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Fall high school sports, gyms, pools get green light

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan high school football won't have to wait until spring after all, following Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's signing of an executive order Thursday reopening the state's gyms and pools, and allowing for organized sports practices and competitions to resume.

And while the latter came with a recommendation that schools not resume contact sports, the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Council wasted no time in approving the return of all fall sports, including football, boys' soccer, volleyball and swimming/diving.

The news also shifted local school athletic directors, including Cass City's Justin Ketterer, into overdrive – just before the Labor

Day holiday weekend — as they started preparing for competitions they thought wouldn't take place until the spring.

"It (reaction) was joy and some relief. We're all happy for the kids, obviously. But we're also like, okay, time to get to work," Ketterer commented Friday after attending a virtual meeting with other Greater Thumb Conference athletic directors.

"With the schedules already in place, it's not that bad."

Before the athletic restrictions were lifted Thursday, high school football teams were facing a shortened spring season, from March to early May, followed by a baseball season expected to run into July, although the staggered seasons would have enabled athletes in smaller districts, such as Cass City, to continue participating in

both sports.

Now, Cass City's varsity football team is expected to take the field for competition Sept. 18, with the junior varsity playing Sept. 21 and the junior high team, Sept. 24.

"Volleyball's ready to go inside

for practice," Ketterer said, referring to the team's required outdoor practices under the tougher practice restrictions. The first competition is slated for Sept. 15, he said, noting COVID-19 restrictions have forced officials to do

away with large tournaments this year.

Cass City athletes who participate in athletic co-ops with USA (soccer) and girls' swimming (Caro) will also be in action soon.

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Unionville woman faces manslaughter charges in bizarre traffic collisions

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A 34-year-old Unionville woman faces manslaughter charges following a bizarre pair of fatal traffic crashes that claimed the lives of two women last week in Bay County's Williams Township.

Ashley Nichole Katshor, Unionville, was arraigned Friday in Bay County District Court on two felony counts of manslaughter.

"These charges are in relation to the deaths of Lisa Archibald, a 52-year-old female from Unionville, and Kimberly Abela, a 50-year-old from Essexville, who died as a result of the incident that took place on Sept. 2," said Sgt. Joseph L. Rowley, Michigan State Police (MSP) public information officer for the Tri-City Post in Freeland. "The driver of the Chevy Impala, 43-year-old Corey Miller of Bay City, has not been charged."

MSP investigators continue to work on piecing together the circumstances surrounding double fatal traffic crashes on eastbound US-10, east of Nine Mile Road.

Troopers were dispatched to the scene at about 4:35 p.m. last Wednesday.

"Preliminary investigation indicates that a vehicle, a Chevrolet Equinox, was travelling eastbound on US-10 when an altercation occurred between the driver and passenger," Rowley said.

"The driver, a 52-year-old female from Unionville (Archibald), stopped and exited the vehicle, and began walking eastbound on US-10. The passenger, a 34-year-old female from Unionville (Katshor), attempted to drive the Equinox eastbound on US-10 and struck the 52-year-old female.

"A 50-year-old female from Essexville (Abela) stopped to render aid to the female that was struck by the Chevy Equinox. While doing so, both females were struck by a Chevrolet Impala being driven by a 43-year-old Bay City man (Miller).

"As a result of these crashes, the 52-year-old female from Unionville was pronounced dead at the scene. The 50-year-old female from Essexville died a short while later at an area hospital."

Anyone who may have witnessed the crashes is asked to contact Detective Sgt. Fowler of the Michigan State Police Tri-City Post at (989) 495-5555.

LIGROW'S Fitness and Athletic Performance Center owner Jon Ligrow says he's ready to welcome clients back to his Cass City business following Thursday's announcement from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer lifting restrictions on some businesses, including fitness centers.

Ligrow ready to welcome back clients

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Ligrow's Fitness and Athletic Performance Center owner Jon Ligrow figured he'd be celebrating his Cass City business' fifth anniversary in July with a sigh of relief as more and more of his initial investment was paid off and he could start seeing more in the way of profits.

Instead, the COVID-19 pandemic kept his doors closed, just as they had been since mid-March.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders shutting indoor gyms and fitness centers lasted nearly six months, but the governor's decision Thursday lifting those restrictions was welcome news to Ligrow and other gym owners across the state.

"This was supposed to be a good year for me – we got some equipment paid off," Ligrow commented Friday at his business, located at 6447 Main St.

An Ugly native who describes Ligrow's Fitness and Athletic Performance Center as a family-run business with his wife, Laura, at his side when she isn't busy with her own day job as Early On

Childhood coordinator for the Tuscola Intermediate School District, Ligrow acknowledged the closing of many businesses stemming from the pandemic created a great deal of uncertainty.

"At first, I was (worried). It was very, very stressful. But my members have been very supportive," he said, noting many clients have

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Kingston officials staying on top of possible exposure

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Kingston Community Schools Supt. Matt Drake isn't naïve – he figures it's inevitable that officials in the Thumb's school districts will have to face and tackle COVID-19 exposure issues now that classes are back in session.

Drake just didn't figure on it happening in his district, just three days into the 2020-21 school year.

Still, when he learned that two individuals in the Kingston Community Schools may have been exposed to the virus, he met the challenge head-on by informing the community of the general circumstances and how school officials responded.

"As we move forward with school amidst a global pandemic, we believe that communication is of paramount concern," Drake wrote in a letter to parents, staff and students. "In order to help everyone feel as comfortable as possible, we will share all of the information we can share while protecting the rights of anyone who may have contracted COVID-19 in any setting.

"Today, we were notified that two people in attendance were identified through contact tracing as having been in close contact with an asymptomatic person that has tested positive for COVID-19," Drake announced Thursday. "Both individuals immediately left school and will be self-quarantining for the CDC-recommended 14 days.

"Should either person test positive for COVID-19, the district will follow instructions from the health department to contact trace and notify any student or staff that may have been within six feet of either person for 15 cumulative minutes in a day of a potential exposure."

Drake did not identify either individual in the interest of protecting their privacy. In small communities, he noted, even the simplest detail can make it easier for people to figure out who is involved in any given situation.

At the same time, while Kingston Schools has not had any confirmed cases of COVID-19 – involving students or staff – Drake said he made

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On his toes

Covid a baptism of fire for new Cass City AD

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

New Cass City Public Schools Athletic Director Justin Ketterer dove head-first into a baptism by fire when he took over the reins from former AD Lindsay Bitzer earlier this year, but he's managed to keep rolling with the punches.

The job typically involves a myriad of responsibilities, including staying on top of weekly

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Gierhart: trials set to resume in Tuscola County later this month

Tuscola County's courts will be resuming jury trials later this month after suspending them in March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

New safety precautions and procedures have been implemented to protect jurors and other individuals in the courtrooms, according to Chief Judge Amy Grace Gierhart. "Each court has developed a plan to assure the safety of all the court's participants and to provide a comfortable environment for

all," Gierhart said, noting that Tuscola County Circuit Court will be holding jury trials off-site at a larger venue to provide for more space for adequate social distancing.

District court jury trials, meanwhile, will be held at the courthouse, with additional precautions in place.

"Because a jury trial in District Court requires less jurors than in Circuit Court, we have decided to conduct those trials at the court-

house," district court Judge Jason E. Bitzer said. "However, the courtroom has been reconfigured in a way that prioritizes safety for all while also preserving the right to a fair trial."

All attorneys, witnesses and jurors will be required to pass a wellness screening prior to entry, and face masks will be required. Enhanced cleaning will take place and social distancing will be practiced at each stage of all jury trials, Gierhart said.

New Cass City AD rolling with the punches

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game schedules, team transportation, practices and ensuring officials are scheduled for contests.

But 2020 has been anything but a typical year, with state officials shutting down schools across the state last spring in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Even with schools allowed to open their doors again last month, Ketterer has come to expect change as he and other ADs have worked their way through a maze of state restrictions outlining what sports may proceed, which athletes can practice but not play, and which teams will have to put off their seasons.

And then there's been the matter of instituting safety protocols such as disinfecting sports equipment, health screening for athletes and staff, and ensuring they maintain as much social distancing as possible.

And just when a number of questions had been answered, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Thursday announced she is lifting restrictions that will pave the way for fall high school sports, including football, to proceed this year after all, prompting area ADs to scramble to ensure school officials, players, coaches and spectators end up on the same page when players hit the gridiron later this month.

"I've been on my toes," Ketterer said. "But I guess if I can get through a year like this, I should be okay for a normal year."

"I got my feet wet last year (as an assistant to Bitzer), thank goodness."

"I guess the coaching bug drove me into what I'm doing here, and I love my job," added the Cass City native, who also serves as Cass City's Title I director, is a para-professional and heads up the high school's SRC (student responsibility classroom). He's also entering his third year as the Red Hawk varsity girls' basketball coach.

But coaching and returning to his alma mater weren't exactly on Ketterer's radar when he graduated from Cass City in 2011, although as a high school student he had competed in football, basketball and track.

Ketterer enrolled at Alma College, where he played basketball for two years and served as a student coach for two years. He earned a bachelor's degree in public relations in 2015, but ended up taking a welding job in Saginaw in order to pay the bills.

He also decided to enroll in some master's degree classes in educational leadership, which helped to shape a new career direction.

"I was thinking athletic, long-term, just being impactful on youth," he recalled. "I'm passion-

ate about sports. I found positive things from it - work ethic, teamwork, camaraderie, self-discipline, time management - and I enjoy seeing the kids get positive things out of it."

"It's cliché, but that's the future - the younger generation - and just to have an impact on them, it's meaningful and it's motivating for me."

In spite of the uncharted waters Ketterer has been forced to navigate in his new role, he's already earned the confidence of school officials, including Cass City Supt. Jeff Hartel.

"He's an up-and-coming leader in our district and he understands sports and he likes sports. It's just a natural fit," Hartel said of Ketterer's selection as the new AD. "He's a good communicator and he's good with people."

Ketterer has met a myriad of challenges in the short time he's been on the job - everything from ensuring coaches and athletes are updated on how executive orders have and continue to impact their sports seasons, to keeping tabs on protocols for sanitizing equipment and making sure athletes and staff aren't exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms before engaging in practices and competitions.

"So, there's been a lot of unknowns that he's (Ketterer) walked into, and he's doing a good job," Hartel said.

Kingston grad Green awarded '20 scholarship

Thumb Bank and Trust officials recently announced that Garrett Green has been awarded the George Harding Scholarship.

Green began his banking career in April 2019 as a customer service representative at Thumb Bank and Trust's Cass City Office.

"With classes going online last spring, he had the opportunity to move into the loan department and is currently working in our main office in our loan administration department," said Cindy Kruse, senior vice president, Thumb Bank and Trust.

Green is a 2018 graduate of Kingston High School and will be entering his junior year at Oakland University, pursuing a degree in business finance.

The George Harding Scholarship Fund, established in honor of journalist George Harding, is administered by the Michigan Bankers Association, and Thumb Bank and Trust has been a supporter of the MBA George Harding Scholarship Fund since its inception.

The first scholarship was awarded in 1984 and continues to be awarded to youth pursuing a career in finance.



Garrett Green

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Phone: 989-670-1401

Meeting Date: September 17, 2020

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Township Hall
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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Lifesaving gift will keep on giving here

In honor of the recently-observed Overdose Awareness Day, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) launched a new program with emergency medical services (EMS) providers to further prevent opioid overdose deaths. EMS providers will give overdose survivors extra naloxone kits – the medication that reverses opioid overdoses.

It's a lifesaving gift that promises to keep giving in the form of second chances.

In 2018, overdoses killed 2,599 Michiganders. Nearly 80 percent of those deaths involved opioids, continuing an epidemic that has devastated countless families.

"Far too many Michiganders die from opioid overdoses and, tragically, the opioid crisis has only gotten worse during the pandemic," said Robert Gordon, MDHHS director. "It is more urgent than ever that we take decisive action to prevent overdose deaths and dismantle the stigma around addiction."

Opioid overdose is a preventable cause of death.

Michiganders can take steps to prevent overdose deaths by carrying naloxone; offering support to family and friends who use substances; and ending the stigma that surrounds substance use disorders.

These actions are even more urgent today as overdoses have surged during the COVID-19 pandemic. MDHHS data shows that EMS responses for opioid overdose increased by 33 percent from April to May and still remain elevated. From April through July, EMS responses for opioid overdose were 22 percent higher than the same period last year.

MDHHS, in partnership with EMS agencies, is launching the EMS Naloxone Leave Behind Program to address these urgent needs and get naloxone into the hands of people who need it most.

This program will allow first responders to leave behind extra naloxone kits with the patient, family and friends, or bystanders at the scene of a non-fatal overdose. Survivors are at high risk for repeated overdoses, so providing naloxone to these individuals and their loved ones is particularly important. Each kit will include naloxone and instructions on overdose response.

"Michigan's EMS providers are standing by 24/7 to treat medical emergencies including helping prevent overdose deaths," said Jack Fisher, Michigan Association of Ambulance Services (MAAS) president and executive director of Medic 1 Ambulance in Berrien County. "We look forward to having this extra resource to combat the serious overdose problem in our state, but still urge Michiganders to call 911 in all emergencies, even if naloxone has already been administered."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in the number of EMS-treated overdose patients that have declined transport to an emergency department, meaning EMS staff may be the only healthcare providers many individuals interact with following an overdose — and underscores the urgency of this new naloxone leave behind program.

MDHHS continues to use every available tool to combat the opioid epidemic during this challenging time, including ensuring continued access to Syringe Service Programs (SSPs) and treatment programs, as well as increasing access to naloxone.

Residents can access more information about overdoses and resources for prevention and treatment online at Michigan.gov/opioids.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

I need Papa Smurf



I have an extensive college career. I attended college four different times because I kept changing my mind about what I wanted to be when I grew up.

Because of that, I have several associate degrees. I had to work a full-time job and had to work really hard to get passing grades.

That was why I was floored when I found out there are college classes that require nothing but video game playing, that some colleges even offer scholarships for video game playing, and that very lucrative careers could come from playing video games. Yes, video games!

And, I'm still trying to wrap my head around that even though I did an article about just that a while back.

The Cass City School District offered an after-school E-gaming club that was coordinated by Reed Keyser during the last school year.

When I interviewed Mr. Keyser for the article, he explained that some colleges offer scholarships to good players, and gaming can branch out to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic) careers.

There are now six or seven colleges in Michigan that offers E-sports scholarships, and students in those classes participate in professional competitions against other colleges' gamers.

Also, some colleges have entire buildings dedicated just to E-gaming sports, and there are colleges that offer an E-sports degree.

I'm so old, I remember the very first video game, Pong, that came out in the early 1970s. The game was in black and white and hooked to the TV. There was a paddle to control on each side of the screen that bounced a ball back and forth in a kind of table tennis.

Keyser said there are people who have others watch them play video games and the watchers pay very well to do that. He explained some gamers rake in \$200,000 to \$300,000 a month from having others pay to watch them play video games.

That totally blew my mind.

I raised two sons who loved to play video games. Until I did that interview, I thought I had done a pretty good job raising my sons, all things considered.

Although the boys did play a lot outside on their own, there were times when I chased them outside when I thought they had been on the video games too long.

And, my ultimate punishment was taking video game privileges away from them for infractions of house rules.

After doing that interview on gaming with Mr. Keyser, I realized what a bad mother I actually was. I now realize my limiting their game playing and taking away video game playing at times damaged their future and limited their income capabilities.

I'm so ashamed.

I don't remember the name of the video game anymore. There was a game based on the cartoon Smurf characters. The object of the game was to guide a Smurf through an obstacle course to save Smurfette. In the game, the player had to get the little blue guy to jump over a rock, a snake, a fence, etc., and climb up to save Smurfette.

No matter how hard I tried, I never did get the little blue dude over the first hurdle.

Of course, my son, who was three at the time, mastered it on the first try.

That might be why I wasn't thrilled with my kids

spending so much time playing video games. Besides being a bad mother, I guess I might have been a little jealous of their hand-eye coordination skills.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can
get to help)

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Office kept busy over the Labor Day weekend - Friday, September 4, through Monday, September 7, 2020 - handling 109 calls for service, according to officials.

Deputies made three arrests stemming from various incidents and traffic stops. Deputies initiated 62 traffic stops with four citations and 67 verbal warnings being issued.

The Sheriff's Office Corrections Division booked 13 subjects into the jail stemming from arrests by deputies and other police agencies throughout the county and the courts.

The Marine Division was on the water this holiday weekend patrolling the Lake Huron waterway from vessels stationed in Port Sanilac and Lexington Harbors. The Marine Division handled two vessel assistance complaints. There were no water related injuries reported and no citations were issued.

The AERO Unit also assisted this weekend with providing air patrols along the lakeshore with no incidents being reported.

The Sheriff's Office conducted additional enforcement during the weekend utilizing Operation Stone Garden grant funding.

The Labor Day holiday kept my family busy, too. Let's test your knowledge of Michigan vacation hotspots to see if you can guess where we spent the holiday weekend.

Clue #1. This city boasts having the most visited lighthouse in the state, according to a sign on the 1.8 mile trail along the coastline. Give yourself a pat on the back if that's enough information to reveal our destination.

Clue #2. This city is home to a huge Michigan State Park with over 5,000 acres of recreation land that includes three campgrounds, sandy beaches, scenic sand dunes, wetlands, marshlands and forests. The park is situated between Hamlin Lake and Lake Michigan with several miles of beautiful shoreline along both lakes. If you know the city's name now, pretty good chance that you've done some traveling in your days.

Clue #3. This city is also home to hundreds of orioles and at least one badger. Orioles as in the local school's mascot and badger as in the SS Badger a passenger and vehicle ferry that has been in service on Lake Michigan since 1953. Currently, the ship shuttles 62 miles to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and its Michigan port, which is the city the Haires visited. Name that city.

Yep, the answer is Ludington. Hope you enjoyed your holiday weekend as well.

Here's a Labor Day holiday adventure for you. It was enjoyed by Matt Anthony, Jack Anthony, Phil Nichols and Joe Merchant, who traveled to the Willow Run Aviation Museum over the weekend for the thrill of a lifetime.

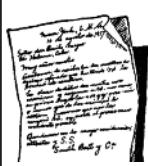
Arrangements had been made through a mutual friend of Merchant's to take a flight on a "Huey" helicopter.

The "Huey" is a combat aircraft that spent 5 years in service in Vietnam from 1967-1972 and is now part of the collection of flyable aircraft at the museum.

Other aircraft on display include a B-17 "Yankee Lady", a B-25 Mitchell Bomber, "Yankee Warrior", a C-47 Transport and a Ford Trimotor.

"It was a great day and a great ride in the old warhorse "Huey". A pretty good value too, I thought," said Merchant, who encourages people to check out the facility (Yankeeairmuseum.org) as flights are being booked up to November.

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



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**To receive comments on
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Chapter 38, Traffic and Vehicles,
Article V (5), Golf Carts

The proposed ordinance can be found on the
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Drop down to Government, Ordinances,
Proposed Ordinance 189

The Public is invited to attend.

Nanette S. Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer

State confirms first case of WNV

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials have confirmed the first human case of West Nile virus (WNV) for 2020 in a Wayne County resident.

"It only takes one bite from an infected mosquito to cause a severe illness, so take extra care during peak mosquito-biting hours, which are dusk and dawn for the mosquitoes that transmit West Nile virus and Eastern Equine encephalitis virus," Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS, said Thursday.

In addition to WNV, Eastern Equine encephalitis (EEE) virus is again circulating in Michigan, with 13 confirmed cases in horses from Barry, Clare, Kent, Montcalm, Newaygo and Oakland counties.

"Whether you're talking about West Nile, EEE or any other mosquito-borne disease, people and animal owners should take every precaution necessary to prevent infection," said State Veterinarian Nora Wineland, DVM.

"There is a lot happening in people's lives right now, but we can't let our guard down. I strongly urge animal owners to work with their veterinarian to make sure all their animals are vaccinated appropriately," Wineland added.

To-date, two birds from Lapeer and Oakland counties have tested positive for WNV. In addition, 14 WNV positive mosquito pools have been detected in five Michigan counties — Arenac, Kent, Lapeer, Oakland and Saginaw.

Finding infected birds, animals and mosquitoes in a community is an indication of risk for human infection.

In 2019, the WNV season was less severe, with only 12 human cases, including two deaths, reported. However, the state experienced the worst outbreak of EEE virus ever recorded, with 10 human cases, including six deaths and 50 cases in animals.

Between Sept. 28 and Oct. 10, 2019, more than 557,000 acres in Michigan were treated with aerial applications of insecticide to kill infected mosquitoes and prevent additional cases.

Most people who become infected with WNV will not develop any symptoms of illness. However, some become sick three to 15 days after exposure. About one in five infected persons will have mild illness with fever, and about one in 150 infected people will become severely ill.

Mild illness may include headache, body aches, joint pain, vomiting diarrhea or rash. Severe symptoms of WNV are associated with encephalitis or meningitis,

and may include stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, muscle weakness, convulsions and paralysis. People 60 and older are more susceptible to these severe symptoms.

Residents can stay healthy by using simple, effective strategies to protect themselves and their families. The following steps are recommended to avoid WNV, EEE and other mosquito-borne diseases:

*Apply insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET, or other EPA-approved product to exposed skin or clothing, and always follow the manufacturer's directions for use. Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites.

*Maintain window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.

*Empty water from mosquito breeding sites around the home, such as buckets, unused kiddie pools, old tires or similar sites where mosquitoes lay eggs.

*Use nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas.

For more information and surveillance activity about West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne viruses, visit Michigan.gov/west-nilevirus.

Fall sports, gyms get green light from state

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The executive order also sets strict spectator limits for both outdoor and indoor events.

"We are thankful for the opportunity for kids to get back on the field in all fall sports, and we appreciate Gov. Whitmer providing that opportunity with Executive Order 176," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said Thursday. "We share the Governor's prior-

ities of putting health and safety first, and the COVID-19 guidance and protocols designed by the MHSAA at her request have led to the safe starts in all sports across the state.

"Thirty-three other states are currently participating in all fall sports, and the MHSAA and its member schools are committed to doing this as safely as possible. We are ready to again provide those experiences to students and communities that have hoped for a return of some normalcy," Uyl said.

"Given the challenges of online education in many school districts across the state, providing sports and a daily routine may be more important than ever in motivating students and providing a safe outlet for physical activity, competition and socialization."

Football teams previously had been allowed to practice in helmets only during the traditional first week of practice, which began Aug. 10, and then during MHSAA Council-approved off-season "contact" days beginning Aug. 24. With the reinstatement of this fall's season, football teams were required to cease all activity until Tuesday, Sept. 8, then practice two days in helmets and shoulder pads before adding full pads Thursday, Sept. 10.

Teams may begin regular-season games Friday, Sept. 18, and will play six games beginning with their originally-scheduled week four contests. All football teams in 11- and eight-player football will qualify for the playoffs during this fall's shortened season, and then advance through their usual post-season progression with eight-player finals the weekend of Nov. 27-28 and 11-player finals the weekend of Dec. 4-5.

All other Fall 2020 tournaments will be conducted as previously scheduled.

As for attendance at high school athletic events, Ketterer acknowledged school officials across the state will be facing a significant challenge in defining and complying with spectator numbers, with indoor organized sports limited to two guests per athlete. For outdoor sports competitions, the organizer of the competitions must either limit the audience to the guests of the participants, with

each athlete designating up to two guests, or limit total attendance to 100 people or fewer, including athletes, coaches, officials, media and fans.

"We need clarification still, and that will come from either the governor's office or MHSAA," he said.

Whitmer's surprise announcement last week came with some words of caution.

"I urge everyone who plans to hit the gym after these orders go into effect to take these precautions seriously and do everything in their power to protect themselves and their families," she said.

"Individuals can now choose whether or not to play organized sports, and if they do choose to play, this order requires strict safety measures to reduce risk," said Chief Medical Executive and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Chief Deputy for Health Dr. Joneigh Khaldun.

In its guidance release on organized sports last week, the MDHHS recommended against contact sports at this time, defined as those sports involving more than occasional and fleeting contact, including football, basketball and soccer. It also cites the elevated risk associated with activities that involve shouting, singing, or breathing forcefully.

"We know of 30 reported outbreaks involving athletic teams and facilities in August. Based on current data, contact sports create a high risk of COVID-19 transmission and MDHHS strongly recommends against participating in them at this time," Khaldun said. "We are not out of the woods yet. COVID-19 is still a very real threat to our families."

Under Executive Order 2020-175, gyms and pools were allowed to reopen Wednesday (Sept. 9), but they must comply with strict safety measures.

Gyms must require wearing of masks at all times, including times of exercise; configure workout stations or implement protocols to enable six feet of distance between individuals during exercise sessions; reduce class sizes to enable at least six feet of separation between individuals; and provide equipment-cleaning products throughout the gym.

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY AND TO USERS OF THE VILLAGE'S WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM OF INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Council of the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell revenue bonds pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), for the purpose of paying costs to replace water mains and sanitary sewer lines within the Village together with associated appurtenances and attachments and payment of legal, engineering, financial and other incident expenses.

The Village anticipates that the revenue bonds will be delivered to the United States Government to document a loan administered by USDA, Rural Development. The revenue bonds will be payable in annual installments not to exceed forty (40) in number, with interest on the unpaid principal balance to be determined prior to delivery of the bonds but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law.

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Reporter's notebook

Covid can't take this season away

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



The COVID-19 pandemic has taken away a myriad of things many of us love – and have taken for granted for much of our lives.

It's taken away things as simple as gathering with friends, celebrating holidays with special events in our communities, and the freedom to travel without anxiety over exposure to the virus.

And with summer coming to an end, Covid has now eliminated the much-loved tradition of high school and college football, which has always offered young and old alike the opportunity to root for the home team on an afternoon or evening in the crisp air.

This virus has exacted an awful toll on Michigan. Thankfully, however, it hasn't managed to wipe out some really important hallmarks of the Great Lakes State – our citizens' resolve to work through a pandemic together and care about one another, for example.

COVID-19 will also never take away the splendor of what many feel is Michigan's finest season: fall.

If it were up to me, fall would be in full bloom by the end of September and last throughout the winter months, with the exception of a couple weeks of snowfall over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

I love fall. It's the one season when Michigan's beauty and climate come together in perfect harmony.

Sure, I know it marks the end of another gardening season and signals the coming of a string of seemingly never-ending days that bring slipping and sliding on the roads, shoveling (ugh!), bundling up, short days and long nights, and bone rattling cold.

But the arrival of fall sets the stage for some of my favorite things like no other season.

Here are a few:

*The color. I'd match Michigan's forests with any state when it comes to the beauty of fall's deep reds, oranges and yellows. And the weather is often ideal for a leisurely walk. As an added bonus, the Great Lakes State offers us the option of getting an early start on color tours if we're willing to travel a little.

*Temperature. My wife and I don't see eye to eye on a number of things, but we both agree cool fall evenings make for ideal sleeping weather, which means the windows stay open until the snow starts blowing inside.

*Campfires. Of course, regular readers of my column already know that campfires are near the top of just about any of my "favorite" lists. Still, is there anything quite like the smell and warmth of a small (or huge) campfire at dusk in the fall?

*Burning leaves. Okay, okay, I know — burning leaves isn't environmentally or politically correct these days, and I prefer to collect my leaves, grind them up and spread them on the garden to boost next year's crop (well, after the grandchildren have helped me rake them and have had their fill of jumping into the piles). However, I usually burn a small pile each fall simply to enjoy this unique fall fragrance.

*Mosquitoes disappear. Enough said, although I have to admit we don't have a big problem with these pests, thanks to the Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement folks.

*Fresh Michigan apples. And, thank goodness, the state's fruit producers weren't hammered with another cold spring this year, so you won't have to take out a second mortgage to buy a bag. Fresh cider should be plentiful, too.

*A cup of hot coffee or cocoa outdoors, preferably in front of that campfire.

*Fishing. Michigan's premier trout waters come alive in the fall, and there's no better time to tangle with 15 or 20 pounds of king salmon at the end of a limber fly rod. The bonus, of course, are those fresh, succulent fillets sizzling on the grill a few hours later.

*Carving pumpkins and seeing little ones who are already too cute look even cuter in their Halloween costumes.

*Food. I love to cook year-round, but somehow my barbecued baby back ribs and chili never taste better than in the fall.

All of Michigan's seasons are unique and enjoyable in their own way, but you'll never convince me that fall doesn't offer locals and visitors alike the best this state has to offer in so many ways.

Even in the midst of a pandemic.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Cass City underclassmen CarLee Stimpfel ran the Mackinac Island 8 mile run Saturday with his parents and approximately 1,600 other participants. He chugged along at a 5:35 pace per mile and completed the annual event in 44:40. His efforts resulted in bringing home the overall first place plaque.

There was a good crowd at Friday's home football opener.

Schneeberger's selects Cass City's Sawyer Cuthrell as their choice for "Athlete of the Week" award honors. The third year varsity football standout had a night to remember Friday while leading the Red Hawks to a 27-12 win over guest Harbor Beach. The senior running back rushed for 139 yards and 2 scores on 27 carries, but it was his 2 pass receptions that had the local fans buzzing as the team improved to 3-0 in non-conference affairs. Cuthrell's initial grab was actually caught twice by the Greater Thumb West all-conference half-back as he tipped the ball to himself for a big gain in the opening quarter. Cuthrell then topped his maiden catch with an unbelievable extended one-handed catch in period 2 that helped the hosts establish an early 13-0 margin. For good measure, Cuthrell also hauled in a pair of interceptions to help seal the victory. Sawyer is the son of Scott and Amy Cuthrell.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Austin Schram may not be the most experienced dog handler, but at just 9 years of age he already knows what it takes to run a successful brace beagling competition. In fact, Schram, the son of Jim and Kathy Schram, recently served as the youngest field marshal ever during a brace beagle competition held at the Red Cedar Beagle Club in Perry. Schram, who entered the third grade at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City this year, gladly accepted the challenge. And he was prepared, having started "beagling" with his grandfather, Mike Perry of Saginaw, 2 years ago. According to Perry, there are brace beagling clubs throughout the region, and members, who must register their dogs with the American Kennel Club (AKC), get together to take part in trials, or competitions in which the hounds are tested on their abilities to track live rabbits. Both Perry and Austin belong to the Midland-based Sturgeon Creek Beagle Club.

Members of the 2010 Cass City Red Hawk tennis team include: Morgan Potter, Cassandra Tomlinson, Katelyn Hacker, Shannon Bardwell, Nicole Kelley, Dakota Wilson, Lauren Perry, Coach Bill Potter, Kyle Hanby, Tristan Kuntz, Collin Hartwick, Tommy Brinkman, Rob VanAuken, Derek Mozden, Cody Orban and Brandon Green.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Dean and JoAnn Rasmussen of Cass City announce the birth of a son, Shane Alan. He was born Sept. 8 at Saginaw General Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces. Grandparents are Jim Prokopenko of Akron, and Nettie Prokopenko of National City. Great-grandparents are Ken and Maureen Rasmussen of Sebewaing, and Pauline Prokopenko of Akron. He also has a sister, Jordyn, at home.

The first annual Cass City punt, pass and kick competition proved to be a successful endeavor as 33 kids, ages 8 through 12, participated Saturday at Cass City Recreation Park. Awards were given for the top 3 competitors in each of 6 age groups. The results, with winners listed first followed by second and third place finishers: Age 8: Jeff Stoutenburg, Mike Havens, Jared Stoutenburg. Age 9: Nick Stoutenburg, Brandon Stec, Lee Hutchinson. Age 10: Jacob Brinkman, Zach Bliss, Chris Dillon. Age 11 : Chris Maharg, Rob Havens, Aaron Diegel. Age 12:

Dean McBride, Nathen Brinkman, Rob Lowe. Age 13: Ryan Cooper, Andy Dale. No third place.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Florence Carpenter was honored at the Tuscola County Farm Bureau annual meeting by being inducted into the Farm Bureau's Women's Hall of Fame. Presenting the award is Tuscola County Farm Bureau President Barbara Mohr.

These Owen-Gage seniors will be vying for the homecoming queen's crown, to be awarded at the football game Friday night at Owendale. Queen candidates are Lana Engelhardt, Lori Mosher, Debbie Engelhardt and Marsha Lopez.

Nancy L. Tonti, a 1980 Cass City High School graduate, has received the Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Saginaw Valley State College. She has accepted a position as an associate analyst for the Buick Motor Division, Flint.

Carl Weippert's garden produced a 22 1/4-inch long cucumber this summer, with the help of special seeds. Also grown from the seeds were 14-inch long string beans, and several 3-pound tomatoes were harvested from 6-foot tall plants.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Becky Hobart has begun studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and is currently a sports writer for the Michigan Daily. Peggy Hobart has resumed her teaching position at Bathwell Middle School in Marquette where she teaches choir and general music. Peggy and Becky are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hobart of Cass City.

Mrs. Susie Gruber celebrated her 90th birthday Saturday at Provincial House in Cass City with 10 members of her family present. Birthday cake and ice cream were enjoyed. She was born Sept. 13, 1890, in Tennessee and came to the Cass City area in the late 1920s. Her husband, Joseph, died in 1964. Mrs. Gruber has seven children: Jake Gruber, Pontiac; Deliah Chisholm, Gladwin; Joseph Gruber, Cass City; Dorothy Davison, Capac; Geneva Gruber, Pontiac; John Gruber, Cass City; and Benjamin Gruber, Pontiac, plus grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Jezewski hosted a surprise birthday dinner Saturday, Sept. 13, for their son Jim. Attending were Elaine and Jason Jezewski, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leino and daughters, Terri and Kathy.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Cass City Presbyterian Church was the setting for the wedding of Kathleen M. Towler and Daniel F. Jacoby Saturday, Aug. 8, at five o'clock. Rev. Douglas Wilson performed the candlelight ceremony for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Langenburg of Black River and the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jacoby of Deford. The church flowers were white gladioli and mums. The bride chose a gown of white trimmed with pale pink lace styled with a high neckline and long puffed sleeves featuring a matching train. Her headpiece was a crystal crown. Rebecca Brown, cousin of the bride, of Schiller Park, Illinois, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Nancy Langenburg of Black River, Joyce Auman of Bay City, Delores Jashinski of Caro and Prudy Jacoby of Flint.

Married at high noon Saturday, Sept. 5, in St. Robert's church in Flushing were Miss Nancy Peck and Robert Mark of Flushing. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mark, formerly of Cass City. A reception in the VFW hall in Flushing followed the ceremony. The groom is a senior in college at Houghton and the bride will be employed in the library on the campus. Local persons who attended the wedding and reception were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kehoe,

Edward Mark, Mrs. Leitch Mark and Mr. and Mrs. William Martus, Sr. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Leeson of Pigeon.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

The Little Red Book store has disappeared from Main street. Maybe you aren't old enough to remember the small building that stood just west of the Henry Tate Grocery store by that name, but "old timers" will have no difficulty. It must have been at least a half century ago that Elias Killins retailed candy to school children in that building. In later years, just before Frederick Klump founded the Chronicle in 1899, Mr. Klump established a business known as the Little Red Book store in that location. He disposed of the book business in the early nineties and since that time, it has had many tenants, the last being for a watch repairing business. The building has been empty for a year or more and became much dilapidated. A. R. Kettlewell, who retained the building when he sold the ground on which it stood, moved the structure to a new location early this week.

The following paragraphs are taken from letters written by Dane Guisbert to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Guisbert. Dane is located in Yokohama, Japan, and his letters are dated Sept. 1 and Sept. 7 and both arrived here on Sept. 18. "We are set up in a real modern building with rugs and lights, running water and plush chairs which make things real modern, don't you think?", "We were the first troops in Japan, and I think I am the only one from Cass City to be among the first in Japan. I don't know of anyone in this outfit from home. "I don't know how long we will be in this place. I would like to stay here for a little while anyway. A few of the people can speak some English but not very well. We haven't had any trouble with the Japs so far and hope we don't either. Don't say these Japs are dumb either because they have everything like we do in the States like street cars, cars, trains, etc. "The people here are fairly neat in their ways and dress well, especially the women. I think, anyway, they have their hair all combed and well done, and it's as black as coal.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Mrs. James Davis left Sunday for her home in Bracebridge, Ontario, after spending Three months with friends and relatives in this community. On her way home, Mrs. Davis will stop at Whitmore, Michigan.

Roy Taylor has purchased the interest of his partner, Harvey Hyde, in the Elkland Milling Co., and is now sole owner of that industry. Mr. Taylor expects to continue the business under the original name, the Elkland Milling Co. Mr. Taylor had 10 years' experience as a miller before coming to Cass City and because the local plant has been interested in the business, Mr. Taylor sees a promising future for the mill and the prospects of increasing its business and patronage. The brands of the company, Tuscola and Red Rose flours, are meeting the approval of housewives as the results produced please the eye and palate. There appears to be a ready demand for these flours which stand at the top notch of excellence.

Master Harry Crandell entertained 22 of his little friends at his home Saturday afternoon in honor of his 6th birthday. The little guests enjoyed themselves playing and romping on the lawn. After the games, a dainty lunch was served.

P.S. McGregory purchased a fine Buick sedan which was delivered to him the first of the week. On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. McGregory and their niece, Mrs. Fred Beadle of Melvin, started on a trip to several points in Ontario. They will visit Otterville, Mr. McGregory's childhood home, and at Strathroy Tilsonburg and St. Thomas.

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FOUR KAYAKS are pictured above in front of a Huron County Sheriff's Department patrol boat at the Port Austin State Dock after deputies rescued a family of five from Taylor over the Labor Day holiday weekend. It was the second of two rescue operations for the department Sunday.

Deputies rescue 9, including family of 5, on lake Sunday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A quiet holiday weekend on Saginaw Bay turned busy for Huron County Sheriff's deputies, who were called to launch a pair of rescue operations Sunday.

The first came shortly after 4 p.m., according to Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

"Our deputies were dispatched to the offshore area west of Sleeper State Park... where four males on an inflatable dingy were quickly being blown offshore by gusty southerly winds. Responding on our patrol boats from Caseville and Port Austin, the four were located in their under-inflated craft, over 2.5 miles offshore, in three- to four-foot waves," Hanson reported.

"The distressed young men with a broken paddle, from the Detroit area, were brought aboard our 28-foot Caseville patrol boat and their dingy was brought aboard our 31-foot Port Austin patrol boat, and all taken back to the dock."

Hanson noted Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officers assisted deputies at the scene.

The second distress call came in at about 9 p.m. and involved a family with young children that had been out kayaking and was struggling to make it back to dry land.

Deputies were told that five kayakers had left Turnip Rock in the dark and were heading into southerly winds gusting over 35 miles an hour, according to Hanson, who noted information had also been received that one of the kayakers was totally exhausted and they were having a difficult time getting back in.

"With the assistance of the Port Austin Police, at around 10:15 p.m., our deputies were directed to the kayakers, who were now north of the Port Austin breakwall.

"The family of five from Taylor consisting of six-, 10- and 14-year-old children were all on tied together kayaks trying to make it in," Hanson said. "The younger children were very cold, as everyone was dressed in swim gear and tired. A one-person kayak was even occupied by a parent and child.

"Fortunately, all had life jackets," he added. "All were then brought aboard our 31-foot patrol boat and taken to the state dock to be checked out by an awaiting Central Huron Ambulance. After warming up, all refused further treatment.

"Apparently, it was their first trip out there and they decided to stay out late to get some sunset pictures," the sheriff said, noting deputies will be in contact with the Huron County Prosecutor's Office to discuss possible charges against the parents ranging from reckless operation, to not having proper lighting to operate a watercraft at, to having too many people in a one-person kayak.

"Fortunately it didn't happen in this case, but literally things could have went south real fast for the family, given the wind and time of day," said Hanson, who reminds water enthusiasts that they can never take Lake Huron for granted.

Whitmer extends state of emergency

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

While the lifting of restrictions impacting indoor gyms, pools and high school sports dominated the headlines last week, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer also extended Michigan's state of emergency through Oct. 1.

"Executive Order 2020-177 will allow the state to continue to mobilize resources and take the reasonable and necessary steps to protect Michiganders and their families," Whitmer said Thursday, referring to continuing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.

"Last week, Michigan surpassed 100,000 cases and families continue to lose loved ones to COVID-19. With over 6,500 deaths, the virus continues to threaten the lives of Michiganders every day," she said.

"COVID-19 is a novel virus with many unknowns, but we do know that it is widespread, it is easily transmitted, and its effects can be fatal. We must continue to take this seriously and do everything we can to protect ourselves and all Michiganders from COVID-19. By extending the state of emergency, we can continue the crucial

work needed to save lives. I urge Michiganders to do their part by wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing and staying safe and smart."

In early August, every region in Michigan saw an uptick in new cases. The state's percent positivity remains below the national average: in Michigan, 3.3 percent of all COVID-19 tests administered were positive, while nationally it was 6.1 percent.

"The science continues to show that this virus can affect everyone, including children. In fact, in an alarming trend, both nationwide and here in Michigan, younger people have constituted a growing share of new cases," Whitmer said.

Latest virus numbers

Between Monday, Aug. 31, and Monday, Sept. 7, the number of combined confirmed cases in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties increased by 17 – from 691 to 708 — with the three counties' combined death toll remaining unchanged at 39 fatalities.

As of Monday afternoon, Tuscola County had recorded 411 confirmed cases, an increase of 10

cases compared to a week before, and 29 deaths (no change), with 271 individuals having recovered from the virus countywide to-date.

The total includes 61 cases and 10 deaths within in the Cass City zip code, where the number of individuals who have recovered from the virus is estimated at 45.

In other area communities defined by zip code, Caro has had 105 cases, 52 recoveries and 13 deaths; there have been 10 cases and eight recoveries in Unionville; nine cases and eight recoveries in Deford; six cases and four recoveries in Kingston; and two cases and one recovery to-date confirmed in Gagetown.

In Huron County, meanwhile, there are now 174 confirmed cases (an increase of four cases), with four deaths (no change), and Sanilac County has a total of 123 confirmed cases, up from 120 cases a week earlier, and six deaths (no change).

Statewide, Monday's total confirmed cases reached 107,371, with a total of 6,538 deaths, compared to 102,468 cases and 6,480 deaths a week earlier. Health officials are reporting that an estimated 80,678 Covid patients have recovered statewide.

Ligrow ready to welcome clients

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continued to pay their memberships, and he has promised to lengthen their contracts to make up for the workout days they've lost.

"Everybody was super supportive – our community's pretty awesome that way," Ligrow added.

Ligrow rents the second floor of his business to VIP Fitness, whose co-owners, Amanda Ross, Amanda Haag and Jody Barrigar, have capitalized on fitness enthusiasts' desire to stay on track by offering a popular series of virtual fitness classes during the pandemic.

But Ligrow says he's anxious to welcome back customers – in person – and to see them utilizing the treadmills, ellipticals, full circuit machines and free weights inside his fully-equipped gym.

"We're ready, and honestly, a lot of the stuff they're (state) requiring – we were already doing that," he said, referring to measures such as disinfecting equipment. And, the equipment is already spread out enough to comply with social distancing requirements. The only real differences are that he's posted a sign telling customers to wash their hands when they enter the establishments, and he's shut off drinking fountains, requiring clients to bring in their own water.

Ligrow is limited to hosting 25 percent of his capacity, "but we never have more than 10, 12 people in here at once," he said.

The busiest times are 4 to 8 p.m. after most clients have wrapped up their day's work, but the fitness center is open 24 hours a day, offering something for everyone's schedule, he noted.

After being closed since spring, Ligrow expects it will take time to get everything – and everyone – up to speed again.

"It'll take some time to get back where it was. It's almost like we're starting over again," he said. "We'll see how the year finishes, (but) it looks a little more promising now."

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FLASHING SMILES are the Cass City women's cross country team after winning the Mayville Quad. They are: (front row) Diana Cortes (back row, l-r) Coach Jon Zdrojewski, Mia Wright, Paula Learman, Chloe Jaworski, Riley Copeland, Amelia Weiler, Madi Ware, Madi Beckrow and Ellie Perkins.

Lady Red Hawks showcase balanced running attack to win Mayville Quad

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

The Cass City women's cross country team had plenty to celebrate Labor Day weekend. In the team's final outing before the holiday break, Coach Jon Zdrojewski grabbed team honors Wednesday at the Mayville Quad.

"Cass City had a great meet with the ladies winning easily over North Branch and Mayville. The Lady Red Hawks ran together and finished in a pack, which is so beneficial to scoring in any meet and they helped each other to finish that well," said Zdrojewski.

"I look for good things to come from this team as we progress in our very weird season of quads (quadrangular) and tris (triangular). Hopefully, as we approach the conference meet our ladies will continue to gel as a team and be competitive for the league title."

Led by four Top 10 finishes, Cass City held off North Branch 31-41 for top billing in the team standings, while host Mayville finished a distant third with a score of 50.

Riley Copeland was first to the tape for the winners with a time of 23:06. She placed third overall. Next to the finish line for Cass

City was Diana Cortes, just steps in front of teammates Amelia Weiler and Madison Ware. They placed 6th, 7th and 8th overall. Cortes led the pack with a time of 24:45. Weiler was timed in 24:24 and Ware completed the 5,000 meter run in 24:54.

The final team scorer for Cass City was Paula Learman. The promising freshman was 12th overall with a time of 26:16.

The complete results for the women's field are:

1. 11 Haileigh Bissett	20:41.85 North Branch
2. 10 Karlie Schlaud	22:41.17 North Branch
3. 12 Riley Copeland	23:06.74 Cass City
4. 12 Haley Rowbotham	23:25.39 Mayville
5. 9 Gracy Walker	24:00.85 Kingston
6. 9 Diana Cortes	24:25.07 Cass City
7. 10 Amelia Weiler	24:27.77 Cass City
8. 11 Madison Ware	24:54.57 Cass City
9. 10 Ashley Shindorf	25:25.57 Vassar
10. 9 Carly Hendershot	26:07.42 Mayville
11. 11 Savannah Dodds	26:07.64 North Branch
12. 9 Paula Learman	26:16.21 Cass City
13. 12 Lola Flynn	26:41.49 Mayville
14. 11 Alyssa Bussure	26:53.52 North Branch
15. 9 Ella Flynn	26:54.17 Mayville
16. 11 Brooklyn Walker	27:48.74 Kingston
17. 12 Haley Slusher	27:57.35 Mayville
18. 12 Madison Beckrow	28:11.02 Cass City
19. 12 Abigail Gonzales	28:22.82 Mayville
20. 9 Zoe Van Rijn	29:27.1 Kingston
21. 11 Allyson Gipson	30:13.85 North Branch
22. 12 Maddy Paquette	31:15.24 Vassar
23. 11 Audrey Kreiner	33:49.35 Vassar
24. 10 Chloe Jaworski	34:40.52 Cass City
25. 11 Mia Wright	35:35.23 Cass City
26. 9 Avrie Hoell	35:35.98 North Branch
27. 9 Ellie Perkins	38:00.76 Cass City

Turning to the men's race, North Branch was best in the team standings with 40 points. The Broncos were followed by Mayville, Cass City and Kingston with scores of 47, 54 and 73, respectively.

Once again, senior Nick McArdle captured medalist honors to lead Cass City. McArdle turned in a winning time of 17:12.

Other scorers for Cass City were Trenton Bruno (9th overall) with a time of 20:09, Brandon Witherspoon (11th overall) with a time of 20:30, Vaughn Severance (16th overall) with a time of 21:40 and Gabe Schwendinger (17th overall) with a time of 21:45.

"We expect Nick to continue his success in the upcoming races. Freshman Trenton Bruno was a good surprise, as he ran very well in his first varsity race," Zdrojewski said.

Over in Kingston, Morgan Green led the way, breaking the 20-minute barrier to place 6th overall. He was clocked in 19:59. The Cardinals also had Ethan Green with a time of 20:17, good for 10th place overall. Dustin Peter, with a time of 21:38, Ethan Harrington, with a time of 22:02 and Jacob Rayl, with a time of 22:52

rounded out the scorers for Kingston.

The complete results for the men's field are:

1. 12 Nick McArdle	17:12.17 Cass City
2. 12 Wyatt Emmons	17:23.89 Mayville
3. 12 Evan Schapman	18:33.27 North Branch
4. 12 Travis Katz	18:48.3 Mayville
5. 11 Gabriel Hutchins	18:57.92 North Branch
6. 12 Morgan Green	19:59.07 Kingston
7. 11 Kyle Schoch	20:00.24 North Branch
8. 9 Christopher Gonzales	20:07.74 Mayville
9. 9 Trenton Bruno	20:09.85 Cass City
10. 10 Ethan Green	20:17.82 Kingston
11. 12 Brandon Witherspoon	20:30.67 Cass City
12. 11 David Hadden	20:54.45 North Branch
13. 11 Grant Clemens	21:11.64 North Branch
14. 10 Cameron Rowbotham	21:22.55 Mayville
15. 12 Dustin Peter	21:38.6 Kingston
16. 11 Vaughn Severance	21:40.05 Cass City
17. 10 Gabe Schwendinger	21:45.89 Cass City
18. 10 Ethan Harrington	22:02.79 Kingston
19. 12 Austin Middleton	22:13.39 Mayville
20. 11 Hugh Walker	22:18.95 Cass City
21. 9 Nicholas Tallman	22:19.17 Vassar
22. 9 Leyton Hutchins	22:39.21 North Branch
23. 11 Daniel Hadden	22:50.6 North Branch
24. 11 Jacob Rayl	22:52.67 Kingston
25. 9 Gavin Heigeson	23:48.07 Mayville
26. 11 Eli Morey	24:04.14 Mayville
27. 11 Nathan Crane	24:05.21 Mayville
28. 11 Alex Hopper	24:15.45 Cass City
29. 12 Blake Dorer	24:20.45 North Branch
30. 10 Thomas Muter	24:20.89 Cass City
31. 12 Trayton Wenzlaff	24:24.17 Kingston
32. 12 Noah Zaleski	24:31.85 Cass City
33. 10 James McNees	24:57.17 North Branch
34. 9 Jason Wachner	25:23.8 Vassar
35. 9 Brent Castle	25:42.64 North Branch
36. 11 Evan Hills	26:04.51 Mayville
37. 11 Jake Atwood	26:24.24 Vassar
38. 11 Michael Bodeau	26:51.99 Mayville
39. 11 Sam Budreau	27:53.7 North Branch
40. 9 Ethan Hill	29:07.45 Cass City
41. 9 Evan Bills	33:51.05 Vassar
42. 9 James Wood	34:37.77 Vassar

Cass City Red Hawk ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Knights Insurance Agency proudly introduces Trenton Bruno as their Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week.

It didn't take long for the promising freshman Red Hawk cross country runner to be recognized for his efforts. In fact, in Bruno's very first varsity race he posted a time of 20:09.85 to crack the top 10 list of finishers at the Mayville Quad. He was 9th overall to the finish line.

"Trenton is a young runner with a lot of natural talent as a runner. I think this early success will help to keep him focused on his workouts as he contributes to the team. Trenton has a bright future in the running sports for Cass City, he is an athlete to keep your eye on," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Trenton is the son of Nikki and Matthew Bruno.



TRENTON BRUNO



Cass City Junior High Fall Sports Schedule



Junior High Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
9/24	Caro	6:00 p.m.
10/1	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
10/8	USA	6:00 p.m.
10/15	Reese	6:00 p.m.

Home games are in bold.
 Admission: \$4



Junior High Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Time
9/9	Bad Axe	5:30 p.m.
9/14	USA	5:30 p.m.
9/21	Caro	5:30 p.m.
9/23	Reese	5:30 p.m.
9/28	Lakers	5:30 p.m.
9/30	Vassar	5:30 p.m.
10/5	Bad Axe	5:30 p.m.
10/7	USA	5:30 p.m.
10/14	Caro	5:30 p.m.
10/19	Reese	5:30 p.m.
10/21	Vassar	5:30 p.m.

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Varsity Football

Date	Opponent
9/18	Vassar
9/25	Reese
10/2	Harbor Beach Homecoming
10/9	USA
10/16	Caro
10/23	Beaverton

All games begin at 7 p.m.



JV Football

Date	Opponent
9/21	Vassar
9/28	Reese
10/5	Harbor Beach
10/12	USA
10/19	Caro
10/23	Beaverton @ 4 p.m.

All games begin at 6:30 p.m. unless noted

Volleyball (FRESHMAN, JV & VARSITY)

Date	Opponent	Time
9/12	Yale (JV)	8:30 a.m.
9/15	Vassar (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/17	USA (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/19	Brown City Quad (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/19	Cass City Quad (JV)	8:30 a.m.
9/24	Caro (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/26	Cros-Lex Quad (F)	8:30 a.m.
9/29	Reese (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/1	EPB Lakers (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/3	Cass City Quad (JV & V)	8:30 a.m.
10/6	Bad Axe (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/8	Vassar (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/10	Almont Quad (V)	8:30 a.m.
10/10	Yale Quad (F)	8:30 a.m.
10/13	USA (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/15	Harbor Beach (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/17	Yale Quad (V)	8:30 a.m.
10/17	Marlette Quad (JV)	8:30 a.m.
10/20	Caro (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/22	Reese (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/24	Cass City Quad (F)	8:30 a.m.
10/27	EPBP Lakers (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/29	Bad Axe (F, JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/31	Armada Quad (V)	8:30 a.m.
10/31	BC Central Quad (V)	10:00 a.m.
11/2-7	Districts (V)	TBA

Varsity Girls Swim co-op @ Caro

Date	Location	Time
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 ~

Cross Country

Date	Location	Time
9/12	Bad Axe	9:00 a.m.
9/22	Cass City Quad	4:00 p.m.
9/26	Lakers	9:00 a.m.
10/1	Kingston	4:30 p.m.
10/10	Cass City	9:00 a.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
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 ~

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News briefs

GSRP slated to start in Cass City

CASS CITY — The Cass City School District's Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) will start later this month. This year's GSRP program will offer one full day class section meeting Monday through Thursday beginning Monday, Sept. 21. GSRP is Michigan's state-funded preschool program for four-year-old children. More information is available by calling the school at (989) 872-2200.

Mindfulness presentation on tap

CARO — There will be a free presentation entitled "Mindfulness in Nature" Saturday, Sept. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Brentwood in Caro. The presentation is designed to teach attendees how to engage senses, relax the body, release stress and calm their minds while experiencing nature. The workshop runs for about two hours. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, there is an attendance limit of ten in-person participants, with social distancing seating and masks required. To register, contact Kristi at (989) 269-3319 or via email at kpitts@hchd.us, or Sheila at the Tuscola County Health Department at (989) 673-1723 or via email at sluedtke@tchd.us. The program is being sponsored by the Tuscola and Huron county health departments Empowering Youth Today programs.

Gun classes slated in Thumb

THUMB — Two concealed pistol classes will be offered in the Thumb in the coming weeks, including one scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richville Conservation Club, 3270 Sanilac Rd., Vassar. The cost is \$100, with a \$20 deposit required before the class. Participants need to bring their own handgun and 100 rounds of ammunition. And, because it is a day-long event, participants should bring lunch and water. To sign up for that class, contact Bryan Hemerline at (989) 737-2441 or email him at bhammer_44@yahoo.com. The second class will be Sunday, Nov. 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cass City Gun Club, 2676 N. Englehart Rd., Cass City. This class is also \$100 with a \$20 deposit. To register, call Arlin Herford at (989) 375-2591 or Bryan Hemerline at (989) 737-2441. Participants for this class also need to bring their own handgun and 100 rounds of ammunition. And, because it is a day-long event, participants should bring lunch and water.

Sanilac exploring Internet plan

SANILAC COUNTY — Sanilac County could become the first in the Thumb to have countywide internet service. Over the past few months, the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners has talked about the need expand internet service across the county. And the COVID-19 pandemic underscored that need when schools abruptly closed in March and were forced to work with virtual learning. Having countywide internet service would be an expensive undertaking, requiring a special tax. During discussion, commissioners discussed hiring a consultant to explore that proposal, but county Administrator Tara Griffith suggested another option; she pointed out Carl Osentoski, who serves as economic development director for both Sanilac and Huron counties, might be able to assist and possibly secure some grant money to help offset the cost. The board agreed to contact Osentoski before proceeding further.

Akron bags DNR-DTE tree grant

AKRON — Streets, parks and other public spaces are going to look a little greener thanks to a grant program sponsored by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the DTE Energy Foundation and the nonprofit ReLeaf Michigan. Twenty-eight Michigan communities will plant 1,100 trees in those spaces, sharing \$91,870 in grants dedicated to tree-planting projects. Among the grant recipients is Akron Township in Tuscola County, which was awarded \$3,620. "Trees in our communities play a vital role in the health and well-being of our cities and the people who live there," said Kevin Sayers, DNR Urban and Community Forestry program coordinator. The DTE Energy Foundation provides funding to ReLeaf Michigan and the DNR for the grants. They in turn partner with communities, schools and nonprofits to demonstrate leadership as stewards of our environment and communities. Since the program's inception, nearly 47,000 trees and seedlings have been planted in over 500 communities from Iron Mountain to Detroit.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Committee hears testimony on Daley bills to protect integrity of elections

The Michigan House Elections and Ethics Committee last week took testimony on legislation sponsored by state Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum) that is designed to help protect the integrity of elections in Michigan.

"Our government is based on the notion that people get to choose their elected voices in the capital. People need to have confidence that their elections are being conducted honestly, and that they can trust the results," said Daley, whose 31st District includes Tuscola County. "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."

Senate Bills 977 and 978 would make it a felony for someone to knowingly fill out and submit or cause to be submitted an absent voter ballot application with another person's name or personal identity information, knowingly fill out and submit or cause to be submitted an absent voter ballot application with the intent to attempt to obtain multiple ballots, or knowingly submit an absent voter

ballot application containing false information or a forged signature. The committee is expected to

continue taking testimony on Daley's legislation in the coming weeks.



SENATOR Kevin Daley (R-Lum) joined state Rep. Ann Bollin (R-Brighton Township) before the House Committee on Elections and Ethics last Wednesday afternoon to testify in support of his legislation and identical House bills that are designed to help secure the integrity of Michigan elections.

Michigan officials: vote twice, go to jail

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson are reminding voters to be smart in the November general election — and to avoid committing a felony by casting two ballots. Voter fraud is typically prosecuted as a felony in Michigan, and bipartisan legislation was introduced in the state Legislature this summer that would codify it as a felony offense. "Some of you may have heard that President Trump suggested voters test our election system by voting twice — both absentee and then again in person," Nessel said.

"But let me make this perfectly clear: voting twice is illegal, no matter who tells you to do it. The president's idea is a great idea only for people who are looking to go to jail." Trump on Wednesday suggested that people should send in absentee voter ballots then vote in person at the polls as a way of testing the security of the elections system. However, that is illegal. "There's also no reason at all for voters to test Michigan's election system, because it has been tested by three successful elections already this year, and in every single one of them it has proven that it is

absolutely safe and secure," Benson said. "We have protections in place to ensure election officials track and verify every ballot they send and receive, and in every instance, we ensure that each person gets only one vote." Anyone who votes twice can be found in violation of both state and federal law. At the state level, someone who intentionally votes twice can face up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine, while penalties at the federal level include up to five years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Cass City St. Pat's Auction Rewind

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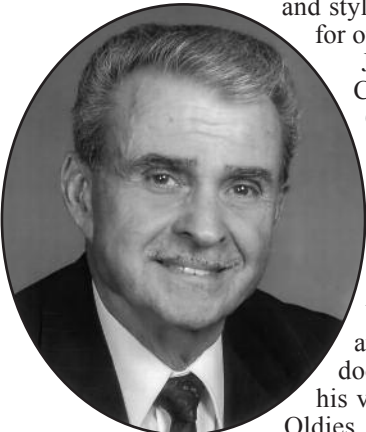


Obituaries

John "Jack" Generous

John Francis "Jack" Generous, 79, of Gagetown, died following a brief battle with cancer Monday, August 31, 2020 in the comfort of his home. He was born September 11, 1940, in Gagetown, to Elger Raymond and Margaret (Johnston) Generous.

Jack attended the former St. Agatha's Catholic School of Gagetown up to eighth grade. He moved on to Cass City High School and received his diploma in 1959. Jack learned his trade by attending Flint Barber College. He took a six-month course in hair styling in Southfield and ended up staying at the six-chair styling shop for a year. Jack found city life to be too busy and hectic, so he returned to Cass City and completed a two-year apprenticeship with his uncle in Bill Johnson's Main Street Shop downtown. He eventually opened his own shop named Jack's Hillside Barber Shop where he cut, trimmed and styled hair for many faithful customers for over fifty years.



Jack was an active member of St. Christopher Parish, Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Caro where he sang in the choir and occasionally played the drums. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 3224 of Caro. During homecoming parades and festivals, Jack proudly drove his 88 Oldsmobile convertible sedan for the court and princesses. He enjoyed time outdoors feeding the birds and tending to his vegetable garden. Jack was fond of Oldies music, the music of Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and his favorite LeAnn Rimes. He

was at his happiest in the presence of his grandchildren and great grandchildren whom he loved whole heartedly.

Jack is survived by his daughter, Sue (John Bennett) Generous of Kalkaska; grandchildren: Rachel (Tom Centers) Harris, Ryan Harris, Kayla (Paul) Brown, Keenan (Brooke Reinis) Harris, Ciarrah Smith; great-grandchildren: Harper Rose Brown, Gavin Centers, Emmett Centers.

Respectfully honoring Jack's final wishes, cremation has taken place. Friends may share memories, prayers and stories with his family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Tuscola County) NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary 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, October 1, 2020. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage made by Barry W. Popp, a single man and Judith E. Cole, a single woman, as original mortgagor, to Chemical Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, as original mortgagee, dated September 2, 2016, and recorded on September 9, 2016, at the Tuscola County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 1358, commencing on Page 1145, 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 \$13,289.01. 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 Novesta, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan further described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, thence running North to the Northwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence East to the Right of Way of the Pontiac, Oxford and Northern Railroad, thence along the Westerly line of said railroad in a Southwesterly direction to the section line between Sections 9 and 16, thence West along said section line to the place of beginning. Except for a parcel described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, thence East 100 feet, thence North 436 feet, thence West 100 feet, thence South 436 feet to the point

of beginning. Also including that certain mobile/manufactured home located thereon. Commonly known as: 6139 Delong Rd., Deford, MI 48729 Tax ID Number: 018-09-000-1800-01 (covers more land) The redemption period shall be Twelve (12) months from the date of such sale, 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: August 19, 2020 Chemical Bank, a Division of TCF National Bank Mortgagee SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C. By: Michael J. Thomas, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee 615 Griswold Street, Suite 1425 Detroit, Michigan 48226-3993 (313) 963-1301 8-26-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE 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. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, October 1, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact

the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond H. Foshee, Jr, a single man aka Raymond Foshee to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated March 27, 2002, and recorded on April 16, 2002, in Liber 874, Page 347, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-E by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 29, 2020 and recorded July 16, 2020 in Liber 1452, Page 1151, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One and 82/100 (\$69,841.82) including interest at the rate of 6.87500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point that is North 230.1 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 410.87 feet; thence North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West 169.77 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 410.7 feet; thence South 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds East 171.00 feet to the point of beginning. Right of way for Washburn Road over the Easterly side thereof. Commonly known as: 4950 WASHBURN RD, VASSAR, MI 48768 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: September 2, 2020 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-E 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 18MI00628-2 9-2-4

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GARAGE SALE - 6457 Beechwood Dr. September 10 & 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lots of Nascar collectibles, Budweiser mugs and Lionel trains. 14-9-9-1

Ready for a challenge? Michigan Trails Week slated for Sept. 20-27

Are you up for a challenge? During Michigan Trails Week, Sept. 20-27, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance invite residents to pay tribute to trails and collectively walk, run, ride, hike, bike or paddle 100,000 miles.

Michigan is home to 13,000-plus miles of diverse, state-managed trails, plus thousands of miles of local, county and federally managed trails and pathways. Trail veterans and newcomers can help make every mile count by tracking mileage spent on any non-motorized trail in the state during these eight days.

“Michigan Trails Week is the perfect time to get out and explore Michigan’s amazing network of trails,” said Ron Olson, chief of the DNR Parks and Recreation Division. “Whether it’s on your first trail, your favorite trail or one brand new to you, the Michigan Trails Week Challenge is for anyone and everyone who wants to get out of the house and connect with nature.”

“Explore Michigan and report your mileage; it’s that easy. Participants

earn badges for completing miles – any distance counts. Every badge earned is another entry in a drawing for cool outdoor gear and Michigan branded prizes.”

Residents earn a badge when they register for the event and log at least one mile, and then every time they:

- *Horseback ride for five miles.
- *Walk, run or hike for five miles.
- *Bike for 10 miles, or
- *Paddle for two miles.

There is no limit to the number of badges that can be earned. The more mileage participants log, the more badges they earn, boosting their chances to win and helping the DNR and Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance reach the 100,000-mile goal.

“During this past year, trails have provided me with endless peace of mind,” said Andrea LaFontaine, executive director of the Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance.

“Now, more than ever, we are seeing the importance of trails to our personal well-being and to our communities. I encourage you to invite a friend, recruit a family member and sign up for the event. I look forward to hitting the trails with you, virtually.”

The Michigan Trails Week Challenge is also an opportunity for people to support trails by donating to projects in need of help.

The Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance will act as fiduciary, ensuring that all monies raised for specific trail projects will go directly to those projects. In that spirit, the DNR will continue expanding, developing and maintaining the state’s vast trails system for the benefit of all Michigan residents.

The DNR manages one of the largest interconnected trail systems in the country, and many of those trails are accessible to people of all abilities; accessible kayak launches and track chairs also are available. There are many accessible recreation resources at community parks, too; check with local recreation authorities to see what’s available.

The challenge is a good way to socially distance during this time, but make sure to bring a mask and hand sanitizer with you and keep six feet apart from other people on the trails. Check the DNR’s COVID-19 response page for FAQs and updates.



KINGSTON Community School officials were notified Thursday that two people in the district had been identified through contact tracing as having been in close contact with an asymptomatic person that tested positive for COVID-19. Those individuals immediately left school and will be self-quarantining, according to school Supt. Matt Drake, who emphasized no one in the district has tested positive for the virus.

Kingston Schools chief vigilant

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the decision to immediately inform the community of the potential exposure based on a determination to remain as transparent as possible.

“And I’m going to keep putting them (notices to the community) out there,” he added. “The community needs to know what’s going on so they can do what’s best for themselves and their families.”

The start of the new school year early last week brought many new student faces to the district, according to Drake.

“The good news is, we probably picked up 50 Schools of Choice kids from last fall,” he explained, adding overall, Kingston’s K-12 enrollment totaled about 650 as of early last week.

The bad news, he said, lies in the state’s decision to figure school funding this year on a formula that bases 75 percent of per-pupil foundation dollars on last fall’s enrollment, with the remaining 25 percent coming from this fall’s enrollment. In other words, new students that would have each brought in roughly \$8,000 in state funding will now be generating \$2,000 each.

Like other area school systems, the Kingston Community Schools is offering families the choice of having their students physically attend schools or continue their educations online via virtual classes – and students have been given some extra time — until Friday — to commit to one method or the other.

Drake said school officials surveyed parents at the end of August in an effort to gauge interest in virtual versus in-person learning. At that time, he added, 10 percent of families indicated they had already opted to go with virtual classes, while 52 percent planned to send their children to school, and 34 percent were undecided.

As of the start of school, about 95 kids out of Kingston’s enrollment of 650 students had selected online learning.

Drake acknowledged the COVID-19 pandemic has forced schools to adapt to a variety of challenges that no one could have anticipated months ago.

“It’s a different world, and the rules change every day,” he said. The Kingston staff worked diligently to embrace new health and safety protocols involving handwashing, wearing masks and social distancing as they prepared to welcome back students, and the community has responded, he added.

“I’ve been so proud of my staff and the parents and the community. The staff has been amazing. They (kids) have been very good about it, too,” Drake said. “Really, for all the things considered, I’m very happy with everybody – very impressed.”



License renewal extension expires Sept. 30

The Michigan Department of State (MDOS) is reminding drivers that the driver’s license, state ID and vehicle renewal extension will expire Wednesday, Sept. 30.

State officials granted the extension back in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under Public Acts 127-129, those with driver’s license, state ID or vehicle registration expirations between March 1 and Sept. 30 have until Sept. 30 to complete their renewals. With that deadline now less than a month away, residents who haven’t completed their renewals are encouraged to make a plan to do so immediately.

“As part of our ongoing efforts to address customer needs during the pandemic, we have expanded our branch hours and added a number of appointments to ensure everyone who needs to is able to renew their driver’s license or ID ahead of the Sept. 30 deadline,” said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. “There are still many available appointments, and anyone who has not handled their renewals is encouraged to do so immediately.”

MDOS officials have expanded Secretary of State branch office hours to accommodate renewals for driver’s licenses and state IDs that expire between Jan. 1, 2020,

and Sept. 30, 2020, and must be renewed in person.

Appointments reserved for this specific circumstance are available from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday from now until the end of the month. To make an appointment, visit Michigan.gov/SOS or call 888-SOS-MICH (767-6424).

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