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Gordon reinstates face mask, gathering mandates

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon issued an emergency order Monday afternoon that continues COVID-19 pandemic restrictions related to gatherings, face masks and some businesses.

The order, issued under a law that enables state health officials to mandate health precautions they believe are necessary to con-

trol an epidemic, comes on the heels of a Michigan Supreme Court ruling Friday that struck down Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders continuing a state of emergency stemming from the pandemic.

The high court ruled the governor did not have the legal authority to issue or renew executive orders after April 30 without legislative approval. The unanimous ruling specifically addressed Whitmer's reliance on the 1976 Emergency Management Act

(EMA).

The court also ruled, in a 4-3 decision, that she did not have the authority to use emergency powers under the 1945 Emergency Powers of the Governor Act (EPGA) because the act violates the Michigan Constitution.

However, the court did not address the MDHHS' authority to issue emergency orders.

Gordon, whose order Monday remains in effective through Oct. 30, largely reinstates three major aspects of the governor's prior

emergency orders:

*Requirements to wear masks at indoor and outdoor gatherings and in schools.

*Limits on the size of both indoor and outdoor gatherings that mirror the requirements previously mandated by the governor.

*Limitations on certain establishments — the order does not close bars, but it requires them to close indoor common areas where people can congregate, dance or otherwise mingle.

In addition, athletes in most

sports who are practicing for or competing in an organized sport must wear a facial covering.

Violations of the order constitute a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$200, or both, as well as a civil fine of up to \$1,000.

"Michigan was hit hard by COVID-19 early in the pandemic," Gordon said Monday. "Strict preventive measures and the cooperation of Michiganders drove those numbers down dramatically." Please turn to page 11.

Murder trial expected to conclude this week

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The jury trial for an Ellington Township man charged with fatally stabbing the mother of his then-11-month-old daughter and seriously injuring the child at his residence late last year is expected to wrap up this week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

The trial for Larry E. Lyons, 37, of Caro, started last week (Tuesday) in a remote courtroom set up inside the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro, with circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart presiding.

Lyons is charged in the stabbing death of Brandy Marie Dickson, 36. Prosecutors say

the victim was clutching the couple's young daughter as Lyons allegedly attacked her with a knife inside his home at 2900 Gerou Rd.

In addition to open murder, he is charged with assault with the intent to murder the baby, who suffered cuts to the top of her head, a stab wound to the side of her head, a skull fracture and bleeding in the brain during the Dec. 15 assault. Lyon also faces charges of child abuse, domestic violence (third offense), carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent.

Lyons was bound over to circuit court on the charges following his preliminary examination in Tuscola County District Court in June. That court appearance came after Lyons was cleared for trial following his psychiatric examination at the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti.

Lyons was deemed both competent to stand trial and criminally responsible, Tuscola County Prosecutors say. Please turn to page 12.

EDC grants awarded to 117 businesses, groups

The Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) announced Friday that 117 small businesses and non-profit groups in Tuscola County have been awarded grants totaling more than \$750,000 through the Michigan Small Business Restart Program.

The grant recipients are among more than 11,300 organizations statewide that received funding.

In Tuscola County, the grants — ranging from \$ 5,000 to \$15,000 — helped to retain more than 500 jobs at dozens of businesses.

The grantees represent a wide variety of industry sectors — from small retail shops to manufacturing, according to TEDC Executive Director Steve Erickson, who noted 30 percent of the grantees were minority, veteran or women-owned businesses.

The program has clearly helped to fill a need throughout all of Tuscola County, Erickson said.

"Judging from the number of heartfelt messages that the EDC staff

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Pink-or-Treat now canceled

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Like many other popular events across the Thumb, Cass City's annual Pink-or-Treat has been put on hold for a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The decision was not made lightly, according to organizers, who say they simply could not figure out a way to host the activity safely, considering the crowds — hundreds of area residents — that Pink-or-Treat has drawn to the village's downtown area in recent years.

Pink-or-Treat has traditionally offered youngsters and their families the opportunity to dress up in their Halloween finest and collect goodies

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A RIBBON-cutting ceremony at Cass City Recreational Park last week gave representatives of various groups that donated to the project an opportunity to take a close look at the new additions, including an arch swing (foreground) and new merry-go-round. (See story, additional photos, page 14).

Cremation fee hike back in spotlight

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A disagreement over the cremation fees charged by the Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM) resurfaced again during a Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting Thursday.

After meeting behind closed doors for about an hour, however, commissioners had little more to say about the matter.

After receiving an opinion from the county's legal counsel last month, commissioners thought the cremation permit fee issue had been laid to rest, but the matter was resurrected by a representative of the corporate counsel who stated he needed to meet with the board in closed session.

For the last five months, the county and MIFSM have been at odds over an increase in cremation permit fees — specifically, MIFSM's unilateral decision to raise the fee from \$10 to \$63 without providing notice to commissioners or to funeral homes in the county.

The county's attorney, Eric Morris, with Braun Kendrick, previously sent a letter to Dr. David Stockman, CEO of MIFSM, stating the county board has "exclusive authority" over the fee charged for cremation permits. He also directed MIFSM to immediately stop directly charging the \$63 fee, noting that any cremation permit fee collected must be sent to the county and then be disbursed back to MIFSM.

Commissioners believed that letter was the final word on the issue. So, they were surprised when they received notice from their attorney that he wanted to meet with them in closed session again on the matter.

"In closed session, we reviewed correspondence from our attorney related to MIFSM. If the board wants, they can comment on this or we can take some time to consider our options," said board Chairman Thom Bardwell.

After Bardwell gave fellow commissioners an opportunity to talk, there was a brief pause before

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Hills and Dales earns 3-year accreditation

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials last week announced they have been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

"This makes Hills and Dales the only hospital in the Thumb to be accredited by the ACR in mammography, CT, nuclear medicine (and) low dose lung cancer screenings," said Danielle Blaine, Hills and Dales director of marketing.

Blaine explained the ACR gold seal of accreditation "represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR practice parameters and technical standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field."

As part of the accreditation process, image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are then reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which then provides the facility with a comprehensive report that can be used for continuous practice improvement.

"This accreditation is a testament to the hard-working staff we have here at Hills and Dales General Hospital," commented Mike Lewiski, manager of radiology.

"This year had extra challenges because of COVID-19. We were also in the middle of transitioning our mammography machine to our new 3D machine during the inspection so that created some extra steps in the process as well," Lewiski said. "So, this accreditation is special to our staff. This accreditation shows our continued dedication to providing the best patient care possible."

The ACR, founded in 1924, is a professional medical society dedicated to serving patients and society by empowering radiology professionals to advance the practice, science, and professions of radiological care.

The college serves more than 37,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

Pink-or-Treat now canceled

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up and down Main Street during a 90-minute community "trick-or-treat" activity. Dozens of area merchants and organizers have joined in the fun, handing out everything from candy to cupcakes to grilled hot-dogs.

"Last year we had an excellent turnout, with over 60 (groups) participating," said event organizer Krysta Boyce, who noted Pink-or-Treat was scheduled to return this year as a Cass City Chamber of Commerce-sponsored celebration.

The community's Pink-or-Treat event, along with a variety of other related activities and fundraisers held each October in conjunction with the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, was established more than a decade ago in an effort to support cancer research, as well as honor survivors of breast cancer and remember those who have lost their battles with the disease.



LIKE THE volunteers behind many other popular events across the Thumb, organizers of Cass City's annual Pink-or-Treat celebration have made the decision to cancel this year's event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The photo above was taken during last year's Pink-or-Treat, which is typically held in late October and has drawn crowds numbering in the hundreds in recent years.

Circuit court proceedings

Four appear on various charges

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

*Jeremy P. Wright, 35, Unionville, 365 days in the county jail following his conviction on charges of capturing/distributing an image of an unclothed person, and surveilling an unclothed person in January-March in Akron Township.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,076.

Court records state Wright will be required to serve 120 days in

jail, with the remainder of the term deferred. He will be placed on an electronic tether upon his release from jail.

*Joseph J. Di-Trocchio, 26, Midland, received a one-year delayed sentence following his conviction on a charge of child abuse, third degree, stemming from an incident between June 1 and July 31, 2019, in Wisner Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$658.

*Jeffery S. Harmon, 35, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his conviction on a charge of obtaining money or personal property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 by false pre-

tenses between July 1 and Oct. 10, 2019, in Caro.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$508 plus restitution of \$5,197.

*Lorrie L. Carlisle, 54, Caseville, received a one-year delayed sentence following her conviction on a charge of writing three non-sufficient-fund checks within 10 days between July 21 and Sept. 3, 2019, in Juniata Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$508 plus restitution of \$232.95.

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Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

From hard knocks to rainbows



Over the years I've had several hard knocks in my life that I have had to deal with.

Because I know all too well how hard life can be, I tried to make my children's lives as happy as possible. Overall, I think I did a pretty good job of that.

Both boys were too young when my parents passed, so that didn't really register with them.

I bandaged their cuts, kissed their tears away from bruises, and took them to the hospital when they needed stitches.

As they aged, a mother's touch no longer held healing magic. It hurt me to watch them suffer through their heartbreaks over ended relationships and the loss of beloved pets.

When my oldest son was killed while serving his country, a friend planted a tree for him outside of my picture window. Some plants and flowers were added along with some special garden statues.

We started calling that spot the "memory garden."

As the years passed, a very special dog was laid to rest in the garden, and two statues were added in memory of friends who were special to me.

When I explained to some about the tree, statues and flowers in the memory garden, they thought it was rather morbid. I, on the other hand, view it as what it is; a memorial to those whom I loved or were special to me in my life.

The latest addition this week was the cat who belonged to the children of my son's girlfriend. The little boy made a cross out of sticks, while the little girl fashioned a headstone from one of her drawing boards. The memorials they made were touching.

Until this last passing, I didn't understand why everyone referred to the death of a pet as "crossing over the rainbow bridge." That had never made any sense to me.

That saying finally sunk in when there was a rainbow in the sky a few days after the last pet was buried in the garden.

Rainbows show up unexpectedly after a storm. They form a perfect arch showing the beginning and ending. They are beautiful with all of their colors.

I now understand the saying that when a pet dies it crosses over a rainbow bridge.

One end of the rainbow represents when the pet came into a person's life and the end of the rainbow is when they passed.

The span of the arch and the beautiful colors of a rainbow represents the years of love, companionship and joy the pet provided.

Safety first when you're in the field

Michigan's bow hunting season is underway and the regular firearm season is less than six weeks away, prompting Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officers to again remind bow and gun hunters to focus on safety as they pursue that trophy buck.

DNR officials urge archery hunters to keep the following safety tips in mind:

**Before you go out, inspect equipment, including your tree stand. If anything is worn, frayed, cracked or peeling, replace it or get it fixed. If using a compound bow or crossbow, make sure the cables and pulleys are in good working order.*

**When sharpening broad heads, be careful and take your time.*

**Practice tree-stand safety. Nearly every year, a Michigan hunter is killed or seriously injured because he or she fell out of a tree stand. The DNR recommends using a full-body safety harness to get into and out of your tree stand.*

**If using a tree stand, always use a haul line to raise and lower your gear.*

**Keep arrows in the quiver until you are ready to use them. A common injury is to stab or injure yourself or a hunting companion while carrying arrows in your hand or knocked on your bow.*

**Never take a shot at a deer that is beyond the maximum effective range at which you are comfortable shooting.*

**If you are successful, field dress your deer and cool its meat immediately. Michigan's unpredictable weather means we sometimes have warm October days. Warm temperatures can cause the meat to spoil quickly.*

Gun hunters, meanwhile, should treat every firearm as if it's loaded and always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

Be certain of your target and what's beyond it before firing. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt and be sure you have an adequate backstop. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard and off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Don't run, jump or climb with a loaded firearm. Unload your gun before climbing a fence or tree, or crossing a ditch.

Never mix alcohol or any other mind-altering drug with hunting – it's a recipe for tragedy.

Remember, all firearm deer hunters must wear a hat, cap, vest or jacket that includes hunter orange visible from all sides. Camouflage hunter orange is legal provided 50 percent of the surface area is solid hunter orange (exceptions are while hunting waterfowl, crow and wild turkey, and deer during the archery season).

All hunters should tell someone where they are going and what time they expect to return. This information is valuable in helping conservation officers or sheriff's deputies to find you if you are lost.


Also, hunters are encouraged to carry a cell phone, a compass, a flashlight and other small safety items when in the woods. Your cell phone emits a signal that can help rescuers locate you when you are lost. Make sure before you leave for the woods each day your phone is fully charged. If you have a smart phone, download a compass and flashlight app.

We hope all area sportsmen will enjoy a memorable – and safe – hunting experience this year.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Pinney Foundation President Dave Milligan encourages any non-profit organization to submit requests for grant money from the Cass City philanthropic group by Friday, October 23, to be considered for the local foundation's annual endowments, which are presented twice annually.

To be considered, send your written requests to Milligan at 6226 Bay City-Forestville Rd., Cass City, MI 48726, or via email at dave@milligan-farms.com. More information is available by contacting Milligan at (989) 872-2937.

Deer of the year!

Sure, this 9-point buck taken by Clayton McLaren south of Cass City is a brute. But what makes it tops in my book is the 89-year-old from Decker bagged his trophy with a crossbow.



The Cass City Lions Club recently held their 2020-21 Installation Ceremony. Tapped for duty were Nick Smith – Lion Tamer; Rich Sattelburg – Tail Twister; Harold DeMott – District Governor; - Gary Jones – Secretary, Ken Martin – President; Dan Caister – 1st Vice-President; John Bitner, Scott Mills, Tommy Craig and Wayne Dillon – Directors.

Thank these civic minded folks, pictured below, for their service if you get the chance.



Letters to the Editor

Michigan color unmatched

Editor,

I was just re-reading your column in which you write about the beautiful colors in Michigan. You write, "I'd match Michigan's forests with any state when it comes to the beauty of fall's deep reds, oranges and yellows."

I agree, 100 percent.

I have traveled across this great country of ours for 14 years, following my Air Force husband as he performed his duties to his country. In that time, I have lived through the fall season in seven different states, and none of them can begin to compare to what you have in Michigan.

I do not miss your snow, your frigid weather or your big mosquitoes, but I do miss your beautiful fall colors and your cool, crisp air this time of year.

Sincerely,

Martha E. (Martinek) Parsons
Casa Grande, Ariz.

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Obituaries

Gloria Cook

Gloria J. Cook, 75, of Cass City, died Tuesday September 29, 2020 in Tuscola County.

Gloria was born April 17, 1945 in Bad Axe, Michigan, the last of fourteen children born to the late David Frederick Harris and the late Edythe Mae (Mattice) Harris.

Gloria had a great love for family and learned the value of family at a young age when her father David died unexpectedly. Her older siblings banded together to provide her with love and to support their mother in raising Gloria in Verona, Michigan until she became a young adult.

Gloria received her early education in a one room school-



house in Verona. She went on to graduate from Bad Axe High School in 1963. Gloria would frequently recall her grade school memories with her family, mentioning her favorite classmates and even how they snuck into drive-in movies from time to time. She maintained friendships with several classmates well beyond graduation.

After graduating high school Gloria joined the workforce, accepting a job with General Cable in Cass City. While employed with General Cable, Gloria met Harold Gene Cook and became his wife on September 26, 1964 in Bad Axe, Michigan. Her older brother Fred walked her to the front of the Nazarene church on the day she married Gene. During their 56 years of marriage Gene and Gloria raised three daughters and one son.

Gloria loved to visit with friends and family. She maintained a lifetime relationship not only with her siblings, but also with Gene's siblings as well, and even their spouses and children. She carried a deep love for all family, and always greeted each with a smile and a warm hello.

Gloria spent countless hours caring for her family and her grandchildren. She attended school and sporting events, graduations and weddings to show her support and true love for each of them. Gloria always asked each how they were doing at every opportunity she was given. She even included their friends and pets in the inquiry.

Gloria enjoyed gardening and baking, even making homemade candies and caramels using a recipe from her youth. Gloria enjoyed family gatherings, especially holidays when her children and grandchildren were able to visit. Frequently, Gloria met with her siblings and enjoyed visits over a meal or baked goods. She loved to catch up with their lives and exchange family photos. Gloria loved the summer season when she could add some beauty to the lawn by planting her favorite annuals.

There is no bigger Detroit Tiger fan than Gloria. She made certain the season game schedule was printed and near so she would not miss a broadcasted game. Gloria loved a good garage sale and seldom left a sale without something to bring home. Card games were a favorite and often at family events you could hear Gloria ask "who's got the cards?"

Gloria is survived by her husband of 56 years Gene Cook; children Laurie Cook of Caro, Debra Cook and Paul Cook of Cass City and Heidi (Jeremy) White of Fountain Inn, SC; grandchildren Amber Heckroth of Davison, Bryan Buschlen of Owendale, Kolton (Hannah)

Cook of Fountain Inn, SC, Hunter (Kimberly) McGrath of Fort Campbell, KY, Kylie McGrath of Cass City, Seth Cook and Natalie White of Fountain Inn, SC; great-grandchildren London Cook and Huntleigh Cook of Fountain Inn, SC and Alayna McGrath of Fort Campbell, KY. Also surviving Gloria is her sister Lucille Anderson of AuGres; mother-in-law Zellen (Tommie) Cook of Cass City; sisters-in-law Karen Harris of Texas and Sharon (Lee) Ackerman of Spaulding; brother-in-law Michael Cook of Vassar; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Gloria in death are her parents David and Edythe Harris; 12 siblings - Fred Harris, James Harris, Donald Harris, Robert Harris, Willett Harris, Leonard Harris, Charles Harris, Larry Harris, Trudy Webb, Irene Szczyzewski and two infant siblings; and father-in-law Earnest Cook.

Gloria will be missed by many as she is welcomed into Heaven by those who passed before her. And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched, for nothing loved is ever lost and she was loved so much.

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, a private family memorial service will be held at a later date. To sign online guestbook visit www.cremationsocietymidmi.com

Alvin Hutchinson

Alvin Franklin Hutchinson, 87, of Cass City, died peacefully after a short illness Monday, September 28, 2020 in United Hospice Residence of Marlette.

He was born January 4, 1933 in Gagetown, to Ezra and Etta (Poole) Hutchinson.

He married Barbara Lounsbury February 1, 1958 in Caro.

Alvin graduated from Cass City High School in 1952. He then entered the United States Air



Force and served until honorably discharged in 1957 with the rank of A1C-Airman First Class. Alvin worked at General Cable for many years in the tool crib area and retired in 1998 following thirty-three years of service. Alvin was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Cass City. He was an avid pheasant and deer hunter. Everyone who knew him enjoyed his easy-going style and sense of humor.

Alvin is survived by his wife, Barbara; children: Rodney (Eileen) Hutchinson of Kansas City, MO, Jane (Rodney) SanDiego of Clinton Township, Greg Hutchinson of Cass City, Jill Hutchinson of Plymouth and Joan (Mel) Davis of White Lake; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and niece, Ann Marie Erlenbeck of Burney, CA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four infant sisters and his brother, Orval Hutchinson.

A funeral service was held Thursday, October 1, in First Baptist Church of Cass City with Pastor Christian Wright officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Military honors were conducted by Cass City V.F.W. Post # 3644.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Cass City, or United Hospice Service - Residence.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Margarita Menzel

Margarita A. Menzel, 82, of Sebewaing, passed away Sunday, March 8, 2020. A funeral mass was held March 13, in St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Margarita was born July 20, 1937 in Gagetown to Regino and Domitila Lopez.



She graduated from Cass City High School in 1955. Margarita attended Central Michigan University and later earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She was a teacher in Saginaw; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and retired from the Warren School District.

Margarita is survived by her siblings: Benjamin Lopez of KY, Alex (Annie) Lopez of Lapeer and Petra (Bob) Chisholm of Caro; adopted daughter, Maria; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands: Bill Roberts and Clarence Menzel; siblings: Regino Lopez, Pablo Lopez and Juanita Lopez.

A celebration of Margarita's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 10, 2020 in St. Agatha Cemetery, Gagetown with Fr. Robert Kelm officiating.

In accordance with the current state mandate regarding COVID-19, attendees are also kindly reminded to wear a mask or other facial covering while at graveside.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home.

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Reporter's notebook

No excuses on the road

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Maybe it's my way of dealing with a senseless tragedy, but I always find myself searching for some sort of life lesson when someone – a father, mother, spouse, sibling, a child – loses their life in a traffic crash that simply did not have to happen.

And it's been happening far too often this year.

Officials with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently voiced their concern in a news release, saying that while there may be fewer motorists on the roads these days, the number of road and work zone fatalities are on the rise.

The increase in crashes and fatalities comes at a time when the department is reporting a 20-percent decrease in overall statewide traffic volumes due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

As of Sept. 25, roughly 730 people had died on Michigan roads so far in 2020. That's an increase of 58 deaths compared to this time last year. Most recently, vehicles struck three on-the-job road workers, killing two of them.

"We are deeply saddened by these recent road worker fatalities. These workers had families and friends who loved and will miss them immensely," State Transportation Director Paul C. Ajegba said. "As we begin our Rebuilding Michigan bonding program aimed at catching up with years of our state's underinvestment in roads, you can expect a great deal of work on highways across the state. We implore you to slow down and drive through work zones as if it was your own workplace."

Closer to home, my older sister's son was recently killed instantly in a head-on collision. Josh was just 34, married and was the father of two adorable daughters.

Can you imagine the profound loss the victims' families are dealing with, and the questions they must be asking themselves over and over?

I can't help but wonder how many of these drivers simply become distracted for just the second or two it takes to change the lives of so many, forever.

That's a sobering thought, because many of these accidents could have occurred here.

I mean, how many of us have caught ourselves being distracted behind the wheel – by wildlife, while changing the radio station, by a conversation with a passenger, by a cell phone? Ever been on a drive and suddenly realized you don't remember covering the last mile or two, because you were deep in thought about something that seemed so important at the time?

I recall being part of a training session presented a couple years ago by Michigan State Police Trooper Mark Swales, former community service trooper at the MSP post in Caro, who emphasized the importance of maintaining a certain level of alertness at all times when we're driving or otherwise out and about.

Sometimes that isn't easy, especially when you're trying to eat lunch on the road or you're tempted to glance at a cell phone that's enticing you with sounds indicating an incoming text or voicemail.

However, there are no excuses.

When you're on the road, prepare to stop when a slowing school bus has its overhead yellow lights flashing, keep your eyes on the drivers in front of you, behind you and on both sides while you're cruising down the freeway, be prepared for the stop sign at that next country road intersection that is notorious for taking lives.

Making a concentrated effort to stay alert when you're driving won't bring back the victims already lost, but it might prevent another family – maybe even you – from living the worst nightmare imaginable.

So please, put that phone away and keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. Nothing is so important that it can't wait.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

A Cass City High School graduate's passion for science led her to a career focused on making fresh produce safer for consumption not only in the United States, but also abroad. In fact, Amanda Deering's expertise has taken her to Afghanistan several times over the past three years in conjunction with her work at Purdue University, where she has been a member of the Department of Food Science since 2013. "I work in the area of fresh produce food safety. I also have an Extension appointment where I work with growers throughout the state of Indiana to help them ensure they are producing safe fruits and vegetables for consumers," explained Deering, a 1997 Cass City High School graduate and the daughter of Gary and Becky Deering. Deering's work at Purdue includes teaching food safety workshops for packing houses and conducting Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) trainings for growers.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Chuck Wright may very well be the "dean" of Thumb volunteer fire fighters, having recently retired after putting in 50 years with the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department. Most recently a captain, the Cass City native and retired long-time UPS driver served the department as chief for 27 years.

Anthony Middaugh and Caitlyn Rickett of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Ryleigh Rose Middaugh. Ryleigh was born at 4:03 p.m., Sept. 28, 2010 at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22 inches long. Her great great-grandmother is Velma Cleland of Ubley.

Navy Seaman Recruit Brandon S. Romain, a 2001 graduate of Ubley High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the 8-week program, Romain completed a variety of training, including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and com-

mitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

A brief ground breaking ceremony Monday morning marked the official start of construction of a McDonald's restaurant in Cass City. Present were village council trustees Matt Prieskorn and Elwyn Helwig, village President L.E. Althaver, McDonald's Area Supervisor Jim Luth and village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie. The restaurant, which will employ about 70 people, is scheduled to open in early January.

Susie Roemer flashes a broad smile after being named homecoming queen Friday night during the half-time gala of the Bulldog's homecoming festivities.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Murray of Cass City announce the birth of a son, Thomas James, Sept. 27 in Hills and Dales General Hospital. The baby weighed six pounds and three ounces and was 20" long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eigenauer, all of Williamston.

Rev. Joe Robertson officiated at the sacrament of baptism in Trinity UM Church during Sunday morning worship service for Heidi Lynn, daughter of Richard and Donna Hartwick. Attending were five grandfathers and seven grandmothers. A cooperative dinner for the family followed the service in the church dining room.

Three members of this year's Cass City High School graduating class recently completed training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif. They are Del Kostanko, Klaus D. Roth and Joseph Viney.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Root, Mrs. Hazel Seeley and daughter Janis were visitors at a Warren funeral home Monday because of the death of Mrs. Blondena Cole, 69. Mrs. Cole died Saturday and funeral services and burial were held Tuesday at Warren. She was born Jan. 15, 1911, in Illinois. Her husband, Malcolm Cole, formerly of Cass City, preceded her in death. She is survived by a daughter, a son and three grandchildren. Roger Root drove them to Warren.

Pvt. Kenneth Lee Guilds, son of Charlotte Kitchin of Deford, a graduate of Cass City High School, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and advanced individual training at Fort Campbell, Ky., with the 101st Airborne Division. Guilds enlisted in the U.S. Army in June and is ex-

pected to be home on leave at the end of October

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

In close competition Janet Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Russell of Gagetown, was selected county Farm Bureau queen Tuesday night. Runner-up was Connie Delong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Delong of Cass City. The presentation was made by David Loomis, Cass City.

Army Private First Class James L. Ballard, son of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Ballard of Cass City, received the Silver Star Medal during ceremonies near Chu Lai, Vietnam, Sept. 6. The Silver Star, third highest award for heroism, was presented to him in recognition of his act of bravery under hostile fire. The award was given for his valorous action which contributed to his unit's successful execution of its mission against a hostile force. Adopted in 1932, the Silver Star is recognition of feats of gallantry such as his.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Sgt. Dorus Klinkman arrived on Wednesday in Boston from the E.T.O and Sunday evening was met in Detroit by his wife and small daughter, Janet, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Klinkman, and sister, Charlotte. He is here to spend a nine-day furlough after which he will report to Fort Sheridan, Ill., where he expects to receive a discharge. He was inducted in August, 1943, and left for overseas in December the same year. He was a mechanic in the Ninth Air Force and served in England, France and Germany. He has 74 points to his credit and wears three battle stars for the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France and Germany.

Pfc. Ralph L. Stone, son of Mrs. John Crouch, of Cass City, has been honorably discharged from the Army at the separation center in Indiantown Gap Military Reservation after more than three years of service. He served overseas with the medical detachment and 833rd Engineers. Prior to his entry into the service, he was employed by William Spencer.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Earl Heller, Win. Ward and Hugh Gardner motored to the five channels on the Au Sable River Sunday for the purpose of fishing. They returned Tuesday afternoon with a big tub full of pike, weighing from three to five pounds each, which the men were generous enough to distribute to many of their friends.

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County resolution honors Herron

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Well-known Cass City builder Tom Herron was recently able to personally accept a Tuscola County Commissioners' resolution recognizing his contributions to the community.

Commissioners announced the honor during a meeting in July, which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, making it impossible for the board to present a framed copy of the resolution to the recipient in person as it normally does.

The resolution was finally presented to Herron in person by Commissioner Tom Young during the Cass City Village Council's September monthly meeting — Herron is a village trustee.

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

From humble beginnings, Herron went on to develop a large part of the Cass City community. His developments include the Hillcrest Subdivision, Northwood Lakes Condominiums, and the North Shores Golf Course and Restaurant as well as several homes.

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

In spite of all those accomplishments, Herron wasn't finished.

"In 1996, he began building modular homes and formed

Northwood Modular Homes Inc. Mr. Herron was also the builder of the popular commercial sites in Caro, the Brentwood, Star Brite Restaurant, and remodeling the Capri, which is currently the Oven restaurant," the resolution states. "He attributes his success to two things he was taught by his step-grandfather, which are to work hard and go to church, which he still does."

The resolution also noted that of all of the many construction projects Herron tackled over the years, the one he takes the most pride in and is closest to his heart is the home he built for Preston and Flo-

rence Karr, just outside of Gagetown.

According to Herron, who is now retired, Mrs. Karr lived in that home until her passing earlier in the year.

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

Herron is a past Cass City Citizen of the Year (1983) and was honored with the Lion of the Year award in 1997.



VILLAGE OF Cass City Trustee Tom Herron was recently presented with a Tuscola County Board of Commissioners resolution honoring his contributions to the community. Above, Commissioner Tom Young (right) presents the resolution to Herron during the village council's Sept. 28 monthly meeting.

News briefs

Donate winter items for students

CASS CITY — Everyone needs a helping hand from time to time, especially children.

That is why the Cass City School District created the "Cass City Clothing Closet" at the junior-senior high school.

Throughout the year, school officials accept a variety of items that are in good condition and that students need. Currently, those items include boots and plus size women's coats.

Donations can be dropped off at 4868 Seeger St. For more information, call (989) 872-2148.

County expo will have new look

CARO — The annual Tuscola County Human Services Community Expo will look a lot different this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 expo is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instead of being inside the Colwood Church, located off of M-81 at 1840 Colwood Rd., Caro, this year's event will feature a drive-through format in the church's parking lot.

Participants are asked to stay in their vehicles with the trunk open, and a volunteer will place items inside.

The distribution includes: one food bundle per vehicle, hygiene care products for adults, baby supplies for ages newborn to one year old, and children's toys for ages two to five.

In addition, there will be a mobile food pantry on site, and the Tuscola County Health Department will be offering flu shots.

The event is sponsored by the Tuscola County Human Services Collaborative Council and all of its participating agencies, Great Start Tuscola, and the Michigan Department of Education.

Daley to host constituent hours

LANSING — State Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum) will hold office hours with constituents Monday, Oct. 12, at three locations in the 31st District, which includes a portion of the Thumb.

In Tuscola County, Daley will be available to meet with constituents from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Tuscola Township Hall, 8561 Van Cleve Rd., Vassar.

The senator will be available to answer questions and provide information and assistance, as well as take suggestions on issues affecting communities and businesses in the district. No appointment is necessary.

Seating will be available. Participants are encouraged to wear masks and maintain proper social distancing.

For more information or to contact Daley, go to SenatorKevinDaley.com or call (517) 373-1777.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Daley legislation supports needs for disabled

The Michigan Senate recently approved legislation sponsored by state Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum) that would help disabled individuals get the products and services they need.

"This legislation will help individuals who need specifically configured medical equipment meet their needs and get the items they need to go about their daily lives," said Daley, who represents the 31st District, which includes Tuscola County.

"For those with severe physical disabilities, access to high quality specialized equipment is so im-

portant for improving their quality of life and minimizing health care costs."

Senate Bill 855 would require the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish policies and rules for complex rehabilitation technology (CRT) products and services. The legislation would create a separate recognition for CRT within the Medicaid program to improve access to these critical products and related services for children and adults with significant disabilities.

The bill includes equipment such as complex rehabilitation manual

and power wheelchairs and options or accessories, and other specialized equipment.

"Specialized medical technology can quickly become an expensive endeavor, which only further limits access to this much-needed equipment," Daley said. "This legislation creates safeguards, provides assistance, and improves access for those who need medical equipment configured to meet their individual needs."

SB 855 will now head to the Michigan House of Representatives for further consideration.

Grant targets health care needs in Thumb

A three-year, \$900,000 Network Development Grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded to 17 Thumb organizations in July, will be used to help develop cross-sector solutions that address community and population health issues.

The grant will go towards funding a network development project: Adaption in Action - A Network Response to Emerging Needs.

"The project will help meet the health care needs of the rural population in the Thumb," explained Kari White, coordinator for the Thumb Community Health Partnership.

"The region is home to approximately 152,000 rural residents and

consists of four counties—Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola," she said. "The award was made to the Huron County Health Department on behalf of the Thumb Community Health Partnership and Michigan Thumb Public Health Alliance."

Participating in the project are four public health departments, four mental health authorities, eight hospitals and a human service agency.

"The goal is to develop a sustainable cross-sector network that is positioned to identify community needs and gaps in services. The partnership will use this information to respond to two focus priorities: behavioral health and chronic disease," White said.

Grant-funded activities will in-

clude:

*Piloting a regional health assessment process.

*Creating and implementing a healthcare workforce development plan.

*Developing a process for compiling, monitoring and analyzing data.

*Developing and piloting two projects related to priority health needs.

*Establishing funding and sustainability strategies.

*Strengthening the network structure and partnerships.

More information about the project is available on Facebook (ThumbHealth) or by contacting Kay Balcer, network director, Thumb Community Health Partnership, at (989) 553-2927.

New farmers market under construction in Caro

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Construction of a farmers' market in Caro is just starting, and vendors are already vying for a space.

A permanent farmers market is being built at 238 S. State St., former home of Stephen's Tire Service.

The general contractor doing the

work is Three Rivers Construction of Midland.

The market will include a pavilion with bathrooms, water and electrical service, solar panels, two entrances and a paved parking lot.

"It's not completed yet and requests from vendors who want to be a part of it are being made," said Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Chairman Thom

Bardwell.

A permanent location for the Caro farmers market has been in the works for about three years.

According to Bardwell, what is being built isn't just a farmers market.

"It will be used throughout the year for different events. It will be a multiple purpose and multiple event center," he explained.

To kickstart the project, the Michigan Strategic Fund awarded the city of Caro a Community Development Block Grant of \$1 million.

"The building should be up sometime in late October, and DDA is putting together the qualifications for a market manager," Bardwell said.

When the work is completed, the Caro farmers market will finally have a place to call home. Over the years, the market has operated in several different locations.

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117 businesses benefit from EDC grants

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has received from the grantees who were awarded funding, the impact of the restart program is clear as a bell," he added. "For many of these owners, the program truly delivered a lifeline of support."

The TEDC, which administered the program locally, received 138 applications for the program.

"The Michigan Small Business Restart Program is providing a significant opportunity to address immediate needs of small businesses and non-profits as they work to recover from the impact of COVID 19," said Michigan EDC CEO Mark Burton. "We are proud to work with our economic development partners to deliver

these vital financial resources and create a path toward economic recovery for small businesses throughout Michigan."

The MEDC-funded initiative was launched to provide relief for small businesses and non-profit organizations that have been negatively impacted by the COVID pandemic. Grant funds may be used as working capital to support payroll, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses or other similar expenses.

Grants were awarded on a competitive basis by the TEDC.

To be considered, organizations must first have met the following conditions — be a business with fewer than 50 employees that could demonstrate it had been af-

ected by COVID 19, needed working capital to support eligible expenses, and having demonstrated an income loss as a result of the COVID 19 emergency.

Approved in July, the Michigan Small Business Restart Program allocated \$100 million of federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act funding to provide support to Michigan's small businesses and non-profit groups.

Tuscola County business owners and managers are encouraged to check the EDC Facebook page for updates on programs such as this one and on other topics of interest. The EDC office can also be reached by calling (989) 673-2849.



My Corner

The line we all know is there

by Ty Perry

If 2020 has a theme song, it surely must be Waylon Jennings' "Stop the World (And Let Me Off)."

No matter who you talk to, no matter where on the political and world-view spectrums a person may fall, everyone, it seems, is saying the same thing — this is crazy.

I agree. But what's the solution?

There are a plethora of antidotes to our current cultural malaise being proffered by all segments of society. *Tolerance. We need more civility. Vote Trump. Biden or bust. End the patriarchy! Can't we all just get along? Give peace a chance.*

The problem with all of these solutions is that, despite their seeming incongruity, they all share one assumption: man can solve man's problems.

You would think that after witnessing the 20th century, we would have rid ourselves of such a ridiculous notion. After all, during the same 100-year period in which humanity took flight, marched against racism and landed on the moon, it also gassed itself on the fields of Europe, exterminated six million Jews and concocted nuclear weapons.

The only conclusion I can come to, then, is that the problem with man is not the system; it's man. And (much to the chagrin of my secular humanist friends), even our most earnest attempts to remedy our condition are about as futile as a cardiac arrest victim trying to give himself CPR.

We must admit that the "crazy" that is taking place in our nation — from racial discrimination to mob violence, misogyny to infanticide — is not happening to us, it's happening because of us.

English writer Steve Turner put it this way:

*"If chance be the Father of all flesh,
Disaster is his rainbow in the sky,
And when you hear
State of Emergency!
Sniper Kills Ten!
Troops on Rampage!
Whites go Looting!
Bomb Blasts School!
It is but the sound of man worshipping his maker."*

If mankind is the unfortunate byproduct of chance primordial processes, as I was taught in school, then how hypocritical is it for us to speak of human dignity? Of what consequence is it if children are kept in cages, murdered in their mothers' wombs, or sold to pimps?

In truth, we all innately know that there is an objective standard to which we must measure our own actions and those of others. As C.S. Lewis wrote, "A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line."

It seems to me our attempts to erase that straight line and to draw our own have resulted in the muddled scribble we find ourselves in today.

What is the answer to man's problems? I suggest we look back to the straight line, and ultimately to its Drawer.

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Red Hawks blank Harbor Beach to give Coach Cuthrell milestone win

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Cass City defeated guest Harbor

Beach in convincing fashion Friday to remain undefeated at the halfway point of the 2020 season reduced to just six regular season

contests due to the pandemic.

With the 38-0 Greater Thumb Conference crossover pounding, Coach Scott Cuthrell's squad improves to 3-0 overall, 2-0 Greater Thumb West, while the Pirates fade to 1-2 overall, 1-1 in the Greater Thumb East.

"Once again our defense was awesome tonight. It was a great win," said Cuthrell afterwards.

Cass City scored on each of their first half possessions during the homecoming tilt to take a 22-0 cushion into the intermission.

The hosts moved three-quarters of the field to break open a scoreless tie on their first series of downs with 4:37 left on the clock. The Red Hawks used a pair of long runs by Noah Zaleski to help offset a pair of holding penalties in the early going. Then facing first down and 19-yards to go from inside the Pirate 25-yard line, Cass City quarterback Bryce Fernald dropped back, rolled right to avoid the Harbor Beach pass rush, and threw a cross-field strike to Jacob Shantz at the goal line for the game's first points. Alex Perry ran for the points after and Cass City was in front 8-0. Fernald, meanwhile, went 3-for-3 passing

for 52 yards on the night.

Cass City would add to their cushion with a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter. Jordan Mester, 47 yards on 10 tries, accounted for Cass City's next score with a 3-yard dive that was followed by a 4-yard Alex Perry touchdown run a few minutes later. Zaleski ended the scoring in the initial half when he converted the try for points after.

It was more of the same after the break, as Cass City scored once in the third quarter and once in the final quarter to complete the rout.

Perry, 91 yards on 13 carries, added his second marker from 22 yards out in the third frame and Zaleski scored on a 4-yard dive in the final period. Zaleski finished with a career-high 148 rushing yards.

"Our offensive line did a great job figuring out different looks, giving us a new leading rusher in Noah Zaleski. We also got some hard yards from Alex Perry," said Cuthrell.

Defensively, Matt Mihalic with 10 tackles and Jeremy Velasquez with 9 stops led Cass City.

After the contest, Cass City players and coaches presented Coach

Cuthrell a banner signifying his 100th Red Hawk win.

"I think Scott has established expectations from the top down, all the way to the junior high level," said Cass City Athletic Director Justin Ketterer, who played quarterback under Cuthrell in 2009.

"He works well with what he has, he knows how to adapt. No surprise he has had success," Ketterer added.

Cuthrell is in his 18th year as the Red Hawk leader.

Cards fall to Deckerville

Kingston remained winless Friday at Deckerville, where the Eagles recorded a 36-0 victory on homecoming night.

Despite the whipping, Kingston Coach Brandon Jones liked what he saw from his young Cardinals.

"Even though the scoreboard doesn't look like it, we made some big improvements from last week. We played a lot tougher and just lost to a better team. We are

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FORMING a wall of blockers are Cass City's Noah Zaleski, left, and Jordan Mester during Friday's homecoming match-up with visiting Harbor Beach. The Red Hawks won 38-0.

Cass City Red Hawk ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Paula Learman is the Knights Insurance Agency Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week.

Only a freshman, Coach Jon Zdrojewski feels the future is bright for this improving member of the district's cross country team that will be in action Saturday on their home course.

In the Lady Red Hawks' most recent meet, Learman was clocked in 24:17 to earn a Top 10 finish in Kingston.

She's the number 5 runner for the Lady Red Hawks," said Zdrojewski, adding, "Paula set a new personal best time on a very slow and difficult course. She is running very well and working hard for her first season. She continues to improve and will help this team out as we move toward the more important meets of the season."

Paula is the daughter of Paul and Mayra Learman.



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| Harbor Beach -vs- Memphis | Harbor Beach | Harbor Beach | Harbor Beach | Harbor Beach |
| Bad Axe -vs- Vassar | Bad Axe | Bad Axe | Bad Axe | Bad Axe |
| (8-man games) | | | | |
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LADY RED HAWKS Olivia Graff, front, and Haven Bouverette ready to make a play Saturday at their own quad gathering.

Kingston spikers suffer first loss to visiting Cardinals

Kingston downed guest Genesee Thursday to rebound from their only loss of the season suffered earlier in the week to visiting Dryden. The one-sided contest was decided by scores of 25-18, 25-8 and 25-14.

“Kingston took a while to get rolling, but found their stride as the night went on. It was a great team effort all around and the Cardinals (5-1 overall, 4-1 NCTL Stars) hope to keep the momentum going,” said Kingston Coach Beth Hunter, who noted her team was scheduled to begin crossover play on Tuesday when Akron-Fairgrove visits.

Hannah James had 16 assists, 8 service points and one ace to lead

the winners, while Isabel Hurd added 10 kills, 8 service points, 3 aces and one block, Ella Retan 13 service points, 7 kills and one ace, Kali Norris 9 service points, 3 aces and 2 kills and Madison Coyer 2 kills.

On Tuesday, it began as the battle of unbeaten Cardinals in the NCTL Stars Division and ended with Dryden coming out on top after 3 hard fought sets – 25-21, 25-23 and 25-22.

“Kingston fought all match but Dryden strung together points when it mattered to come out on top,” Hunter said.

James had 18 assists, Retan 12 kills and Brooklyn Walker 5 digs in vain.

yards against Deckerville, including 50 yards from freshman Boone DeLong. The Cardinals didn't fare much better through the air, as quarterback Luke Fetting completed just one pass, a 9-yard reception to sophomore Kaidin Peters.

Leading the defensive charge for Kingston was sophomore James Wilson with 7 tackles, while sophomore Lawson Wilson had 5 stops.

Kingston falls

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hungry for a win and are going to prepare to defend our home field Friday for homecoming,” he said.

Kingston will entertain Merritt for their homecoming match-up, while Deckerville takes on Mayville in a battle of unbeaten teams next.

Kingston rushed for just 53 net

Hawks show improvement but still bow to rival USA Saturday

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

After bowing to USA in four sets earlier in the campaign, Cass City was able to force a fifth set Saturday against the Patriots at their own quad gathering before coming up just short.

The two rivals traded wins over the weekend until USA prevailed. Cass City grabbed the first set, 25-22, but lost a heartbreaker in the next set, 31-29. The hosts won the third set 25-20 and were on the verge of an upset, but to their

Runners meet in Kingston

A limited, but talented, group of runners Thursday in Kingston ended with Cass City's cross country teams on top of both the men's and women's standings.

The final rankings among the men's team were: Cass City 32, Kingston 35 and Mayville 60 while in the women's race Cass City tallied 19 and Mayville 36.

“The meets are small as a result of the covid restrictions. Mayville and Kinston both bring good competition for small schools. We are running well but I am looking forward to seeing how we compete in a bigger meet,” said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

He won't have to wait long.

“I just got word on Friday that the finals for cross country have been set, we will be competing in a Pre-Regional on October 24th with the top 4 teams and 7 individuals advancing to the Regionals on October 31.”

“We have been waiting to hear how the MHSAA was going to complete our season. The finals will still take place at MIS in Brooklyn, MI on November 7. Conference meet is October 20 in Reese and the next meet on Saturday, October 10 will be at home with men running at 9:30 and women at 10:15.”

Senior Nick McArdle, Cass City, posted a winning time of 16:41 to top the field of 25 at Kingston, while freshman Gracy Walker, Kingston, was clocked in 21:30 to win the women's field that total 20 runners.

The complete results were:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. 12 Nick McArdle | 16:41.11 Cass City |
| 2. 12 Wyatt Emmons | 17:21.32 Mayville |
| 3. 10 Ethan Green | 18:33.85 Kingston |
| 4. 12 Dustin Peter | 19:25.6 Kingston |
| 5. 12 Morgan Green | 19:27.52 Kingston |
| 6. 11 Vaughn Severance | 20:06.04 Cass City |
| 7. 12 Brandon Witherspoon | 20:12.67 Cass City |
| 8. 11 Alexander Smith | 20:29.55 Pigeon-Laker |
| 9. 10 Gabe Schwendinger | 20:42.52 Cass City |
| 10. 12 Trayton Wenzlaff | 20:50.67 Kingston |
| 11. 9 Trenton Bruno | 20:54.52 Cass City |
| 12. 11 Hugh Walker | 21:31.35 Cass City |
| 13. 10 Cameron Rowbotham | 21:47.64 Mayville |
| 14. 9 Gavin Helgeson | 22:16.8 Mayville |
| 15. 11 Jacob Rayl | 23:04.95 Kingston |
| 16. 9 Gavin Smith | 23:17.57 Pigeon-Laker |
| 17. 10 Thomas Muter | 23:22.07 Cass City |
| 18. 9 Konnor Olson | 23:25.1 Pigeon-Laker |
| 19. 11 Alex Hopper | 23:48.7 Cass City |
| 20. 11 Eli Morey | 24:08.49 Mayville |
| 21. 11 Evan Hiltz | 24:30.8 Mayville |
| 22. 11 Michael Bodeis | 25:14.45 Mayville |
| 23. 10 Dakota McCombs | 25:56.21 Marlette |
| 24. 9 Charles Risdon | 26:15.6 Peck |
| 25. 9 Ethan Hall | 27:21.82 Cass City |

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. 9 Gracy Walker | 21:30.07 Kingston |
| 2. 12 Riley Copeland | 22:04.1 Cass City |
| 3. 12 Haley Rowbotham | 22:49.57 Mayville |
| 4. 9 Diana Cortes | 23:16.27 Cass City |
| 5. 11 Erin McArdle | 23:26.02 Pigeon-Laker |
| 6. 11 Madison Ware | 24:14.35 Cass City |
| 7. 10 Amelia Weller | 24:16.89 Cass City |
| 8. 9 Paula Learman | 24:17.74 Cass City |
| 9. 9 Carly Hendershot | 24:49.05 Mayville |
| 10. 12 Lola Flynn | 24:49.35 Mayville |
| 11. 9 Zoe Van Rijn | 25:13.82 Kingston |
| 12. 9 Ella Flynn | 25:18.32 Mayville |
| 13. 11 Brooklyn Walker | 25:54.42 Kingston |
| 14. 12 Jenna Stull | 26:50.92 Peck |
| 15. 12 Olivia Storm | 27:16.77 Marlette |
| 16. 12 Abigail Gonzales | 27:38.1 Mayville |
| 17. 10 Isabella Hinojosa | 28:09.07 Marlette |
| 18. 10 Abby Meyer | 28:26.52 Marlette |
| 19. 10 Chloe Jaworski | 29:31.57 Cass City |
| 20. 11 Mia Wright | 30:40.17 Cass City |

credit, USA posted decisions of 25-19 and 15-10 to close out the day.

Before the marquee match-up, Cass City whipped Sandusky and Imlay City in straight sets. Against Sandusky, the hosts cruised to wins of 25-9, 25-8 and 25-6, while Imlay City fell 25-21, 25-20 and 25-9.

“It was a good weekend for the Hawks. They have worked hard to fine tune their game and the chemistry is coming together. This coming week we will enter the second half of our season and we need to keep playing at a high level,” said Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell.

Cass City's statistical leaders were Sierra Spry with 64 kills and 11 blocks, Kalee Gray with 32 kills and 11 blocks, Abbey Phillips with 55 assists, Saylar Cuthrell with 49 assists, Madison Cumper with 91 digs, Macey White with 60 digs and Haven Bouverette with 9 aces.

GTW MATCHES

Cass City remained in the Greater Thumb West title chase with a pair of victories over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (EPBP) and Reese.

On Thursday, Cass City defeated visiting EPBP in straight sets to remain one game back of GTW leader USA entering play this week. Scores against EPBP were

25-17, 25-15 and 25-8.

Individually, Cass City had Spry with 13 kills and Gray with 12 kills, Cuthrell added 15 assists, one more than teammate Phillips, who chipped in 14 assists. Cumper posted a team-high 12 digs.

Cass City made easy work of turning back EPBP. Two days earlier, however, it was a different story in Reese.

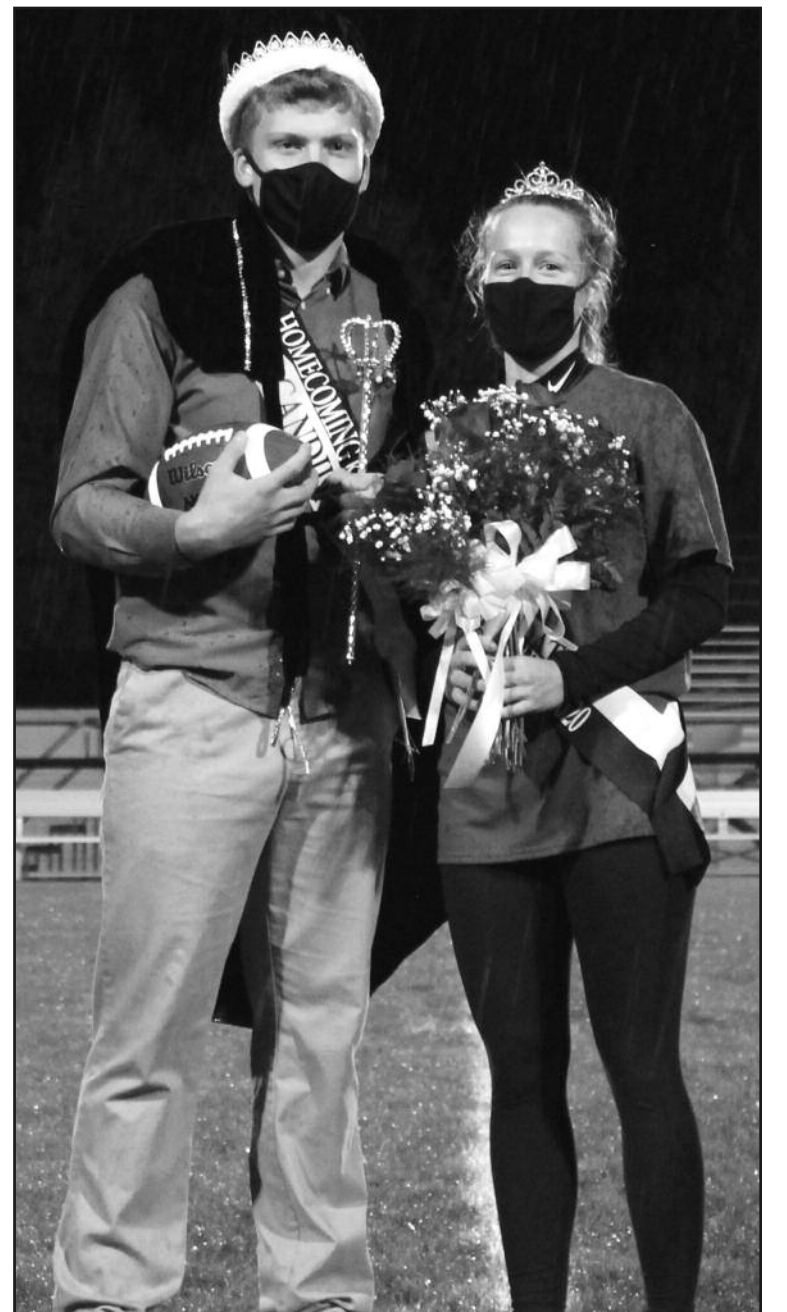
The host Rockets came out hitting on all cylinders and before the few spectators allowed to attend could find a seat; they rolled to wins of 25-19 and 25-22 to take a commanding advantage on the night.

Cass City captured the next two sets – 25-18, 25-21 – to force a winner-take-all 5th game, where Cass City prevailed 15-8.

“After losing the first two, it was really about digging themselves out and working to achieve success as a team. I am really proud of their ability to take on the challenge and finish. The Rockets are good and tonight we played better. I was sure this was going to be a dog fight and I am thrilled we came out on top,” Cuthrell said.

Individually, Spry had 21 kills and Gray 17 kills for Cass City, while Cuthrell and Phillips each had 20 assists.

Defensively, White came up with 20 digs for the winners and Spry and Gray each recorded 4 blocks.



TRYING TIMES. Cass City's 2020 Homecoming King and Queen are Alex Perry, left, and Madison Cumper. Due to the pandemic - note the masks - the pair were announced winners during Thursday's Powder-Puff game instead of during Friday's football game.

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Football Season Back On

Varsity Football

| Date | Opponent |
|-------|-----------------|
| 9/18 | CC 56; Vassar 0 |
| 9/25 | CC 42, Reese 3 |
| 10/2 | CC 38, HB 0 |
| 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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matically, greatly reducing the loss of life. As we head into flu season, this order is necessary to protect vulnerable individuals, ensure the health care system can provide care for all health issues, keep schools open, and maintain economic recovery.”

Friday’s court ruling

Whitmer said Friday that she “vehemently” disagrees with the high court’s interpretation of the constitution.

“(This) Supreme Court ruling, handed down by a narrow majority of Republican justices, is deeply disappointing,” Whitmer added. “Right now, every state and the federal government have some form of declared emergency. With this decision, Michigan will become the sole outlier at a time when the Upper Peninsula is experiencing rates of COVID infection not seen in our state since April.”

Whitmer has contended the court ruling does not take effect for at least 21 days. On Monday, her office filed a motion with the Supreme Court, asking for clarification on that point, saying if the ruling went into effect immediately, up to 830,000 Michigan workers and their families could lose crucial unemployment benefits.

The Chronicle contacted two Thumb lawmakers, including 84th District state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), for comment following Friday’s ruling.

“I fully expect that each constituent will follow the best practices to keep themselves and their neighbors both safe and healthy. This ruling restored the constitutional separation of powers. It did not end the health crisis in Michigan,” said Green, who represents Tuscola and Huron counties.

Michigan Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey called Friday’s decision “great news” for Michigan. “The courts have ruled in favor of a government system of checks and balances, and citizens will benefit the most.”

Shirkey made it clear he does not support a statewide mask mandate, but said he encourages “everyone to honor whatever policies individual businesses, organizations and schools establish.

“This ruling does not alter our collective responsibility to protect ourselves and others by wearing masks, social distancing and washing our hands. The virus still presents a threat to our health and we must be vigilant in our actions.

“The Senate stands ready to work with the governor to do what is necessary for Michigan to lead by example by informing, inspiring, and enabling citizens to do what’s necessary and responsible,” he added. “Now is the time for bipartisan action to transition from government operating in fear of the virus to government managing life in the presence of the virus. Our communities, businesses and organizations have an opportunity to continue to prove that they can operate responsibly, and state government has an opportunity to demonstrate trust in our citizenry.”

Local health department officials, meanwhile, say their mission – to reduce and prevent infection among area residents – has not changed.

“What we do know: our current infection rates in Huron and Tuscola remain low, our schools are currently open and functioning safely, the businesses are functioning with very little disturbances due to staff illnesses, hospitals are currently not seeing significant spikes in illness and have capacity to address illness, (and) long-term care (nursing homes) are not experiencing outbreaks,” said Ann Hepfer, health officer for the Tuscola and Huron county health departments.

What that tells health officials, Hepfer added, is that mitigating practices — wearing masks, social distancing, frequent hand-washing, avoiding large gatherings, and staying home when you’re sick — are working.

Whitmer initially declared a state of emergency in Michigan March 10. She has since issued more than 180 executive orders stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

During that same period of time, the state has confirmed nearly 129,000 cases and more than 6,800 deaths linked to the virus.

“COVID-19 still poses a clear and present danger to the people of Michigan, our economy, and our way of life,” Whitmer said. “This virus has now killed more Michiganders than World War I. It is a novel virus for which there is no cure, and which has infected the president of the United States, members of the U.S. Congress, and legislators across our state. This virus continues to take the lives of Americans every single day, and without a cure or approved vaccine.”

Latest Covid numbers

Between Monday, Sept. 28, and Monday, Oct. 5, the number of combined confirmed cases in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties increased by 45 – from 754 to 799 — with the three counties’ combined death toll remaining the same at 42 fatalities.

According to the latest data, Tuscola County has recorded 462 confirmed cases, an increase of 18 cases compared to a week before, and 31 deaths (no change), with about 383 individuals having recovered from the virus county-wide as of Sept 25.

As of Oct. 1, the total includes 65 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 51.

In other area communities defined by zip code, Caro has had 125 cases, 101 recoveries and 16 deaths; there have been 13 cases and 12 recoveries in Unionville; 11 cases and nine recoveries in Deford; nine cases and six recoveries in Kingston; and three cases and three recoveries to-date confirmed in Gagetown.

In Huron County, meanwhile, there are 191 confirmed cases (an increase of three from a week earlier), with five deaths (no change), and Sanilac County has a total of 146 confirmed cases, up from 142 cases a week earlier, and six deaths (no change).

Statewide, Monday’s total confirmed cases reached 128,923, with a total of 6,816 deaths, compared to 122,735 cases and 6,731 deaths a week earlier. Health officials are reporting that an estimated 99,521 Covid patients have recovered statewide.

Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cass City Village Council will be holding a
Public Hearing
at the Municipal Building,
6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan,

Monday, October 26, 2020, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
To receive comments on
Proposed Ordinance # 188,

**Chapter 38, Traffic and Vehicles,
Article IV (4), ORVs**

**The proposed ordinance can be found on the
Village Website at www.casscity.org
Drop down to Government, Ordinances,
Proposed Ordinance 188**

The Public is invited to attend.

**Nanette S. Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer**

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726 (989) 872-2911

GOLF CART ORDINANCE NO. 189

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VILLAGE OF CASS CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

CHAPTER 38, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES,
ARTICLE V (5), GOLF CARTS

for the purpose of authorizing and regulating the operation of golf carts
on the streets in the Village of Cass City
and for the purpose of providing penalties for the violation

**THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:
Chapter 38: TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES
ARTICLE V (5): GOLF CARTS**

Section 1: As used in this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. “Driver’s license” means an operator’s or chauffeur’s license or permit issued to an individual by the Secretary of State under Chapter III of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.301 to 257.329, for that individual to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit.
- B. “Golf cart” means a vehicle that has not less than three wheels in contact with the ground and is designed not to carry more than four (4) persons, including the driver, designed for transportation while playing the game of golf.
- C. “Maintained portion of the road” means the portion of the road improved, designated, or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic and does not include within its meaning the shoulder or right-of-way.
- D. “Operate” means to ride in or on, and to be in actual physical control of the operation of a golf cart.
- E. “Operator” means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of a golf cart.
- F. “Slow-moving vehicle sign” means reflective triangle sign known to designate a slow-moving vehicle.
- G. “Street” means a city or village major street, or village local street as described in Section 9 of 1951 PA 1951, MCL 247.659.
- H. “Sunrise” and “Sunset” mean that time determined by the National Weather Service on any given day.
- I. “Village” means the Village of Cass City.

Section 2: A golf cart may be operated on the far right of the maintained portion of a street within the Village subject to MCL 257.657a and the following requirements:

- A. The golf cart shall not be operated in excess of the speed of fifteen (15) miles per hour and shall not be operated on a street with a speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.
- B. The golf cart shall not be used to carry more than four (4) persons at one time or more than the number for which it is designed and equipped, if designed and equipped to carry less than four (4) persons.
- C. The operator must use signals (hand or mechanical) to indicate turning left or right and intent to stop the golf cart while operating on a street, pursuant to the signal requirements of MCL 257.648, as amended, that apply to the operation of a vehicle. All golf carts must have a slow-moving vehicle sign affixed to the rear of the golf cart.
- D. All golf carts are required to have a red reflector on the rear of the golf cart that shall be visible from all distances up to 500 feet when in front of lawful low beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.
- E. The golf cart may only be operated on a street between one-half hour after sunrise and one-half hour before sunset.
- F. The golf cart shall not be operated on a road or street in a negligent manner, endangering any person or property, or obstructing, hindering, or impeding the lawful course of travel of any motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways, or parks.
- G. Where a usable and designated path for golf carts is provided adjacent to a road or street, a person operating a golf cart shall be required to use that path. The golf cart shall not be operated on the any designated walking trails or on any sidewalk constructed for pedestrians.
- H. The operator of a golf cart shall obey all sections pertaining to traffic in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code.
- I. The operator of the golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a two-way street, or on the left or right of traffic, in an unoccupied lane, in the case of a one-way street.

Section 3: No person shall operate a golf cart on a Village street, unless the person is at least sixteen (16) years of age and has a valid driver’s license.

Section 4: A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway, M-81, Main Street. This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a street of the Village, using the most direct line of crossing.

Section 5: Except as prescribed herein, a golf cart shall not be operated on a street within the Village.

Section 6: Off-Road Vehicles as described in Ordinance 188 are not considered golf carts.

Section 7: The Village is immune from tort liability for injuries or damages sustained by any person arising in any way out of the operation of use of a golf cart on maintained or unmaintained streets, shoulders, and rights-of-way over which the Village has jurisdiction.

Section 8: Any person who violates this ordinance is guilty of a municipal civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

Section 9: In addition to the penalties under Section 8 of this ordinance, a court may order a person who causes damage to the environment, a street, or other property as a result of the operation of a golf cart to pay full restitution for that damage above and beyond the penalties paid for civil fines.

Section 10: Should a portion of this ordinance be found invalid for any reason; such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 11: A golf cart operated on a street in the Village under this ordinance is not required to be registered for purposes under MCL 500.3101 of the insurance code.

Section 12: This section does not apply to a police officer, Village officials, employees, contractors or volunteers in the performance of Village duties.

Section 13: The stopping, standing, and parking regulations provided in Chapter 38, Article III of the Village Code, which may be adopted by reference therein, shall also apply to golf carts operated in the Village, as if they are motor vehicles under those provisions.

Section 14: This ordinance shall take effect 30 days from and after approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation, by the Village of Cass City.

At a Regular Meeting of the Village of Cass City Council on the 28th day of September 2020,

**A MOTION TO ADOPT VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, MI PROPOSED ORDINANCE #189,
“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VILLAGE OF CASS CITY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 38, TRAFFIC AND
VEHICLES, ARTICLE V (5) TO BE AMENDED TO READ “GOLF CART ORDINANCE,**

*Was offered by Trustee Herron, and supported by Trustee Leeson
Ayes: Ball, Herron, Kirm, Leeson, Piaskowski, Zawilinski. Nays: None.
Excused: Delamarter. Resolution: Approved*

Nanette Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Cass City

Cremation fee hike back in spotlight

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Commissioner Dan Grimshaw responded.

"Mr. Chair, I would concur with your conclusion this is a matter of hold fast to where we are," Grimshaw said. "And, it would be helpful to have our legal counsel communicate that with Mr. Ransford, to also let him know we are standing pat."

It was Mark Ransford of Ransford-Collon Funeral Homes, Caro, that initially brought the cremation permit fee increase to the attention of commissioners.

Ransford pointed out several times over the last few months that the county abdicated its responsibility to a private sector entity. And, in doing that, he said, it combined two different philosophies of free-market and government, which gave a private enterprise the ability to choose the best of both.

Bardwell said Thursday that commissioners will be discussing the issue again.

In the meantime, Some funeral

home directors in Huron County have also voiced concern over the MIFSM fee hike.

According to James Childs, who owns Champagne Funeral Chapel in Pigeon, funeral home owners in Huron County are also questioning the increase.

"MIFSM signed a contract with the county and then immediately stopped following the terms of the contract by raising the rates and keeping the funds. It makes me wonder what other things they are not going to do correctly," Childs said.

Funeral homes in Huron County, like their counterparts in Tuscola County, were not notified in advance of the cremation permit fee increase. Huron County's charge for a cremation fee permit was \$35 at the time commissioners contracted with MIFSM.

"Initially, we just ate the cost difference because we didn't know anything about it. The funerals were done and over and had been paid. Then, we got notice of the fee change," Childs explained. "In going forward, we had been pass-

ing on the additional cost (\$28) to the family."

He estimated his funeral home has had 25 cremation permits issued.

"All of this could have been prevented with better communication — had MIFSM let us know they had raised prices, (that) would have been helpful," he said.

Childs says he is unsure when the issue will go before the Huron County commissioners, but the plan is to make them aware of it and to address the matter as Tuscola County commissioners did.

During discussions, Dr. Stockman contended MIFSM had the right to cover their costs, and that they provided an invaluable service at a cost savings to counties.

MIFSM is a private, full service regional medical examiner organization based in Saginaw. To-date, 10 counties, including Huron and Tuscola, have entered into contracts for their services rather than operate their own individual medical examiner departments.

As a result of the consolidation of services, there are now 23 investigators, two pathologists, four medical examiners and in-house toxicology lab serving the counties.

Real Estate Auction Sale

Osentoski Auction Service has been commissioned to sell at public auction the following Real Estate Auction, from Cass City, 7 1/8 East to 4921 Cass City Rd.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
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159 +/- Acres total, 123 tillable. on paved road.
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Auten's exchange vows

Marissa Ashley Linzner, daughter of Mark and Missy Linzner of Sebawaing, Shane Josiah Auten, son of Paul and Debra Auten of Decker, were joined in holy matrimony on June 20, 2020.

The ceremony was held at Kilmanagh United Methodist Church, Bay Port, with Pastor Brian Reinhardt officiating the ceremony. The church was filled with hues of burnt reds, oranges, and yellows. From the stained glass windows to the bride's bouquet. The bride's gown was plain, yet elegant, flowing floor length, with mid length sleeves. Her veil flowed beautifully down her head, touching her shoulders.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Madelyn Linzner, sister of the bride as maid of honor.

The best man was Jordan Auten, cousin of the groom.

The air was filled with glorious music performed by the talented Dee Dee Tibbits. She played various songs on her harp, and dulcimer. The highlight of the ceremony was the couple's first display of servitude to one another, as they washed each other's feet.

A small dinner reception followed at the bride's parents home.

Marissa and Shane are residing in Bloomington, MN at Bethany Global University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Education in Missions.



Marissa and Shane Auten

Murder trial expected to conclude

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ecutor Mark E. Reese said at the time.

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

An autopsy performed last December confirmed Dickson's cause of death was multiple stab wounds, according to investigators, who indicated they believed they had located the murder weapon — a knife seized at the crime scene near the victim.

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

The prosecutor has described the attack as being particularly vicious, judging by the wounds suffered by both the victim and child. "All the evidence points to...she (Dickson) was trying to protect the child," he said.

"It's so sad, so incomprehensible."

According to court records, Lyons has a history of domestic assault, including at least two prior convictions of domestic violence involving "assaulting or assaulting and battering his spouse, former spouse, an individual with whom he had a child in common, or a resident or former resident of his household, or of knowingly assaulting a pregnant individual. Those convictions took place in May 2017 and September 2019.

Lyons' trial marks the first remote circuit court trial since the COVID-19 pandemic gripped the country.

In order to adhere to state health and safety restrictions stemming from pandemic, county officials recently set up the remote courtroom inside the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro, which offered enough space to house the proceedings and necessary attendance, including a jury of 12 residents plus four alternatives.

Tuscola County Information System Director Eean Lee reported he and his staff had to build a courtroom in two weeks. To do that it required hooking up microphone connections with recording capabilities, moving some computers, and making sure the necessary programs were available offsite, he explained.

Lee said setting up an entire courtroom in another location was a challenge.

The cost of setting up the remote courtroom will be covered with COVID-19 relief funds.

According to Tuscola County Controller-Administrator Clayette Zechmeister, county officials can use the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) funding awarded to them for expenses stemming from the pandemic.

Freelance writer Mary Drier contributed to this report.

**Send Letters to the Editor to
Cass City Chronicle
P.O. Box 115, Cass City**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Cass City is requesting bids for two parcels of public property known as **6720 Third Street in the Village.**

Parcel Number 035-500-118-0300-00
(frontage on Third Street)
is for sale with a reserve of \$3,000;
and

Parcel Number 035-034-000-0600-00
(landlocked parcel south of frontage parcel)
is for sale with a reserve amount of \$1,000.

Bids are to be submitted to the Municipal Building, at the address below, by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020.

Village of Cass City
Bid: Third Street
6506 Main Street, P.O. Box 123
Cass City, MI 48723

NOTICE

TO USERS OF VILLAGE WATER SERVICE

During the flushing of the hydrants **Wednesday and Thursday, October 7 & 8, starting at 4 a.m.** there may be an abundance of crystallized iron (rust) in the water supplied to your area of the village.

This condition does not render the water unfit or harmful for consumption; however, clothing washed in this water will probably become discolored.

Check the color of your water before placing your clothing into it.

The village is not liable for damage caused by this condition.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

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ONE DAY GARAGE SALE - 6396 Garfield Ave. Thursday, October 8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. clothing, household, elipelectric weed wacker. Everything must go, make us an offer. 14-10-7-1

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demption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. The redemption period further may be shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3238(10) if the property is not adequately maintained, or if the purchaser is denied the opportunity to inspect the property. Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower 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. Dated: September 23, 2020 Randall T. LeVasseur P41712 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgagee 3233 Coolidge Hwy Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 236-1765. 9-23-4

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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, on November 5, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of 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. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lynn Buchanan, a single woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wilmington Trust, National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of OSAT Trust 2019-1
Date of Mortgage: January 31, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: February 15, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$107,452.07
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land commencing on the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 7 East 420.0 feet East of the Northwest corner of said 1/4 Section; thence South parallel to the 1/4 line of said Section 753.0 feet; thence East parallel with the South line of said 1/4 Section 255.0 feet; thence South parallel with said 1/4 line 567.0 feet to the South line of said 1/4 Section; thence East along said line 200.0 feet;

thence North parallel to said 1/4 line 567.0 feet; thence West parallel with said South Section Line, 55.0 feet; thence North parallel with said 1/4 line 753.0 feet to the North line of said 1/4 Section; thence West along the North line of said 1/4 Section 400.00 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 9182 Arbel Rd, Millington, MI 48746-9576
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Village, partners showcase new playground equipment

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City Village officials, service club members, volunteers and other community residents gathered at Cass City Recreational Park last Wednesday to celebrate the installation of new playground equipment following months of planning, fundraising and cooperation.

“It has been getting a lot (of) excitement and use,” village Manager Debbie Powell said of the new equipment, which includes an arch swing that can accommodate multiple children, a “frog climber” and a merry-go-round.

Powell said an \$800 grant awarded by the Don List Fund through the Tuscola County Community Foundation also enabled officials to add something that has been absent from the local park — an adaptable swing for children with special needs, ages five to 12.

“This has been in the works for several months,” Powell said of the combined playground equipment purchases, an effort sparked, in part, by the results of Cass City’s participation in a First Impressions Tourism (FIT) Assessment in cooperation with MSU Extension tourism officials in 2018.

In a nutshell, FIT helps communities learn about their strengths and weaknesses through the eyes of first-time visitors. The FIT program arranges to have a small group of unannounced visitors, all unfamiliar with a town, spend some time in that community. Their observations and comments are then documented and compiled for a report presented to local officials.

For Cass City, that report was presented early this year.

Among the visitors’ suggestions was that village officials look at replacing at least some of the antiquated playground equipment. The appearance of items such as the old merry-go-round, for example, probably wasn’t leaving first-time visitors with a positive impression of the community’s impressive recreation park complex, Powell noted.

And, she added, the FIT representatives weren’t alone in their

recommendation — the village’s insurance company was also voicing some concerns due to the age of the equipment and possible safety issues.

“We had budgeted some money in order to (buy) free-standing playground equipment. But we started looking at the cost, and the cost was staggering,” recalled Powell, who noted the village had earmarked \$10,000 for such purchases in this year’s budget.

The expense prompted village officials to begin applying for grants last year.

Aside from the money awarded by the List Fund, the Cass City-based Pinney Foundation allocated \$5,696 towards the project, and the Cass City Gavel Club offered to chip in another \$3,000. Powell said the village contributed not only financially, but also in manpower as the department of public works crew tackled installation of the new equipment in August.

“We wanted to do it sooner, but we couldn’t because they were actually involved in (installation) of the new splash park, so the guys have been busy,” Powell said.

Completion of the splash park this summer was a major feather in the community’s cap, but the project was overshadowed by the

COVID-19 pandemic. Officials briefly launched a “soft opening” of the facility, but the splash park and Helen Stevens Memorial Pool were closed for the season after a member of the village pool staff tested positive for the virus.

A grand opening is being planned next spring for the splash park, a project spearheaded by longtime Cass City builder and village council Trustee Tom Herron, who enlisted the help of another local construction veteran and fellow council trustee, Don Ball, to get moving on the project.

In 2018, the Pinney Foundation gave the village a \$25,000 grant, and an anonymous source donated another \$40,000 towards the new recreation attraction.

Herron helped with fundraising for the project just as he did when cash was needed for the previously-completed community pool renovations.

Powell acknowledged the challenges officials have encountered along the way with both the splash park and playground equipment replacement.

“We have been really flexible and just take it day by day,” she said, adding the improvements are a credit to the importance of collaboration — among village officials and employees, foundation

representatives, service clubs and volunteers — that have made it possible to achieve so much in a relatively short amount of time.

And there’s more to be done.

“It’s a work in progress because there are different areas of free-standing equipment (that need to be replaced in the village park

complex). Little by little, we want to make our playgrounds safer,” Powell said. “It’s not done yet; we’ve got a lot more work we want to do.

“It’s been an exciting time,” she added. “We’ve been very fortunate. “(We) have a very generous community.”



ALSO NEW at the park is this “frog climber” playground equipment, which along with the other additions are located near the corner of Church and Ale streets, just east of the gazebo.



AMONG THOSE attending last week’s ribbon-cutting ceremony showcasing new playground equipment at Cass City Recreational Park were (from left) Cass City Village Council Trustee Tom Herron; Mike Milligan, Cass City Gavel Club; Mary Jane VanVliet, Dawn Prieskorn and Dave Milligan, Pinney Foundation; Al Jones and Jackie (List) Houser, List Fund; and John Hunter, executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

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