith May

School Nurse - Kathy LaPonsie
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Barb McComb/Supervisor, Sandy Kelley, Sally Pergande and Brenda Stover

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On occasion the Cass City Public Schools does release the names, photographs, video recordings of individual students and directory information such as grade level, honors and awards.

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Student Accident Insurance Policy
Student accident insurance is available for parents to purchase through the Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company.

Guidance and Counseling
The school guidance program is designed to assist students who have personal and social concerns, and to help students design academic programs to meet their individual needs and abilities.

Emergency School Closing
Special announcements concerning school closing will be made through the following public service facilities: Radio WLEM-Bad Axe, TV-5-Bay City, TV-12-Flint and TV-25.

Technology & Computer Services
Parents have the ability to login on the school's website and put money on their student's lunch account, check their student's lunch balance, grades, attendance, view upcoming assignments, receive school closing alerts via phone, email, and text messages, and more.

Tech Center Offerings - The following programs are offered to Cass City juniors and seniors at the Tuscola Technology Center. All of these programs are at least one year in duration with the exception of a few that are two year programs.

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Monday Morning, August 24, 2020

School Calendar - 2020/2021

Teacher Professional Development August 19 & 20, 2020

First Day for Students August 24, 2020 (Full Day)

No School August 28, 2020

Labor Day Weekend September 4 - 7, 2020

Half Day Students September 25, 2020

Half Day Students October 23, 2020 (PM Teachers PD Day)

End of First Term October 30, 2020 (1/2 Student Day AM) (1/2 Teacher Records Day PM)

Parent/Teacher Conferences November 12, 2020 (No Students)

Thanksgiving Vacation November 25 - 27, 2020

Winter Break (Begins at the end of the day) December 18, 2020 (Students/Staff)

School Resumes January 04, 2021

End of First Semester January 15, 2021 (1/2 Student Day AM) (1/2 Teacher Records Day PM)

Half Day Students February 12, 2021 (PM Teacher PD Day)

No School February 15, 2021

End of Third Term March 19, 2021 (1/2 Day AM)

Spring Break (begins at end of day) March 26, 2021 (Student/Staff)

School Resumes April 5, 2021

Half Day Students April 16, 2021 (1/2 Student Day AM) (PM Teacher PD Day)

No School May 28, 2021

No School (Memorial Day) May 31, 2021

Last Day for Students/Teachers June 4, 2021 (1/2 Student Day AM)

What Cass City Schools Offer:
For the 2020-2021 school year you will find the following offerings to students in the Cass City Elementary and Cass City Jr./Sr. High Schools.

Elementary School
Reading K-6, Spelling K-6, Penmanship K-6, Math K-6, Science K-6, English K-6, Social Science K-6, Health K-6, Library 1-6, Remedial Reading K-6, Speech Therapy K-6, Computer Keyboarding Gr. K-6, Vocal Music K-6, Physical Education K-6, Special Education K-6.

Jr./Sr. High School
Core classes in grade seven include: Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Exploratory classes offered are: Physical Education, Band, Computer Technology, Intro. To Ag, STEM, and Art.

Grades 9-12
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Athletic Family Passes are available at the following prices from the Elementary & Jr/Sr High school principal's offices.

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(\$5 replacement for lost pass.)

To provide special recognition for the service and sacrifice of military veterans of WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam era, Public Act 181 of 2001 and Public Act 55 of 2014 authorizes the board of a Michigan school district to award high school diplomas to WWII, Korean Conflict and Vietnam veterans. The law permits WWII veterans who left high school between December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 for immediate military service and did not subsequently receive a high school degree to now apply for a diploma.

# Obituaries

## Roland Nicholas

Roland Lewis Nicholas, 75, of Cass City passed away unexpectedly Friday, August 14, 2020, in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

He was born September 5, 1944 in Grant Township to Earl Joseph and Lola Mae (Ingalsbe) Nicholas.

Roland graduated from Owendale-Gagetown High School in 1963. He served in the U.S. Army in the mid to late 1960's, where he was awarded as a sharpshooter and later retired from GTE (Verizon).

Roland appreciated all sports and was an avid fisherman. He enjoyed helping on fishing charters, especially during fishing tournaments. A hunter of small and large game, Roland has many mounts from his successful hunting adventures. He was fond of trying his luck in the casino and loved playing cards. His friends will recall many good memories of the man they nicknamed "Rock".

Roland is survived by his sisters: Donna Ferguson of Marlette, Joyce (Jim) Turner of Cass City and Jean (John) Heck of Sebawaing; sister-in-law, Paula Nicholas of Sebawaing; seventeen nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Ronald Nicholas and Lloyd Nicholas; and two great-nieces.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Memorials may be made to Cass City Public Schools Athletic Department, or Cass City Parks and Recreation Department.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



# Whitmer: 4 million masks for the most vulnerable residents in state

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Four million free masks are being provided to Michigan residents who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 through a partnership involving the state, Ford Motor Company and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Friday.

Low-income residents, seniors, schools and homeless shelters will benefit from the MI Mask Aid partnership in conjunction with the Mask Up Michigan campaign.

"Michigan needs to continue to 'mask up' to protect us all from COVID-19," Whitmer said. "Vulnerable populations may have difficulties buying masks and our schools need face coverings to keep students, staff and community members safe. I am thrilled that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Ford and FEMA are working together to help control the spread of the coronavirus."

The project is in partnership with Whitmer's Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities chaired by Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II.

"The irony of this pandemic that requires physical distancing is that it reveals how connected we truly are — how much we rely on one another every day," Gilchrist II said. "By delivering four million masks at no cost to Michiganders, we can provide a proven, lifesaving device to countless residents as they go back to work, school, and define a new way of living during this pandemic."

The free masks include 1.5 million from FEMA that the state has already sent to organizations that include local Community Action Agencies serving low-income res-

idents, MDHHS offices, Area Agencies on Aging, homeless shelters and Native American tribes.

"Masks are proven to reduce a person's chance of spreading COVID-19 by about 70 percent. There's also growing evidence that masks can protect the wearer's life, by reducing the severity of COVID if they get it," MDHHS Director Robert Gordon said. "It's critically important to make sure communities most impacted by COVID-19 have greater access to masks at no cost. The MI Mask Aid initiative is a critical step in this effort."

### Latest virus numbers

Between Monday, Aug. 10, and Monday, Aug. 17, the number of combined confirmed cases in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties increased by 48 — from 556 to 604 — with the three counties' combined death toll remaining the same at 38 fatalities.

As of Monday afternoon, Tuscola County had recorded 344 confirmed cases, an increase of 26 cases compared to a week before, and 29 deaths (no change), Huron County had recorded 149 cases (an increase of 16 cases), with four deaths (no change), and Sanilac County, 111 confirmed cases, up from 105 cases a week earlier, and five deaths (no change).

Statewide, Monday's total confirmed cases reached 93,185, with a total of 6,325 deaths, compared to 87,960 cases and 6,257 deaths a week earlier.

Ann Hepfer, health officer for the Tuscola and Huron county health departments, acknowledged the continued increase in cases of COVID-19 in the Thumb.

"We all need to be a little more cognizant of our gatherings and

social distancing," she said. "All the new cases are community acquired. There is extensive spread among all age groups except for the 75 and older age group."

"We are not the only county experiencing this spread of infection; (there are) many communities, including Bay, Saginaw, Lapeer and Sanilac counties," Hepfer noted. "While we are hopeful that our community will continue to avoid...catastrophic levels of illness and mortality, we must double down on our efforts as school can undoubtedly have a major impact on the course of the virus in the community."

"Please remember that this virus is incredibly contagious and will infect entire households and places of employment. It is important to remember that the virus can take up to 14 days to incubate inside of an individual, and the number of asymptomatic carriers is a great contributor to its spread. Therefore, wearing masks and social distancing are so very important."

Testing continues to be available to anyone residing in rural areas. In Tuscola County, testing is offered on Thursdays from 8 to 10 a.m. in the health department parking lot in Caro. In Huron County, testing is offered in 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. Normally results are back in 3 to 4 days," said Hepfer, noting, "Results are never mailed to individuals or texted; they are given over the phone only...so contact tracing can be completed."

## Robert "Woody" Wood

Robert "Woody" Wood, 82, of Cass City, passed away on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at the United Hospice Residence in Marlette.

Woody was born April 28, 1938 in Marlette, the son of the late William JC & Alice (McDonald) Wood.

He graduated from Marlette High School with the class of 1956 and enlisted with the U.S. Navy shortly after, serving for three years until his honorable discharge.

Woody was united in marriage with the former Kathleen Roberts on February 20, 1972 in Monroe and celebrated forty-three years with her before her death in 2016.

Woody was employed for several years with the Ford Motor Company near Detroit before learning to trim trees. He was self-employed in the trimming business in Oakland County for many years before moving with his family to Cass City in 1977, where he continued his business and also worked in line clearance for Detroit Edison. Woody was a member of the Caseville Eagles and enjoyed playing cards, especially Euchre. He was happiest outdoors, and was an avid fisherman, hunter and gardener.

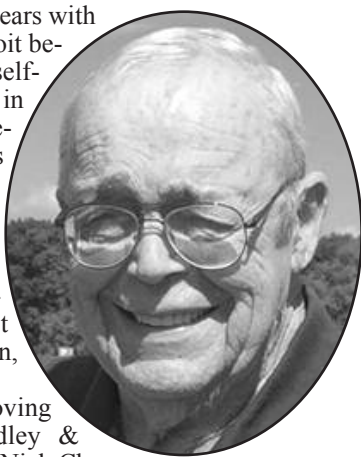
Woody is survived by his three loving children and their spouses, Bradley & Melissa Roberts of Deford, Anne & Nick Chape of Vassar and William Wood and his fiancé, Christy Zechmeister, of Akron; seven grandchildren, Sara & Noah Sharf of Bay City, Amanda Roberts of Mayville, Kyle Jordan of Deford, Austin Snell of Vassar, Zachary Snell of Vassar, Audrey Wood of Akron and Abby Wood of Akron; one great-grandson, Logan Sharf of Bay City; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Woody was preceded in death by two siblings, William JD Wood and Betty Schultz.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place with a memorial gathering to be held at a later date.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Wood Family Discretionary Fund, c/o Anne Chape, 205 West Sherman Street, Caro, MI 48723.

The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at [www.RansfordCollon.com](http://www.RansfordCollon.com).



# State confirms first case of EEE in '20

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) State Veterinarian Dr. Nora Wineland last week confirmed the first case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) for 2020 in a two-year-old filly from Clare County.

The confirmation, Dr. Wineland said, underscores the need for both horse owners and Michigan residents to take precautions.

EEE is a zoonotic, viral disease, transmitted by mosquitoes to both animals and people. EEE is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the United States, with a 90-percent fatality rate among horses that become ill and a 33-percent fatality rate among humans who become ill.

Last year, Michigan experienced 50 cases of EEE in animals and a record of 10 cases in humans. The virus is typically seen in late summer to early fall each year in Michigan.

People can be infected with EEE from the bite of a mosquito carrying the virus. The disease is not spread by horse-to-horse or horse-to-human contact.

In humans, signs of EEE include the sudden onset of fever, chills, and body and joint aches. EEE infection can develop into severe encephalitis, resulting in headache, disorientation, tremors, seizures, and paralysis. Permanent brain damage, coma and death may also occur in some cases.

"In 2019, Michigan experienced the worst outbreak of EEE ever documented in the state, with 10 human cases, including six deaths and 50 cases in animals from 20 counties," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

"Michiganders are strongly urged to take precautions to protect themselves from mosquito bites. It only takes one bite from a mosquito to transmit the virus, which can lead to severe neurologic illness, permanent disability, and sometimes death."

"This Clare County horse was never vaccinated against EEE, and it developed signs of illness — including walking in circles, leaning to the right, and pressing her head against objects — which progressed to the horse being down on the ground with an inability to get up," said Dr. Wineland.

"Horse owners in Michigan should take extra measures to protect their animals."

To protect your animals, recommended measures include:

\*Talking to a veterinarian about vaccinating horses against EEE.

\*Placing horses in a barn under fans (as mosquitos are not strong flyers) during peak mosquito activity from dusk to dawn.

\*Using an insect repellent on the animals that is approved for the species.

\*Eliminating standing water on your property (fill in puddles, repair eaves, and change the water in buckets and bowls at least once a day, etc.).

\*Contacting a veterinarian if a horse shows signs of the illness, such as mild fever and stumbling, which can progress to being down and struggling to stand.

Health officials recommend that residents protect themselves by:

\*Applying insect repellents that

contain the active ingredient DEET, or other U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-approved products to exposed skin or clothing, and always follow the manufacturer's directions for use.

\*Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites.

\*Maintaining window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.

\*Empty water from mosquito breeding sites around the home, such as buckets, unused children's pools, old tires and similar sites where mosquitoes may lay eggs.

\*Use nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas. Overall, mosquito-borne illnesses, like EEE, will continue to pose a risk to both animals and humans until late fall when nighttime temperatures consistently fall below freezing.

For more information about mosquito-borne diseases, visit [Michigan.gov/emergingdiseases](http://Michigan.gov/emergingdiseases).

## 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

# Sugar beet campaign underway in Tuscola

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

It is that time of year to start watching out for trucks delivering beets to sugar factories in the Thumb.

According to Michigan Sugar Company officials, growers are expected to harvest 162,000 acres of sugar beets this fall.

The sugar company was expected to start slicing sugar beets last week at its factories in Caro and Crosswell, and to start slicing at its factories in Sebawaing and Bay City early this week.

At this time of year, with it still being so warm, the sugarbeets taken to factories are sliced within a couple of days of delivery.

The permanent piling of sugar beets on the company's various piling grounds won't start until October.

Michigan Sugar Company has 930 year-round employees and an additional 1,100 seasonal workers.

## 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  
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**LIVING ESTATE SALE** - August 21-23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4115 Leslie Rd., Decker. Canoe, John Deere B tractor, Myers well pump, new. 14-8-19-1

**LARGE GARAGE SALE** - Thursday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, August 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - 4797 Hospital Dr. Lots of kids clothes and tools. 14-8-19-1

**TWO FAMILY** Garage Sale August 20-22 Thursday-Sat at 6331 Dale St. Cass City. (RED HOUSE on the hill near the hospital) This sale will include back to school clothing for both girls and boys! Name brand girls clothing from infant to juniors. Name brand boys clothing from infant to mens medium. Household decor, antiques, books for all ages, outdoor furniture and so much more. Tooooo much to list! 14-8-19-1

### Notices

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### Card of Thanks

**THANKS** to all who sent cards and condolences in the loss of my son Ron. They were very much appreciated. May God bless you all! Shirley Kappen & family. 13-8-19-1

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**PART TIME HELP WANTED** at the Village Service Station. Nights and weekends, must be at least 18 years old. Apply at the service station at 6415 Main St. Job requirements include changing tires, filling propane tanks running a cash register and full-service attendant. 11-8-19-2

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# Heartbreak in Deford; Dazzlers disband

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 but was canceled due to the pandemic.  
 However, organizers managed to figure out a way salvage the 2020 contest with a virtual event based on all of the team's documented preparations for the competition. "Battle of the rockets (officials) decided to total the scores for the preliminary design documents and presentations, as well as the critical design documents and presentations for each team (scheduled to compete in the contest) — also looking at results from each team's test launch and rover designs — and then rank the teams one through sixth," Patricia Hansen explained at the time.  
 In the end, the Deford Dazzlers was named the second-place winner nationwide out of about 60 teams that began the competition. The Dazzlers finished behind the first-place team from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institution — an engineering university in New York, and in front of the third-place team from the New York University Tandon School of Engineering.  
 "I just want everyone to understand that this second-place finish is huge, absolutely huge in terms of accomplishments. One of our rover robotics payload specialists is only in eighth grade," she noted.  
 Members of this year's Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team were Captain Mia Tomasino, 17, of Caro; Sam Gordon, 16, Snover, co-captain; Mia Wright, 16, Cass City, safety officer; Kian Hoppe, 13, Cass City, rover/robotics specialist; Jannaeya Thomas, 15, Cass City, vehicle specialist; and Ethan Thane, 16, Caro, propulsion specialist.  
 In spite of their ages, the team tackled a myriad of complicated math and science challenges required to compete at the national level.  
 Members of the Deford contingent spent months preparing, planning and building a rocket measuring 109 inches in height and 7.65 inches in diameter that houses a team-designed and constructed robotic Mars Rover. The rover had to be designed to deploy from the rocket prior to touch down, and then execute a series of commands.  
 When launched, the rocket, weighing in at about 24 pounds with its engine, could reach a maximum height of 1,300 feet before the main chute deploys, ac-

ording to Mark Hansen, who said the rocket was capable of accelerating to a speed equal to about one-third of Mach, or roughly 254 miles per hour. He estimated that by the time the rocket clears the 12-foot launch stand/pad during take-off, it has already attained a speed of 55 miles per hour.  
 Mark noted the rocket's secondary charge fired at an altitude of 250 feet, releasing the land rover, which would drift down under its own parachute. After landing, it shed its parachute harness and traveled about 36 inches. Both of those actions were pre-programmed by the students, who would then manually control the vehicle as it takes a photo and collects a soil sample.

### Impressive resume

The Hansens established the model rocket team in 2010-11, a year after forming the Deford 4-H STEM club. The couple selected the club's oldest members who met age and grade requirements, and the team made its first attempt to qualify for the TARC (The American Rocketry Challenge) Finals, which are held annually in The Plains, Va. Unfortunately, they failed to qualify among the top 100 teams vying for a spot.  
 However, the team qualified the next year, coming home with a 10th-place finish and receiving an invitation to serve as special speakers at a 4-H STEM conference at Michigan State University.

The Dazzlers went on to qualify for the TARC National Finals in each of the next four years, finishing in 14th place in 2013, and in 38th and 36th place in 2014 and 2015, respectively. The team also finished in third place in the TARC Engineering Presentation Competition in 2014 before winning the same competition outright in 2015.  
 A year later, the Deford Dazzlers was named one of the best student model rocket teams in the country following its impressive second-place finish at the TARC National Finals, which also qualified the team for a coveted spot in the 2016-17 NASA Student Launch event.

"The team took a year off from TARC for 'student launch' and successfully completed the eight-month engineering program," Hansen noted. "Students spent nearly a week in Huntsville, Ala., for aerospace education, science fair, touring RedStone Arsenal

Base and Marshall Space Flight Center, and participating in the launch event."  
 The Dazzlers were the only Michigan team chosen to take part in the 2017 NASA Student Launch, which offers middle school to college-aged students a chance to design, build and launch high-powered, reusable rockets to one-mile-above ground level. Interested teams are required to submit a proposal for comprehensive review by NASA subject matter experts. Teams are then chosen to participate based on detailed outlines of their rockets, its recovery systems, payloads, safety and educational engagement plans.  
 In 2018, the Dazzlers returned home from the TARC National Finals without a top-25 finish, but the Tuscola County youths did their hometown proud just the same. The team claimed first place in the 2018 TARC Presentation Contest, and Mark Hansen was honored as the Outstanding Mentor of the Year.



**HOLDING THEIR full-scale model rocket are Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team members (from left) Kian Hoppe, Sam Gordon, Ethan Thane, Teresa Tomasino, Mia Wright and Jannaeya Thomas. The team was named the second-place winner of the 2020 national Battle of the Rockets competition earlier this year.**

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