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Here's to the Class of 2020...

THE CASS CITY High School Class of 2020 was honored social distance style Thursday night, with each member presented with their diploma by a member of the local board of education outdoors, in front of the high school, as family members watched from their vehicles. Above, school officials and board members watch as senior Logan Boynton and his mom, Emily Boynton, prepare to release his ceremonial balloon.



JOZIE CHIPPI takes her turn for a photo in front of a large congratulatory banner after receiving her diploma during Cass City's Class of 2020 commencement exercises Thursday night.

Lifesaver

Gagetown man credited with saving life of driver in trouble

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan State Police (MSP) officials are crediting a Gagetown man's quick action with helping to save the life of a Cass City motorist who suffered a heart attack while driving in Tuscola County's Almer Township last week.

The incident unfolded Monday afternoon, with troopers from the MSP post in Caro dispatched to East Caro Road, just outside of the city of Caro, at 3:37 p.m. to investigate a personal injury accident.

"Tuscola County Central Dispatch advised the male subject involved was not breathing. Upon arrival, troopers were waived down by a witness who was performing resuscitation efforts on an elderly male driver whose vehicle had left the highway and traveled several hundred feet before coming to rest in a farm field," Sgt. Don Pisha of the Caro post stated in a news release.

"Troopers immediately took over CPR and, after an initial assessment, noted the elderly male was unconscious and was not breathing. Troopers determined the man, later identified as an 82-year-old subject from Cass City, was in full cardiac arrest."

Troopers continued resuscitation efforts, including use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and CPR until ambulance and fire crews arrived, according to Pisha, who noted troopers remained at the scene and assisted with traffic control and transporting the elderly man from the farm field.

"The subsequent investigation revealed the man was driving east on East Caro Road when he suffered a medical emergency behind the wheel," Pisha said. "The witness following behind the vehicle, who was identified as a 42-year-old man from Gagetown, observed the vehicle drive off the roadway and out into the farm field."

"Without doubt, the Gagetown man helped save a life by stopping his vehicle, traversing through the farm field and assisting the driver. After calling 911, he removed the 82-year-old man from his vehicle and started performing CPR. Eventually other first responders arrived to assist with lifesaving measures," Pisha said.

That Gagetown man was Alan White, a 1996 Cass City High School graduate who works for J.R. Heineman General Contractors, Saginaw, and was on his way home from a job at the Michigan Sugar Factory in Caro when he found himself in the middle of a life-and-death situation.

"I saw he was driving kind of erratic," White recalled, adding the man's vehicle ran off the shoulder and then swerved back, across traffic, and entered a bean field. "I immediately pulled over. I figured something must be wrong."

White, the only passerby to stop, ran through the field and found the victim slumped over, his foot still on the accelerator and his vehicle still in drive. He said he called 911 and followed directions, starting with pulling the victim out and laying him on the ground.

The dispatcher instructed White to initiate chest compressions. He noted he has had some CPR training in conjunction with his job, "but it's been awhile."

"The lady (at dispatch) – she talked me through everything. I was just doing everything she was telling me to do," he said. "She should get more credit than I do. She was a godsend."

White isn't certain how many minutes passed before troopers arrived. "It was such a blur," he said. "But I was pretty impressed with how fast they got out there."

"As a result of the quick actions and the rapid response of first responders, the 82-year-old driver is alive today," Pisha said. "He was transported to an area hospital for further treatment, where he is listed in critical but stable condition."

The name of the victim was not released, but White says the man's son called him later to thank him and let him know his dad was recovering.

"I'm just glad he made it," said White, who doesn't consider himself to be a hero.

"I see somebody needs help, I help them," he said. "The world needs a little more of that right now, I think."

Troopers were also assisted at the scene by the Caro Police Department, Caro Fire Department, an MMR Ambulance crew, and the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department.

Commissioners honor Tom Herron

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Tuscola County Commissioners last week honored a well-known Cass City businessman for all he has done for his community and more.

"Not everyone may know Mr. Tom Herron, but those in the Thumb have seen his work. He has been a builder and a community leader for many, many years in the Cass City area," county board Chairman Thom Bardwell

commented before reading the county resolution honoring Herron. "We thank you for your years of service and for all that you have done for the area."

The resolution noted Herron started Herron Building Company in 1964 and has completed a number of projects throughout the Thumb – especially in the Cass City and Caro areas — during his years as a builder.

Herron retired last year and sold his company. That was not an easy decision for him to make.

The resolution also notes that of all of the many construction projects Herron has tackled, the one he takes the most pride in and is closest to his heart is the home he built for Preston and Florence Karr in the Gagetown area.

During last week's virtual ceremony, Herron recalled Mrs. Karr lived in that home until her passing about two months ago.

From that humble beginning, Herron went on to develop a large

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Hills and Dales sets sights on fundraising for healing garden

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials are moving forward with plans to create a "healing garden" in the near future.

Led by physical therapist Kristi Howard, plans for the garden have been in the works for several months.

"Kristi became a driving force for the idea — researching funding options, identifying contractors, and everything else required to make the project happen," said Hills and Dales Foundation Director Danielle Blaine. "But when COVID-19 happened, it was decided it was best to hit pause on

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THE CARO Downtown Development Authority hosted a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday to kick off the development of a new permanent farmers market location at 238 S. State St., the site of the former Stephens' Tire in downtown Caro. The project is being funded by a nearly \$1 million grant awarded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in 2019 to develop the site.

Officials break ground on new farmers market

Caro Downtown Development Authority (DDA) officials hosted a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday to kick off the development of a new permanent farmers market location at 238 S. State St., the site of the former Stephens' Tire in downtown Caro.

The local DDA was awarded a nearly \$1 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in 2019 to develop the site. The investment is expected to help revitalize the area and provide more space for farmers market vendors.

"This project is going to be the centerpiece of our downtown,"

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Whitmer tightens pandemic rules in northern Michigan and the UP

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer took steps to further tighten COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in northern Michigan last week, issuing an executive order limiting indoor gatherings from 50 people to 10 people.

In addition, bars for indoor service are closed if more than 70 percent of their gross receipts are from alcohol sales. But the limit on outdoor gatherings remains at 250 in the north, while the limit is 100 people across most of the state.

The restrictions, already in place in the rest of the state, impact more than 30 counties in the Traverse City region and Upper Peninsula.

Whitmer issued the order in the wake of a month (July) that saw Michigan's confirmed cases of COVID-19 rise by roughly 17,490, while the number of residents classified as having died from the virus increased by nearly 250 people.

"After seeing a resurgence in cases connected to social gatherings across the state, we must further limit gatherings for the health of our community and economy. By taking these strong actions, we will be better positioned to get our children back into classrooms and avoid a potentially devastating second wave," Whitmer said.

State health officials say COVID-19's resurgence is closely associated with "super-spreading" events at large social gatherings, often attended by young people.

An outbreak at a Lansing bar has resulted in 187 infections; more than 50 cases have been linked to a single house party in Saline; and a sandbar party at Torch Lake over the July 4 weekend led to at least 43 confirmed cases.

Under the governor's orders, Detroit casinos were allowed to reopen today (Wednesday), although their occupancy is limited to 15 percent capacity. Casinos

must also, among other things, conduct a daily entry screening protocol for customers and employees, and everyone is required to wear a face covering.

During her weekly update last Wednesday, Ann Hepfer, health officer for the Tuscola and Huron county health departments, reported the number of cases in the Thumb has continued to rise.

"As of July 29... Tuscola County Health Department is reporting a total of 270 confirmed cases, 22 probable cases, and no new deaths. In the past seven days we have added 28 additional positive cases," Hepfer said. "In Huron County, we added 27 positive cases this week and no new deaths. Huron County has a total of 121 positive cases and 21 probable cases."

Hepfer also addressed recent news reports indicating researchers are seeing some positive results in early testing of possible vaccines for the new virus. However, she pointed out that even a vaccine will not eliminate the need for area residents to make wise choices when it comes to protecting themselves and others from exposure.

"The vaccine will be a great tool to have," Hepfer acknowledged, "but it is not here yet."

"No vaccine is 100 percent effective. The virus could continue to be present in our communities for some time to come," she said. "We know how to manage it, and most of this comes down to our own actions."

"The cost of getting sick is very expensive for all of us. Every time a waitress, bartender, nurse, attorney, dentist, physician, bus driver, school teacher, factory worker, sanitation worker, beautician or barber and anyone who works is ill with this virus, that means 10 to 14 days of quarantine for them and their workplace contacts that did not practice the workplace safety protocol."

"This is why the masks in the (workplace), practicing ridged

hand washing, cleaning and the social distancing is so important," Hepfer continued. "If everyone took this seriously and practiced these things in the workplace, then most businesses would not have to shut down. We know how to reduce the spread of infection; you just need to practice these simple acts."

While health department officials are continuing to encourage residents to be tested for COVID-19, testing supplies are once again in short supply, according to Hepfer.

"The drive-through clinics in Huron and Tuscola (counties) are for diagnostic purposes and use the nasal swab method," she noted.

In Tuscola County, testing is offered in the health department parking lot in Caro on Thursdays only from 8 to 10 a.m. In Huron County, testing is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Bay Great Lakes Health Care Center parking lot in Bad Axe.

Latest virus numbers

Between Monday, July 27, and Monday, Aug. 3, the number of combined confirmed cases in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties increased by 52 — from 453 to 505 — with the three counties' combined death toll increasing by one (in Tuscola County) 36 fatalities.

As of Monday afternoon, Tuscola County had recorded 287 confirmed cases, an increase of 30 cases compared to a week before, and 28 deaths (an increase of one), Huron County had recorded 125 cases (an increase of 11 cases), with three deaths (no increase), and Sanilac County, 93 confirmed cases, up from 82 cases a week earlier, and five deaths (no change).

Statewide, Monday's total confirmed cases reached 83,386, with a total of 6,212 deaths, compared to 78,507 cases and 6,154 deaths a week earlier.

Tuscola County officials (finally) wrap up land deal with the state

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

It took over three years for Tuscola County officials to accept some land from the state, but now the deal is done.

County commissioners recently approved accepting three parcels of land totaling 14.5 acres. The land is in the area of Chambers and Washburn roads along the Cass River in Indianfields Township.

The county board was ready to sign an agreement to accept the land last month when Commissioner Dan Grimshaw noticed the description included prison property and not just the land near it.

Grimshaw caught the error because he owns Mid-State Title Services Inc., and served as Tuscola County Register of Deeds for four years.

The property deal took a lot of twists and turns before it was finally worked out.

In 2017, Michigan Land Bank Authority officials suggested the county create its own land bank as an economic tool to help market abandoned property, so officials started the process of following that suggestion.

The Michigan State Land Bank

Authority approved creation of the Tuscola County Land Bank Authority in mid-February.

Tuscola's interest in forming a land bank was sparked by a suggestion that Vassar's former Grede Foundry property, which was going into foreclosure, could benefit.

Formation of a land bank helps counties deal with and market abandoned properties. Also, land bank properties are eligible for Brownfield funds for environmental clean-up projects.

Brownfields sites are lands that have the presence of or the potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. Cleaning up and then reinvesting such properties protects the environment and reduces blight.

Although it was the state land bank's suggestion that the county create its own land bank to help develop property around the former prison, state officials were also working at the same time on their own to proceed with marketing the land.

In October 2018, the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority posted on its website a request seeking proposals for 226 acres of land, including a former prison camp and some of the state psy-

chiatric hospital property.

At that time, the state was offering the land in three parcels. Area one has about 113 acres that is part of the Caro Center. It is bordered by M-81, Chambers Road to the west and the Cass River to east and south.

Area two has about 40 acres and is part of the former Camp Tuscola. It is bordered by the Cass River on the west and Chambers Road on the east, north and south, and area three has about 73 acres that is part of the former prison. It is bordered by the Cass River on the north and west, and privately-owned land on the south and Chambers Road on the east.

When the state's plan to market the land didn't pan out, they gave some land to Indianfields Township, adjacent to a park on M-81, and then offered the other acreage to the county.

Before county officials spent any more time and money on the effort, they had the state put its land offer in writing and scheduled a survey.

The proposal subsequently had to be re-drafted because of the incorrect property description in the documentation transferring the property.

\$1 million grant boosts new farmers market

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said Michael Bauerschmidt, chairman of the Caro DDA. "We have worked tirelessly for months to get to this point and we are excited to finally see it come to fruition."

H2A Architects designed the outdoor covered market with restrooms. Rowe Professional Services Company designed the parking lot and site infrastructure. The construction project was awarded to Three Rivers Corporation (TRC) of Midland, in the contract amount of \$921,700 after a competitive bidding process.

The project is expected to be completed in spring of 2021.

"The TRC team is proud to make the city of Caro's plans for a farmers market a reality," said Jon

Lynch, president of Three Rivers Corporation. "We are looking forward to starting construction by the end of summer. This is an exciting project to be part of."

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Saucer slurping explains government



Health officials are targeting hepatitis

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials are working towards a future where hepatitis C is no longer a health threat to Michiganders.

It's an effort well worth our praise. In recognition of World Hepatitis Day, MDHHS is launching the "We Treat Hep C" Initiative to take important steps towards eliminating hepatitis C throughout the state. The initiative is designed to bring down the cost of hepatitis C medication for Medicaid and the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC).

Organizations around the world, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), commemorate World Hepatitis Day on July 28 to raise awareness about viral hepatitis.

Viral hepatitis – a group of infectious diseases known as hepatitis A, B, C, D and E – affects millions of people worldwide, causing both acute and chronic liver disease, and can be fatal.

Hepatitis C (HCV) is a viral infection that causes liver inflammation, sometimes leading to serious liver damage. The virus spreads through contaminated blood. Roughly 115,000 people in Michigan are known to have HCV, though when taking undiagnosed persons into account, that number may be as high as 200,000.

In recent years, Direct-Acting Antivirals (DAA) were developed to treat HCV. This oral medication can cure the disease when taken every day for two to six months. With success rates of more than 90 percent, these drugs have the potential to virtually eliminate the disease.

Over the past several years, MDHHS has covered the cost of hepatitis C medications for thousands of Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) beneficiaries, and MDOC has covered the cost of these medications for thousands of incarcerated individuals.

However, the high prices associated with these drugs have strained program budgets.

In the coming weeks, MDHHS will announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) for drug manufacturers of DAAs to provide a significant discount to these programs. In return for this discount, the product will be the preferred DAA for Medicaid and MDOC, with minimal prior authorization requirements.

"MDHHS is committed to working with clinicians throughout the state to ensure that persons impacted by HCV can access these lifesaving medications wherever they live," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. "We endeavor to achieve a future where HCV is no longer a threat to the health of Michiganders."

In addition, MDHHS has partnered with the Michigan Public Health Institute to engage stakeholders and community partners on testing, linkage to care and treatment of HCV.

Area residents interested in learning more are encouraged to visit the website Michigan.gov/Hepatitis.

Americans are coffee addicts. We think nothing about traipsing around with a paper coffee cup in hand.

Then, we became socially conscious about how many paper coffee cups were being used as well as how fast coffee cooled off in them. So, special fancy, reusable coffee containers came into fashion.

And, coffee shops abound with specialty offerings that sound and taste more like bakery offerings than good old java.

While I was looking through some vintage photos online, I realized just how much things have changed. Saucers have disappeared. Youngsters probably have no idea what a saucer is because mugs are the norm now.

Back in the day, beverage cups were what we call "teacups" today — dainty little cups that sat on top of their own little dish (a saucer).

Some of them were so pretty, they could be considered works of art. My mother had several cups with matching saucers she proudly displayed on shelves.

Saucers have been around since medieval times, and they did serve a purpose, especially in colonial America. Saucers were used so drinkers of hot beverages didn't burn their mouths.

To stop that from happening, a small amount of the hot beverage would be poured into the saucer. Separating it from the cup allowed the beverage to cool faster.

And, slurping was considered as a compliment of how good the beverage was and to show appreciation of the host's decorative cup and saucer.

I did some research on the matter and was surprised to learn the cup and saucer was reportedly used in explaining the draft of the U.S. Constitution. Based on what I learned, the cup and saucer was used as an example by George Washington to explain to Thomas Jefferson the reason for creating the senate branch of government.

According to one site, Jefferson asked why the convention delegates had created the senate. Washington replied, "Why did you pour tea into your saucer?" Washington asked. "To cool it," answered Jefferson. To which, Washington responded, "We pour legislation into the senatorial saucer to cool it."

Letters to the Editor

Time to pull the plug on MLB and the NFL

Editor,

Since it has become popular for professional athletes to take a knee during the playing of the national anthem, first prior to the start of play in the NFL, and most recently at baseball games, I have decided to weigh in on my thoughts of this new tradition.

It seems we have a debate going on in some circles as to whether or not the national anthem should be, or needs to be, played at all prior to start of play. Some folks seem to think it's outdated, run its course, obsolete.

Well, perhaps so. But as a lifelong student of the history of our country, I'd like to shed a little light on how the tradition of playing the Star Spangled Banner at sporting events got its start in the first place.

The first time the national anthem was played at a baseball game was during the 1918 World Series as a sign of patriotism in support of American doughboys fighting a world war in Europe — meant as a gesture of hope that the war would soon end.

In 1931, the Star Spangled Banner officially became our national anthem, and even then, was only played during special occasions.

During World War II, it became cemented in our culture and as part of the pre-game rituals at baseball fields across the country. Baseball, "the great American pastime", so it's been called, allowed fans and spectators to put aside the thought of another world war for a few hours.

All of us, at one time or another, has stood with our hand over our hearts or saluted at attention, during the national anthem. For me, as a veteran, and as one who has been in harm's way, it is a reminder of just how


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While drinking from a saucer has fallen out of practice, the saucer senate has withstood the test of time.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



If you fancy yourself to be a salmon slayer, I am here to tell you the Kings have arrived in Manistee.

They — being beautiful, big, bright sliver Chinook salmon — were there Thursday anyways, and Captain Gabe Graham, Elsie K. Charters, put us on fish almost immediately after leaving the west side of the state harbor at 5 a.m.

To make our departure time, I set the alarm to 1:00 a.m. Thursday morning. From Cass City I drove to Midland to meet up with fishing partner Dean Woods who split the cost of the charter which ran \$600, plus tip, for a half day trip. I arrived in Midland about 2:15 a.m. and drove a little less than 3 hours to Manistee.

We didn't have to boat far from the Charter Fisherman Docks in Manistee, maybe 4-5 miles, to get on the fish. In fact, we landed eight salmon, and one lake trout, within the first 90 minutes. The action was fast. We had two salmon on at once — a double — and also successfully landed a rare triple. The latter is pretty chaotic when only two guys are reeling in the hard fighting fish. We caught three Kings that weighted more than 20-pounds. Adding to the day's enjoyment, waves were just 1-3 feet on Lake Michigan.

Needing one more fish to limit out, we trolled for another couple of hours before netting another lake trout and headed back to docks to clean and fillet our bounty.



Spruce up your landscape by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August.

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free Norway spruce trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid between October 15 and December 10, depending on the right time for planting in each member's area. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

"Norway spruce trees truly provide year-round beauty for any landscape," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "White flowering dogwood trees will add color and beauty to your yard throughout the year, with their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries that attract songbirds in the winter."


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Ubly officials ready to upgrade village with enhancements

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Some community enhancement projects are scheduled to get underway later this month in the village of Ubly.

Booms Construction of Bad Axe will construct a walking path in the park and tackle upgrades to the pavilion. Bischer Ready-mix will be the concrete supplier for portions of the walking path project.

In addition, the village has hired Halfway Fence Co. to replace the fence between residential properties, the walking path and the department of public works.

The work was preceded by a pre-construction meeting last month at the park.

The cost of the project is about \$180,000.

“We pay 25 percent of the cost either through direct payments or by using our work force and buying materials. The village’s cost is \$45,000,” village President Jason Nicol noted. “We will also utilize our MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) funding to help with the path construction since it is connecting two different streets.

“We will also utilize our own workforce for some of the work because we get to charge set rates for equipment and personnel,” he said. “So, we are utilizing every avenue to minimize extra cost to the village to help do improvements for park amenities for village residents.”

The project was designed to create a walking path in the park that would connect Main Street with Pike Street.

“The path starts out by the veterans memorial and winds through the park, across the river through the DPW and back to Pike Street. It’s about three-eighths of a mile long,” Nicol explained.

The other project involves repairs to the existing pavilion along with construction of new handicap accessible restrooms in the pavilion and the addition of handicap accessible parking.

“The pavilion repair work is all new posts as they are rotting out, new bathrooms and lighting upgrades,” said Nicol.

The work is scheduled to start mid- to late August and be completed by mid-November.



Spreading a little kindness...

AMY PETERS and her staff at Knights Insurance, Cass City, are asking the community to join in a simple project to encourage everyone to “be a light in our dark world right now. It just seems like people have forgotten that there is still good in the world, so we thought we would like to do something to help,” said Peters, pictured above (second from right) with staffers (from left) Krystal Alexander-Boggs, Heidi Anderson, Hunter Caister and Rochelle Brown. “So, for the month of August, we are “Spreading Kindness Like Confetti” – we have ‘kind’ notes on our front window for the community to stop and read, and we will be posting a new one each day on Facebook. Anyone can stop by and write a note themselves as well. There is hand sanitizer and ink pens to leave a message on a blank note on the window.”

Letters to the Editor

It’s time to pull the plug

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fragile our freedom is and at what cost and sacrifice has been laid down to maintain those freedoms.

Now, professional athletes see it as an opportunity to benefit their own self interests in the name of social injustice. What better platform could one ask for but to be afforded a national stage?

I wonder if they ever give much thought to just how fortunate they are to be making hundreds of millions of dollars playing a kids’ game. They are so spoiled and coddled by today’s standards, somehow I doubt it.

Unfortunately, with Pandora’s Box having been opened and a largely accepted practice of taking a knee supported by ownership and management, things aren’t likely to change.

Several friends of mine, all lifelong fans, have chosen to cancel season tickets now and for the foreseeable future. I don’t see that boycotting Major League Baseball (MLB) or the NFL is likely to bring about any change.

As long as you players feel compelled to take a knee as a political statement, here is my proposal:

Since our history, rule of law and tradition don’t seem to matter much anymore, I propose the stoppage of the playing of the national anthem as part of the pre-game ritual. After all, it’s only tradition and who needs it anyway? Right?

Time to pull the plug on MLB and the NFL. Find yourselves another platform, guys. My back hurts! Bye bye, now.

Respectfully,

Joe Merchant
Cass City

Appreciated Greenleaf feature

Chronicle staff and Tyler Perry,

I appreciated the wonderful article about my dear friend, Don Greenleaf. A friend for many years, his mother was my kindergarten teacher at Stone School (must have been a very young girl) and a teacher with my mom.

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to stop in at Don’s house and I was entertained with a wonderful “concert” I called it. He played as many tunes as he could for me on piano and organ. Very talented!

Sally McGrath
Cass City

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Reporter's notebook

Where's the compassion?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



My stepfather was a bit rough around the edges, but back during my teen years, he had a gentle, yet effective way of getting me back on track during those times when my behavior demonstrated a decided self-centered view of life. "Still writing that book, 'Alone in the World?'" he'd ask. The memory always brings a bittersweet smile. It also prompts me to ask the same question under my breath when I see people ignoring generally accepted recommendations from health officials on ways to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, even after more than four months of this madness. Examples of people acting as if the reality of a deadly pandemic doesn't exist aren't difficult to find in communities across Michigan and the nation.

Even in Cass City and among our neighboring communities. I admit it; I'm bothered when I run into folks who adamantly resist wearing a mask indoors and observe social distancing, or gather in large numbers for the sake of enjoying some semblance of normalcy. But I've found no useful purpose in voicing concern anymore because none of us wants to be told what to do, right?

On the other hand, I'm also tired of hearing ignorant responses such as "Hey, if you're scared, wear a mask and stay home. I'm not wearing one," etc.

Where's the compassion for others in that statement? The experts in science and medicine tell us the best way to protect ourselves and our loved ones is by wearing a face covering – not to protect ourselves, but to protect others by reducing our own spray of aerosol droplets when we cough or sneeze – to maintain a distance of at least six feet from non-family members, and to avoid crowds.

Sure, the recommendations have changed over the past several weeks, but this is a new virus and the medical community is continuing to learn new things about how it spreads. In other words, there's a learning curve here. That's how science works.

The recommendations of the experts, based on years of study and training and expertise, continue to fall on deaf ears, especially among some adults whose knee-jerk reaction is to simply dismiss the evidence and call anyone who tries to follow that advice a sheep or liberal or whatever.

I suppose that's what happens when a health crisis is transformed into a political football.

Even if the countless conspiracy theorists are right, and no real pandemic exists – and the whole episode is going to vanish into thin air once the general election comes and goes in November — what have we sacrificed by wearing a mask and avoiding situations where spreading a virus is likely? A little inconvenience?

I'm sticking with science on this one, because it makes good sense. The same way that I seek out a trained mechanic – not a baker, carpenter or politician — when my vehicle breaks down.

Like many other people, I now know someone who has been personally affected by this awful virus, and by all accounts, it has lived up to its reputation.

Maybe the general resistance to science is about a need to gain some personal control in the midst of a pretty scary situation.

The irony, of course, is that we have little control outside of efforts to prevent the spread, and no amount of ignorance, rationalization or name-calling is going to change that.

COVID-19 is a virus and it's here. It doesn't care about your political affiliation. It doesn't care what you do for a living or how you hang the toilet paper in your bathroom.

Or whether you've decided it doesn't exist.

Wheat month showcases contribution of Thumb and Michigan farmers

As the state's golden wheat crop is harvested, the Michigan Wheat Program recently announced that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer proclaimed July 2020 as Wheat Month in Michigan.

The official proclamation notes that wheat is grown on nearly 5,000 Michigan farms, producing roughly 36 million bushels of wheat on a half-million acres.

The annual farm-gate value of Michigan wheat is \$249 million. Value is added to the crop by the state's six mills and processors, which produce breakfast cereals, soups and wheat flour used to make pastries, cakes, baking mixes, cookies, pretzels, pies and crackers, among other products.

The tribute to Michigan wheat farmers as they bring in the crop is fitting, said Dave Milligan, outgoing nine-year chairman of the Michigan Wheat Program (MWP) and the 2020-2021 president of the National Association of Wheat Growers.

"Michigan wheat farmers perform exceptionally well, producing on average 80 bushels per acre versus the U.S. average of 52 bushels per acre," Milligan said. "As the board of the Michigan wheat program, we work toward investing in research with the dual goals of even stronger yields and higher quality."

Quick facts about Michigan wheat:

*About 5,000 Michigan farmers planted 520,000 acres of wheat last fall, of which 460,000 acres will be harvested (some acres are not harvested due to maturity issues, winter or water damage).

*Wheat is grown on 5,000 farms in the Upper and Lower peninsulas, in at least 78 counties.

*Michigan farmers will harvest about 37.2 million bushels of wheat by the end of harvest, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

*The average Michigan wheat farm will harvest 81 bushels an acre this year, compared with the national average of 52 bushels per acre.

*2016 was Michigan's highest-recorded harvest, yielding 89 bushels per acre. This year isn't expected to hit that record, but it's still 55 percent above the national average.

*Once harvested, wheat travels either to a local elevator or mill or is stored on-farm. It is purchased during the rest of the year by elevators, processors, millers, distillers and brewers.

*Most Michigan wheat is processed into food products within the Great Lakes Region, keeping value-added food production in Michigan and enhancing profitability for the farmer.

*Michigan produces winter wheat, which is planted in the fall and harvested the next summer. Wheat helps reduce erosion because it provides ground cover during the high-rain periods in fall and early spring. Wheat also enriches soil by capturing nitrogen and adding organic matter.

*Michigan's top-five wheat producing counties are Huron, Sanilac, Lenawee, Tuscola and Saginaw.

The MWP is a check-off organization funded by the state's wheat farmers. The program promotes the state's wheat industry by funding and supporting the strategic priorities of wheat farmers by working with input suppliers, seed producers, millers, end users and consumers. Research and grower education are top priorities for the organization.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Tom and Shelley Stilson of Gagetown announce the engagement of their daughter Ashley Stilson to Trevor Phillips, son of Don and Jane Phillips of Deford. Ashley is a 2012 graduate of Cass City High School and is employed at Maple Grove Veterinary Clinic. She is the granddaughter of Gary and Vickie Forster and Tom and Gloria Stilson. Trevor is a 2010 graduate of Cass City High School and is employed at Kappen Tree Service. An October 17, 2015 wedding is currently being planned.

The 2nd Annual Buckley Open at Rolling Hills Golf Course attracted kids of all ages for a day of fun Friday at the Cass City golf course. The winners were: Girls 9 and Under: 1st place – Sydney Schefka, 2nd place – Braylon Gutierrez, 3rd place – Hailey Groosbeck; Boys 9 and under: 1st place – Grady Seltz, 2nd place Drew Lowman, 3rd place – Graeme Seltz; Boys 10-12: 1st place – Ryan Pisarek, 2nd place – Andrew Becker, 3rd place – Trey Mullins; Boys 13-15: 1st place – Alex Heussner, 2nd place – Drew Wegner, 3rd place – Harrison Grzymkowski; Boys 16-18: 1st – Kyle Garbovitz, 2nd place – Jackson Grzymkowski, 3rd place – David Sorenson.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Army Pvt. James C. Cantlin has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training. Cantlin is the son of Marc Cantlin of Snover. He is a 2004 graduate of Sandusky High School.

After spending more than 30 years with a goal of making kids excited about reading, a local librarian will keep that goal following her retirement. Donna Emerson was the media specialist at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City for 31 years. When she first started, Cass City had 3 elementary schools that she managed as a librarian. During her tenure, she even became the middle school librarian before the school district hired another media specialist. "I went into education because I wanted to make a difference," Emerson recalled. "I love kids and that doesn't stop." Adding to her 31 years at Cass City, she spent 2 years teaching in Port Huron and 3 years in Hillsdale. While at Campbell Elementary, Emerson started a Young Authors Program, which is the longest continuous running Young Authors Program in the Thumb area.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

The past year has been a blur of sorts for Tanya Muntz, whose reign as Michigan's bean queen will soon come to an end. Since her crowning at the Michigan Bean Festival in Fairgrove last Labor Day, the 20-year-old Cass City area resident has been kept busy nearly every weekend, appearing in nearly 30 parades - from Traverse City to Holland - and representing the state's bean growing industry at a host of dinners, meetings and special events. She's met the governor and U.S. secretary of agriculture, as well as Miss Michigan and the state's sugar, potato, honey and mint queens. In between, she has gained some experience in public relations through letter and poster campaigns in which she has thanked farmers and agri-businesses for investing their time on the farm. "It's a little more work than I thought it would be," she recently commented at her Koepfgen Road home. "It's very time consuming because I organized all my own parade (appearances) and all the other activities. But it was so much fun; it was nice to represent something I've been raised with all my life."

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

The Charmont in Cass City was the scene Saturday, Aug. 3, of a

shower honoring bride-elect Shelly Seurnyck. The party, for about 50 guests, was hosted by Ruth Cummings, Jeanne Comment, Lori Seurnyck, Ila Seurnyck and bridesmaids, Joan Beauchamp of Bay City and Sue Borgess of Lansing.

Marine Lance Cpl. Richard M. Green, grandson of Merle C. Popour of Lakeside Drive, Cass City, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. A 1984 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1984.

Five tables of cards were played when the Euchre Club met Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Bukowski. High prizes were won by Mrs. Lee Hendrick and Harold Copeland. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Harold Copeland and Cliff Jackson. Traveling prize was won by Elmer Fuester. A potluck lunch was served.

Pvt. 1st Class Scott A. Reed, son of Charles A. and Elizabeth L. Reed of 6256 River Road, Cass City, has completed the basic field artillery cannoneer course under the one station unit training (OSUT) program at Fort Sill, Okla. "During the course, students were taught the duties of a howitzer or gun section crewman. They also received instruction in communications, maintenance and the handling of ammunition and explosives. OSUT is a program that combines basic training with advanced individual training. He is a 1975 graduate of Cass City High School. He and his wife have a son, Peter, and a daughter, Dawn Marie.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Anne Mitchell spent her 80th birthday last Wednesday doing what she does six days every week, working at her Crossroads Restaurant at M-53 and Bay City-Forestville Roads. What was different was her loyal customers brought her the flowers and after closing, her nephew Ken McRae and his wife, and niece, Flora McRae, took her to dinner in Frankenmuth. She has operated the restaurant since 1961.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney of Ubyly, a daughter, Paula Grace. She weighed seven pounds and 14 ounces at birth at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, July 26. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sweeney of Ubyly and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young of Elkton. She has a sister, Janice Lynn, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Loomis and family had as dinner guests Sunday, State Rep. Thaddeus Stopezynski, his wife Judy and their ten children of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laurie and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Loomis and Tom and Mrs. Howard Loomis. Entertaining the Detroit congressman and his family was a public relations effort of the Farm Bureau to better acquaint the Detroit people with life on the farm.

Pvt. Philip S. James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold James, 1895 Hadley Road, Decker, is attending basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. During the training, students receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesies, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Cass City High School football hopefuls have the opportunity of meeting the school's new head football coach at a meeting slated in the school cafeteria Friday, Athletic Director Robert Stickle announced this week. All football candidates are asked to attend. The new coach is William Lester Philbin, 31, of Maumee, Ohio. He was hired by Supt. Don Crouse Monday afternoon and his contract approved Monday night by the school board. It is the second time in two years that the school has gone out of the state to hire an athletic coach.

Jeri Ann Stilson celebrated her 10th birthday Wednesday, Aug. 5. Those who attended a party in her honor were Paula Alexander, Lori Calka, Libby Dickinson, Amy Erla, Joannie Freiburger, Wendy and Missy Kelly, Frances Kozaan and Susie Schott. The affair was planned by Jeri's sister, Mary Beth.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Miss Shirley Hillman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Hillman, of Evergreen township, became the bride of Mr. Floyd Heronemus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Heronemus, of Lamotte township, at 7:30 on Wednesday evening in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ church on M-53. The candlelight service was performed before an arch of roses, banked with baskets of gladioli.

Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Brown recently received a letter written by their son, Donald, and grandson, Harold Guinther, who tell about the meeting of Donald and his nephew, Harold, in the Philippines. This was the first time in nearly three years that the men had seen each other. Both wrote that they were well and each said the other was looking swell. Harold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Guinther of Cass City.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

John Schiedel finished a 3,500-mile automobile trip from Portland, Oregon, Monday afternoon when he arrived at Cass City to visit his son, H. D. Schiedel. He was accompanied from Caledonia, Mich. by his father Henry Schiedel. Mr. Schiedel spent a month making the trip from Portland, stopping off at different points across the states to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

S. C. Armstrong, an undertaker and furniture dealer in Cass City in pioneer days, greeted old friends and acquaintances here the first of the week. Mr. Armstrong served as the first Worshipful Master of the local Masonic lodge. He spent several years in Oklahoma City, Okla., since leaving Michigan and has been honored by being made a 33rd degree Mason in that state. His home is now in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tuesday, C. R. Townsend became the proprietor of the shoe and clothing business of McGregory Townsend Co., Inc., purchasing the interest of P. S. McGregory in the firm's business. Mr. Townsend also purchased the brick block, which has housed the firm's stock, from Mr. McGregory.



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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

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, Michigan, starting promptly at ten o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of August, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The mortgage was made by JARED SADLER and TAYLOR L. SADLER, husband and wife (collectively, "Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgage"), dated December 18, 2015, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on December 22, 2015, in Liber 1343, Page 372, as partially released by a partial release of mortgage dated September 10, 2019, recorded October 25, 2019, in Liber 1433, Page 1277, Tuscola County Records (the "Mortgage"). By reason of a default under the conditions of the Mortgage, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagor is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Four and 21/100 Dollars (\$39,304.21). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Dayton, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan,

and are described as follows:

A parcel of land being in and a part of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as: Commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 33, thence, thence North 01 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds west along the West line of said Section 33, 581.04 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence North 01 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds along the West line of said Section 33, 340.76 feet, thence North 87 degrees 41 minutes 27 seconds East parallel with the North 1/8 line of said Section 33, 468.96 feet, thence South 01 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds East parallel with the West line of said Section 33, 345.31 feet, thence South 87 degrees 12 minutes 16 seconds West 194.0 feet, thence North 01 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds West parallel with the West line of said Section 33, 8.53 feet, thence South 87 degrees 12 minutes 16 seconds West, 275 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with all fixtures, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way appurtenant to the premises.

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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgage is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has con-

cluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Dated: July 15, 2020
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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 Charniawski, 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
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News briefs

Ubyly council mulling request

UBLY — With event after event being cancelled due to concern over the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ubyly Village Council was recently asked to consider allowing an event later this month.

Brad Klebba, representing the MT Pocket Pullers, asked the council to consider allowing the organization to hold a tractor pull in the community in August.

According to Klebba, the organization is insured and would take care of all arrangements related to the free activity.

The council took his request under consideration and agreed to address it during a meeting scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

In the meantime, village officials will continue to keep a close eye on COVID-19 cases, governor's executive orders and health department recommendations.

The MT Pockets Pullers was established in 1991 and offers competitions in which vehicles ranging from 13-horsepower garden tractors to small V-8 engine vehicles pull a weighted sled.

Market featuring fitness demos

CASS CITY — The weekly Cass City Farmers Market is offering more than just vegetables and fruits, sweet treats and handmade items.

Free physical activity demonstrations are being featured during the market hours each week, courtesy of Rec-Connect and the Michigan Fitness Foundation.

The village hosts its farmers' market from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. every Thursday in the downtown area at Rotary Park.

The free physical fitness demonstrations planned this month include yoga (Aug. 6), circuit training (Aug. 13) and volleyball (Aug. 20). Activities will be modified for all ages and abilities, and those who participate in the demonstrations will receive equipment to help stay active.

Vendors interested in participating in the market can learn more by contacting Haley or Stacy at (989) 872-4311 to sign up.

Gun class scheduled Sept. 19

VASSAR — There will be a concealed pistol license (CPL) training class Saturday, Sept. 19, starting at 8 a.m. at the Richville Conservation Club.

The instructor for the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Ownership (MCRGO) training will be Bryan Hemerline.

To learn more or sign up, contact Hemerline at (989) 737-2441 or via email at bhemmer_44@yahoo.com.

The Richville Conservation Club is located at 3270 Sanilac Rd, Vassar.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



Sending a signal on election fraud

by Senator Kevin Daley

In May, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced she would spend federal coronavirus dollars to mail absentee ballot applications to each of the state's 7.7 million registered voters. Not surprisingly, this has created a lot of concern about increasing the likelihood of voter fraud in our state.

That is why I introduced Senate bills 977 and 978, which would make it a felony to knowingly submit another person's name or personal identity information on a ballot application or attempt to obtain multiple ballots.

Elections are an important part of our form of government, and we need to take them seriously. Our government is based on the idea that the people choose their elected voices. Election fraud undermines that very idea. Pushing back on voter fraud helps protect our voice and protect our basic democratic rights.

Making voter fraud a felony would help to discourage fraud in the first place. This legislation sends a signal to would-be criminals that the state is taking voter fraud seriously and makes it very clear that committing such a crime will come with more than just a slap on the wrist.

I've heard some folks argue that voter fraud is a myth, too rare, or too hard to pull off. I would first point those people to cases happening right here in Michigan, such as that of Southfield's city clerk, who is facing felony election law charges; Leelanau County, where the number of registered voters was higher than the number of voting-age residents; or Detroit, where nearly 33,000 false, duplicate or fraudulent voter registrations were found in the city alone.

Even if voter fraud is as rare or as difficult as some make it out to be, we should still do everything we can to discourage it. And when it does happen, we should take action against those who are caught.

If election security matters, punishing those who undermine it should matter, too.

The people of Michigan need to have confidence that their elections are being conducted honestly, and that they can trust the results — win or lose. With the secretary of state's recent decision to mail absentee ballot request forms to every name on their lists, we need to increase efforts that ensure our elections are not compromised.

This legislation is a good step toward decreasing illegal activity and protecting the integrity and security of our votes. The bills make it clear that anyone who tries to rig our elections will have to pay the price for their actions.

If you ask me, it's a no-brainer.



Andy Gray

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the 20th day of August, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the application by Darcey Guello for a variance for the purpose of permitting 504 sq. ft. living space in lieu of the required 950 sq. ft. to be located at 6601 Greenland Rd., Cass City, MI on property identified as tax parcel number 007-025-000-1000-00.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to ask questions or to make comments as to the application. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 at any time prior to the public hearing.

Elkland Township Planning Commission
John Tilt - Chairperson

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.

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 notice 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



My Corner
Adulting...
 by Ty Perry

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of regular columns, written by former local resident Ty Perry, that will appear in the Chronicle on a monthly basis.

Perry, a 2010 graduate of Cass City High School, was raised in Cass City. He now lives with his wife and daughter in Las Vegas, Nev., where he serves as a Bible teacher, writer, and speaker with The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry. This fall, Perry will graduate from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, with a degree in journalism.

The English language is filled with examples of nouns that have become verbs. Whereas we used to place bookmarks between pages to remind us where we left off reading, we now bookmark virtual pages online. A worker not only has a task, they are tasked with completing it.

And, at least since 2016, according to my research, not only are people 18 years and older adults, they have to adult.

According to Merriam-Webster, "[t]o adult is to behave like an adult, to do the things that adults regularly have to do." My own anecdotal evidence seems to confirm that simply attaining 18 years does not an adult make. A person has to embrace the rights as well as the responsibilities of adulthood in order to make it.

In other words, adults must choose to adult.

I graduated from Cass City High School (now Cass City Junior-Senior High School) ten years ago this past May. While walking across the stage and receiving my diploma on that muggy May evening did not make me an adult, it did mark a shift in my role in society. And the truth is, I like adulting.

Sure, there's plenty I don't savor, like paying taxes or waiting in line at the DMV. But generally, I'm glad I'm an adult. I like earning a living and budgeting. I like checking the batteries in our smoke detectors and changing out furnace filters. I'm even grateful I can change a dirty diaper from time to time (don't tell my wife). After all, it means I have a family to lead and care for.

Three years ago, I picked up a book I was sure I wouldn't finish. But Ben Sasse's *The Vanishing American Adult* was so good I couldn't put it down.

Although Sasse is a U.S. senator, his book is not a political treatise or a get-off-my-lawn diatribe against "kids these days". Rather, he offers a sobering analysis of what he calls America's "coming of age crisis" and then offers practical and, frankly, inspiring advice on how to remedy it on a grassroots level.

"We need to find ways to liberate our kids from the tyranny of the present," Sasse writes. "One basic way to do that is to know other people, especially older people."

I agree. I've had friendships with people considerably older than myself, whose stories and presence have ballasted (there's another noun-verb) my early adult life. Names like Frank Morris, Jack and Ruth Esau, Don Greenleaf and Katie Jackson come to mind.

All of them, in some way or another, have touched my life and expanded my view of the world and of myself.

Plus, there's just something about knowing people who have weathered depressions, wars and epidemics — and still smile after the fact — that makes you feel this adulting stuff isn't as bad as some might think.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have a diaper to change.

Seed deliveries prompt warning

Across the United States, people have been reporting that they're receiving unsolicited packages containing seeds from China in the mail. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is warning residents who receive these packages not to open or plant the seeds.

The seeds are typically sent in white packages displaying Chinese lettering and the words "China Post." Most recipients say they did not order anything, and that the packaging was labeled as jewelry. Some recipients have reported ordering seeds on Amazon and receiving these seeds.

"If you receive unsolicited seeds from another country, do not plant them. If they are in sealed packaging, do not open the package," said Mike Philip, director of MDARD's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division.

"We don't know what type of seeds are in the packages, but we do know they come in a variety of sizes and colors, with some reported to be very tiny. These unsolicited seeds could be invasive, introduce diseases to local plants, or be harmful to livestock."

The packages may be a part of a "brushing" scam. A brushing scam is an exploit by a vendor used to bolster product ratings and increase visibility online by shipping an inexpensive product to an unwitting receiver and then submitting positive reviews on the receiver's behalf under the guise of a verified owner.

"If planted, these unknown and potentially invasive species could have a very negative impact on the environment. Additionally, we're asking people not to throw the seeds or packages away or dispose of them," Philip said.

"MDARD appreciates the cooperation of Michiganders who receive these packages as we work together to protect Michigan agriculture."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service's Plant Protection and

Quarantine Smuggling, Interdiction and Trade Compliance Unit is currently investigating this situation across the nation.

If you receive an unsolicited package of seeds from China, hold on to the seeds, packaging and mailing label, and contact MDARD's Customer Service Center, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 800-292-3939, or via email at MDA-Info@michigan.gov.



RON DIMMIT, owner of Ron's Fantastic Home-made Nut Brittles, Cass City, visits with some shoppers during a recent Cass City Farmers Market. Sunny skies and cooler temperatures greeted dozens of area residents who turned out for the weekly event.

Health officials confirm AFM

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials say they've been notified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that Michigan has a confirmed case of acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) for 2020.

The confirmed case involves a child from Macomb County, and two other suspected cases of AFM in Michigan remain under investigation.

As of June 30, the CDC had confirmed 13 cases of AFM in 10 states this year, mostly in children.

Despite increases in cases across the country since 2014, the CDC estimates that less than one to two in a million children in the United States will get AFM annually. Michigan reported five cases in 2018 and one case in 2019.

"AFM is a rare but serious condition affecting the nervous system and can cause the muscles and reflexes in the body to become weak," explained Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "Most patients report having a mild respiratory illness or fever consistent with a viral infection before developing AFM."

The cause or trigger for AFM is not yet known. However, health experts say residents can decrease risk of getting viral infections by washing their hands often with soap and water, avoiding touching their face with unwashed hands, and by avoiding close contact with people who are sick.

Cass City Red Hawk ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Knights Insurance Agency proudly introduces 2020 graduate Colby Sutton as their Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week.

A star member of the Caro co-op varsity swim team, Sutton was co-captain in 2020 and helped the team finish as runner-up in the Independent Swim Conference (ISC) during his final season.

Highlights for Sutton at the ISC finals, held at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), included:

*Sutton took 1st in the conference in the 100 free with a personal record of 53.46, just missing the Caro record.

*Sutton placed 2nd in the 200 free with a new personal record of 2:01.27.



COLBY SUTTON

*Sutton anchored the 200 free relay team consisting of Logan Boynton, Kris Nika and Michael Booms. They finished in 1st place with a time of 1:38.99.

*Sutton anchored the 400 free relay. They finished in 2nd place with the team that consisted of Landon Strzelewicz, Kris Nika and Andrew Venema with a time of 3:43.69.

Sutton led the team at the finals with a total of 55.5 points. He was also the season high scorer for the co-op team.

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Obituaries

Jenna Gould

Jenna Elise Gould, born April 1st, 1986, went to the arms of her loving Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, July 31st, 2020, where she is now made whole.

Jenna resided in Cass City, and was a Cass City High School graduate and licensed beautician.

She is survived by her grandmother, Marilyn Joyce Gould; father and mother, Todd and Tara Gould; brothers, Grant (Eva), Noah (Chaelyn) Gould; former husband, David W. Lage, and love of her life, daughter, Faina Nicole Lage (11 years).

Jenna was preceded in death by her daughter, Elise Gould (3 days old).

A memorial service will be held at the Bay City Evangelical Free Church, 604 S. Woodbridge St., Bay City, Michigan 48706 at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 8th. Light refreshments will follow.

All who knew Jenna are welcome to attend.

Jenna was a believer in the right-to-life. Donations can be made in her name to Positive Alternatives of Caro, Michigan, and Right-to-Life of Michigan.



Daniel Keyser

Daniel Hiram Keyser, 60, passed away unexpectedly on July 29, 2020.

He would want you to know that Mental Health and depression is an illness, and if you need help, don't hesitate to seek help from your local Mental Health Provider.

Daniel was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

He loved being outside hunting and working. He was famous for his scrapping ability. He loved finding that gem and was tickled showing family and friends. He loved to share whatever he found, and if you could use it, he would gladly give it to you. If you needed help, you could always call Dan and he would gladly help you, and work as hard as 4 men. He would cut wood for friends and family at no cost, just to make sure they were warm for the winter.

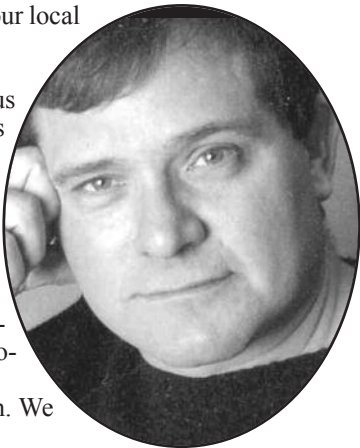
Daniel loved being with family and friends as much as possible, and would travel many miles in one day just to see people.

He had many close friends who were there supporting him. We would like to thank them for that support.

Dan had many jobs in his life, but preferred the janitorial field. His last job was with Consumer's Energy as part of the cleaning crew for their offices. He put his heart into every job that he had.

To sign the online guestbook, visit www.cremationsocietymidmi.com.

Arrangements were made with Cremation Society of Mid Michigan.



Norma Rabideau

Norma Jean Rabideau, 84, of Gagetown passed away peacefully Monday, July 27, 2020 in her home.

She was born September 6, 1935 in Sebewaing, to Roland and Viola (Sting) Kohl.

Norma was baptized in St. Peter Lutheran Church of Bach.

She graduated from Sebewaing High School with the Class of 1953. After high school, she moved to Bay City and worked at Jacques Restaurant as a waitress.

In September of 1957, Norma married and began the journey that would become her most treasured job, that as a mother. In the early years of raising her family she managed and owned The Ashmore Store. In 1963, they moved their family to the 80 acre farm in Gagetown where she would live for the remainder of her years.

Norma loved to "live off the land" and produced much of the family food. Her work ethic was beyond compare. Norma raised animals, sewed many of her children's clothes and made sure her children were involved in a variety of extracurricular activities. She was her children's biggest fan and never missed an athletic event, dance or piano recital.

In 1976, Norma began a part time position with the respiratory therapy department in Hills and Dales General Hospital. Over the course of the next 17 years, she was promoted to head of the department and earned her Registered Respiratory Therapist Degree.

After her retirement in 1993, she continued to do all of the things that she enjoyed and more. Always an avid bowler, she continued on two leagues, as well as two golf leagues for many years. She traveled with her team to state tournaments, Las Vegas and numerous casino trips. All who knew Norma were aware of her passion for gardening. Much of the summer she could be found working in her significantly large garden. She was also very talented with crocheting and created countless blankets for her family and many others, her hands were rarely still. A devoted baseball fan, she enjoyed watching the Tigers and the Padres. Norma was always eager to travel, anywhere! If a friend or family member wanted to plan a trip, she was always ready to go.

Norma loved to serve others. She acted as the Elmwood County Treasurer for four years and was an active member and treasurer of St. Agatha's Women's Society, sharing her time and talents for over 20 years. Norma lived her life to the fullest, however, nothing she did could compare to the passion she had for her family. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were by far her greatest joy and her remarkable legacy will live on forever through her family.

Norma is survived by her children: Ricky Rabideau, Randy Rabideau, Deborah Leasher, Tammi (Brian) Roberts and Shelly (Scott) Miller; fourteen grandchildren: Courtney Rabideau, Carly (Andrew) Yocius, Casey Rabideau, Grant Rabideau, Ethan (Kassandra) Leasher, Devon Leasher, Aaron Leasher, Samantha (Matt) Jezierski, Taylor Roberts, Madison Roberts, Brandon (Renee) Miller, Cole Miller, Dylan Miller and Dustin Miller; six great-grandchildren: River Miller, Isabel Miller, Haley Jezierski, Berrek Wroubel, Ayla Miller and baby Jezierski due in November; sister, Joyce (Hugh) Hagerman; brother, Larry (Sue) Kohl; brother-in-law, Harlan Rabideau; sister-in-law, Nancy Rabideau and special friend, Howard Herreder.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Beatrice (Larry) Hool; in-laws, Gerald (Evelyn) Rabideau, Jean (Clarence) Marecki, Phyllis Rabideau and James Rabideau.

A special thank you to Norma's sister, Joyce Hagerman for her loving care during the past month, as well as the Compassus Hospice nurses whose care was greatly appreciated.

A graveside service was held Saturday, August 1, in St. Agatha Cemetery, Gagetown with Fr. Christian Tabares officiating.

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

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

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Hospital eyes healing garden

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the project. Now, the team is back at it and is hoping to break ground in 2021.

“Imagine a beautiful outdoor space where patients, employees, visitors, and community members can enjoy the healing power of nature,” said Blaine, who also serves as the hospital director of marketing. “The Hills and Dales Healing Garden is intended as a beautiful sanctuary focused on rest, relaxation, restoration, rehabilitation and rejuvenation.”

Project organizers are actively seeking ways to fund the proposed garden, which will be located behind the hospital (facing Hospital Drive).

The project is expected to include a seating area for eating and activities, a significant water feature, a bridge, benches, pergolas, and an abundance of trees, flowers and plants, according to Blaine, who noted research shows that people who interact with nature display positive physical changes, such as decreased heart rate, lower blood pressure and improved mood, within minutes of stepping outside.

Blaine said the hospital welcomes donations of all kinds.

“Your thoughtful philanthropic support of the Healing Garden Wellness Program is needed to help us develop, maintain and enhance the garden program,” she added.

Area residents are encouraged to spread the word about the effort with their churches, families, employers, civic organizations, neighbors and friends. “Or perhaps you would like to donate in honor of a loved one. You can see all the giving options when you visit <http://healing-garden.net>,” Blaine said.

Donations can be sent directly to the Hills and Dales Foundation at: Hills and Dales General Hospital, Attn: Danielle Blaine, 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726. Fundraising questions should be directed to Blaine by calling (989) 912-6401.

More information about the garden project is available by contacting Howard at (989) 912-6434.



HILLS AND Dales General Hospital officials are seeking donations as they move forward with plans to create a “healing garden” this year. The garden, which would be located behind the Cass City hospital, would be designed to be a “beautiful sanctuary focused on rest, relaxation, restoration, rehabilitation and rejuvenation.” (Artist renderings by Justin Anthes)

Commissioners honor Herron

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part of the Cass City community. His developments there include Hillcrest Subdivision, Northwood Lakes Condominiums, and North Shores Golf Course and Restaurant along with several homes.

His most challenging project in Cass City was building Walbro.

Despite accomplishing all of that, Herron wasn't done.

“In 1996, he began building modular homes and formed Northwood Modular Homes Inc. Mr. Herron was also the builder of the popular commercial sites in Caro, the Brentwood, Star Brite Restaurant, and remodeling the Capri, which is currently the Oven restaurant,” said Bardwell, reading from the resolution.

“Tom Herron was also instrumental in the renovation of the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool in 2019 and the splash park in 2020, providing his services as project manager for both of those sites in the Cass City (Recreational) Park.

“While working six-days a week with his construction business, Tom Herron was a father to six children,” the resolution states. “He attributes his success to two things that he was taught by his step-grandfather, which are to work hard and go to church, which he still does.

“Therefore, be it resolved, that on behalf of the residents of Tuscola County, the board of commissioners commends Mr. Tom Herron for his tremendous building contributions to Tuscola County during his 55 years of service.”

This is not the first time Herron has been recognized.

He was named Cass City's Citizen of the Year in 1983 and was awarded the Lion of the Year award in 1997.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and health risks associated with meeting in person, commissioners have been conducting virtual meetings. As a result, the board was unable to personally present a framed resolution.

However, Herron and some of his family members joined the virtual meeting by computer while his resolution was being read.

Commissioner Tom Young, whose district includes the Cass City area, will present Herron's resolution to him.

“Cass City meets in person. At their next meeting, Aug. 31, I will be able to hand it to him in person,” Young said.

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