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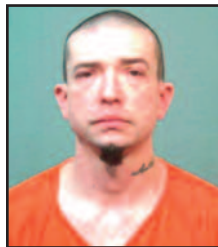
Guilty

Tuscola County jury convicts man in Dec. 15 fatal stabbing

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It took a jury comprised of five men and seven women just about 90 minutes to convict 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.

The trial for Larry E. Lyons, 37, Caro – originally scheduled for two weeks – came to a close last Wednesday afternoon after six days of testimony in a remote courtroom set up inside the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro due to safety concerns



Larry Lyons

stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The jury found Lyons guilty on all counts, including first degree murder, which carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

He was also 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 – along with child abuse, domestic violence (third offense), and carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent.

Following the verdict, circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart revoked Lyons' bond and scheduled sentencing for Friday, Nov. 6, at 9 a.m.

Lyons was initially charged with open murder in the stabbing death of Brandy Marie Dickson, 36. Prosecutors say the victim was Please turn to page 2.



The Great Pumpkin...

IT'S BEEN A banner pumpkin growing season for Sanilac County resident Fred Powell, who not only achieved a personal best pumpkin, but also realized his goal of nurturing a giant pumpkin tipping the scales at more than 1,000 pounds. "We took it Monday (Oct. 5) to the Bad Axe co-op to be weighed. We were shocked to break our old record of 909 pounds from 2017. But we did at 1,020 pounds," Powell's wife, Terrie, reported last week. Looking ahead, the Greenleaf Township couple are setting up a new Facebook page – Powell Family: New Greenleaf Growers – to give others a glimpse into what it takes to grow the giants.

MMR adjustments in evening hours sparks concerns in county

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Because call volume is down and expenses are increasing, officials in charge of the Mobile Medical Response (MMR) ambulance service in Caro have made adjustments impacting service hours.

Caro's MMR ambulance is not operating from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., raising concerns among some officials. However, MMR executives say there are reasons for the change.

During a recent Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Tom Young, who also serves as a liaison on the county's dispatch authority board, asked dispatch Director Sandra Nielsen to address the issue.

"A couple of people at MMR in Caro have repeatedly been out of service for the last few months for 12 hours at a time, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.," said Nielsen. "In August, that equated to being out of service 40 percent of the month, and in July, 25 percent out of service."

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Girls report attempted abduction

The Caro Police Department is continuing its investigation into a possible abduction attempt involving two young girls Friday afternoon near the Schall School playground.

Two 9-year-old female students reported to school staff that they

were approached by a lone subject in a dark blue sedan at about 3 p.m. The girls told police the man attempted to entice them to get in his car.

"They refused and immediately reported the incident to school staff," the department stated in a

news release. "A vehicle matching that description was confirmed to have been in the area.

The male occupant of the vehicle is described as a black male, possibly in his 20s, with a thin build and possibly with a lightning bolt Please turn to page 6.

Local district dodges bullet in pupil count

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

In any other year, Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel and Chief Financial Office Allison Zimba would be looking at dipping into the district's fund balance after seeing a fall enrollment loss of nearly 50 students.

But with the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic earlier this year, 2020 has been anything but typical and, thanks to a decision by state officials, schools are allowed to rely heavily on last year's enrollments to determine this year's state funding.

"We are down 47 students from Please turn to page 4.



THE HURON County Sheriff's Department's longest-serving corrections officer, Sgt. Steven Bischer, pictured above holding a plaque made for him by co-workers, officially closed the books on a career spanning more than 35 years last week. Standing with Bischer is Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

Turnkey no more

Longest-serving Huron County corrections officer Bischer closes the books on career

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Retirements aren't a rare occurrence in law enforcement, but the Huron County Sheriff's Department took special notice of Sgt. Steve Bischer's last day on the job last Wednesday.

"After over 35 years of service to our office, Sgt. Steven Bischer's last day on the job ended at 3 p.m. today," Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson announced in a news release.

"The Ruth native was originally hired as a part-time 'turnkey' in 1985 by then-Sheriff Richard V. Stokan, being promoted to full-time status a year later," Hanson said. "He worked his entire career in corrections, earning the rank of corporal in June of 2010, then sergeant in February of 2018.

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New Caro Center work underway

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

After a false start in 2017, preparations for construction of a new psychiatric hospital in Tuscola County have resumed.

Site work preparation is underway, with one of two unused cottages demolished.

The plan in 2017, before it was halted by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon, was to build a \$115 million, 200-bed, 225,000-square foot hospital.

Following a review of the project ordered by Whitmer and Gordon, however, state officials decided to build a scaled-down version of the new facility.

The new, 100-bed hospital will cost roughly \$63 million and replace the current Caro Regional Mental Health Center outside of Caro on Chambers Road.

Under the latest plan, \$5 million was budgeted for the demolition of two former hospital facilities — Cottage 106 and Cottage One.

Officials say the demolition of Cottage 106 is complete, and asbestos abatement at Cottage One is progressing.

According to Tuscola County Administrator-Controller Clayette Zechmeister, work on razing the building was delayed by Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSHA) due to some asbestos abatement issues.

Aside from progress on site preparation, the issue of getting municipal water to the Caro Center is moving forward.

Because the franchise agreement between Indianfields Township and the city of Caro to extend a

water line 1.9 miles to the new hospital was finalized, a contract for the water project has been awarded to Fisher Contracting.

The new hospital is on track to be completed in the spring of 2023.



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Circuit court proceedings

Trio appear on various charges

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

*Dale R. Doerr, 59, Snover, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail following his conviction on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, third offense, Jan. 26 in Elkland Township.

The jail term will be deferred, provided Doerr is accepted into the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court (TRSC). If not, he must report to jail on the weekends, ac-

ording to court records. He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$758.

*Jennifer E. Gere, 24, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), driving without insurance, and operating a motor vehicle while impaired June 27, 2019, in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was

continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Roger L. Woolworth, 34, Cass City, was sentenced to 60 days in jail following his conviction on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder or by strangulation, and domestic violence Jan. 25 in Wells Township.

The jail term was deferred pending the defendant's successful completion of probation (24 months), according to court records, which state he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,308.

Tuscola Co. jury convicts Lyons on all charges

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

An autopsy performed last December confirmed Dickson's cause of death was multiple stab wounds, according to investiga-

tors, who indicated they believed they had located the murder weapon — a knife seized at the crime scene near the victim.

Lyons was bound over to circuit court for trial in June, but the proceedings were delayed while Lyons underwent a psychiatric examination at the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Yp-

silanti. He was subsequently deemed both competent to stand trial and criminally responsible for his actions.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene has described the attack as being particularly vicious, judging by the wounds suffered by both the victim and child.

Reene said the youngster has since made tremendous progress in her recovery from extensive injuries.

"It's a miracle she lived — that's a term they (doctors) used," he said. "She'll always have some degree of impairment — the question is, greater or lessor."

Reene said the youngster has been placed with Dickson's ex-husband, "who should be recognized for extraordinarily stepping up" to take over her care and rehabilitation.

Although that is good news, Reene said the memory of the fatal attack remains, making this case unlike most of the homicides he's prosecuted over the years.

"You don't see babies with stab wounds," he said. "The jury did a great job paying attention throughout the trial. (But) it's an extremely difficult thing to go through. It's difficult evidence to look at and be exposed to."

"There's something about this case — you saw every witness display the impact it had upon them," he said, noting even veteran police officers, medical first responders and physicians were affected.

"It's a case that haunts everyone involved. It won't be (forgotten)."

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.

Obituaries

Emilie Baker

Emilie Inger Baker, age 80, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2020 at her home in East Lansing, Michigan.

She was born September 23, 1939 in Royal Oak, the daughter of Emil and Inger (Nord) Nelson.

Emilie was a 1957 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School, Mt. Pleasant. She graduated from Central Michigan University with a B.S. in Education in 1966 and a M.A. in 1991. Emilie worked in a variety of positions throughout her years in education. In recent years, she was active in several human rights organizations.

Emilie reflected beauty in her appearance, heart, and soul. She was a humble woman of class and sophistication. She loved to read, was incredibly intelligent, and continually educated herself in areas of interest and current events. Emilie dedicated her life to the wellbeing and happiness of her family. She offered unending support, insight, knowledge, wisdom, and love to them all. She made every day special and celebrated both the smallest and greatest of accomplishments. Emilie enjoyed traveling both nationally and internationally, camping, cooking delicious meals, and spending time with her family and friends. Her loving guidance and unforgettable influence will be felt for generations to come.

Emilie was predeceased by her parents, Emil (1977) and Inger (2001) Nelson; and her daughter, Jill Capps (2010).

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert Baker; one son, Robert Baker II; one son-in-law, Harry Capps; one granddaughter, Kylie (Christian Gojanaj) Capps; one sister; and four nieces and nephews, Jim Baker, Ruth McLachlan, Lisa Fluder and Sasha Cody.

A private celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Lung Cancer Foundation of America by visiting <https://lcfamerica.org>



Michael Falatko

Michael John Falatko, 68, of Cass City, reached his final destination Thursday, October 8, 2020 in United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center, Marlette.

He was born May 1, 1952 in New Castle, PA to John and Joyce (Pavkovich) Falatko.

He married Judith Ann Call May 31, 1975 in West Pittsburg, PA.

Michael received a Bachelor's Degree in Arts and Sciences from Youngstown State University for his undergrad education, he pursued and graduated from their nursing program with an Associate's Degree as a Registered Nurse and later graduated from Ohio State University with a Master's Degree in hospital administration. He and Judy moved to Cass City in 2006 to pursue his career as Chief Executive Officer until 2014 for Hills and Dales General Hospital of Cass City.

Michael was an avid golfer and grew up appreciating outdoor sports such as hunting and fishing. He will be remembered as an intelligent, generous man with a passion for the support and betterment of rural healthcare. Michael was a man of faith who honored God and his country. He was a faithful, loving husband, father and grandfather.

Michael is survived by his wife, Judy; children: Michelle (Chris) Stimson of Lansing, Melissa (Brian) Bayan of Hinsdale, IL and John (Stephanie) Falatko of Fort Wayne, IN; grandchildren: Anmarie Stimson, Mia Bayan, Mattilyn Bayan, Nora Falatko and Benjamin Falatko; father, John Michael Falatko of New Port Richey, FL; sister-in-law: Robin Falatko of West Pittsburg, PA; nieces and nephews: Johnna (William) Pocoa, Katilyn Falatko, Jared Falatko, Heather (Wayne) Ferrell and Rudy Vellone.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce; brother, David Falatko; granddaughter, Angel Bayan.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 16, in Faith Gospel Tabernacle of Bad Axe with Pastor Michael Beeler officiating.

Visitation will take place from 1:00 p.m. until time of service in church.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Scott Hutchinson

Scott Fowler Hutchinson, 53, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Thursday, April 2, 2020 in his home.

He was born August 1, 1966, in Cass City, to Dean and Nancy (Brown) Hutchinson.

Scott graduated from Cass City High School with the Class of 1985.

He went on to attend and graduate from the Detroit Institute of Heating and Cooling, where he specialized in plumbing. For many years, he was employed by Shetler Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Pigeon.

Scott enjoyed being on the water and fishing for anything that swam. An animal lover, pigs and horses were his favorites and he wished to someday raise calves.

Scott learned the skill of successful bee keeping from his father, Dean.

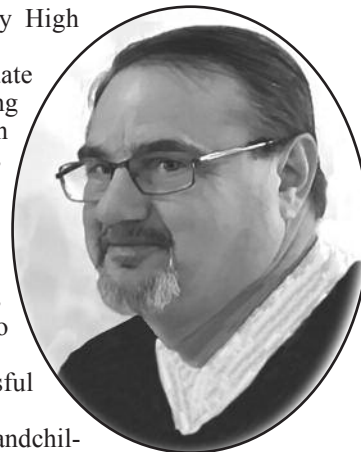
He truly loved his "inherited" grandchildren.

Scott is survived by his parents, Dean and Nancy Hutchinson of Cass City; sister, Deanna Merchant of Cass City; nephews: Kevin (Kayla) Merchant of Gagetown, James Merchant of Royal Oak and Hoyt Merchant of Dover, DE.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Fowler and Fanny Hutchinson and Hazen and Margaret Brown.

A public celebration of Scott's life will be held at the Cass City Gun Club on October 17 at 11 a.m. with a luncheon to follow.

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TUCOLA COUNTY Sheriff's deputies are searching for the driver of a black Buick Regal who led officers on a high-speed chase Oct. 6 in Arbel Township. The suspect, described as being a thin-built white male, abandoned his vehicle after running a stop sign, passing other vehicles at high speed and then losing control and entering a ditch near Lewis Road. "The vehicle was seized as evidence. Inside, the deputies found many gallon bags of marijuana — total weight of five pounds — and open beer," Sheriff Glen Skrent reported. Anyone with information is asked to contact Deputy Coleman at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 4049).

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In Our OPINION...

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Early detection key to defeating cancer

In Michigan, it's estimated there will be 8,800 new cases of breast cancer and that 1,380 women will die from the disease in 2020.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and in an effort to promote early diagnosis and reduce health disparities, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is offering information on what women can do to detect breast cancer early, as well as understand their risks and the lifestyle-related factors that can reduce them.

"It's important for women to know their risk for breast cancer and to talk to their health care provider about screening," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS.

"As women, our risk for breast cancer increases as we get older. Having dense breast tissue, which can mask or hide breast cancer, increases your risk as does having a personal or family history of breast cancer."

African American women are more likely to be diagnosed at a younger age and at a later stage than white women. African American women also have a higher death rate from breast cancer.

All women can reduce their risk of a breast cancer diagnosis by getting regular breast cancer screenings and focusing on healthy behaviors, including increasing physical activity, maintaining a healthy weight, quitting smoking and limiting their alcohol intake.

Being tested for breast cancer is important. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and the American Cancer Society recommend that:

**Women should be able to start screening as early as age 40. Talk to your health care provider about when you should begin screening.*

**Women who are more at risk should begin screening at age 40.*

**Women with an average risk of breast cancer – most women – should begin yearly mammograms by age 45. All women should begin mammography screening by age 50 at the latest.*

Breast exams, either from a medical provider or self-exams, are no longer recommended.

Women should also know their family history of cancer. Roughly five percent to 10 percent of breast cancers are hereditary, meaning breast cancer runs in the family.

There are approved medications for women who are identified at an increased risk for developing breast cancer (and not previously diagnosed). These women should discuss the risks and benefits associated with these medications, in addition to possible lifestyle changes, with their health care provider.

If you are uninsured or know someone who needs help paying for mammograms call 844-I-GOT-SCR (844-446-8727) for more information.

Cancer screenings aren't fun, but nothing is worth facing a diagnosis of cancer if you can avoid it. Get screened for yourself and for all those who love you.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Sign reminds me of a 1971 song



Earlier this month, I read an article in the Detroit News that sent me tripping down memory lane.

The article was about maintenance being done to the governor's residence and a new fence being built around it.

The article went on to note that Michigan State Police (MSP) and the Department of Technology, Management and Budget recommended the maintenance along with a better security fence, which would cost about \$1.1 million and come from the executive office budget.

The article had a photo of a red sign with white letters that said: "Notice. All wires and apparatus in this vicinity DANGEROUS - KEEP AWAY." The sign is to warn passers-by of the danger of construction on the fence around the governor's residence.

As I read the news article, I started humming the 1971 song, "Signs," by the Five Man Electrical Band.

The lyrics are about a sign that said "long-haired freaky people shouldn't bother to apply" for a job. So of course, the guy tucked his long hair under his hat and applied for the job. Because the employer couldn't see he had long hair under his hat, he was hired.

The song pointed out that looks could be deceptive, and how judgmental some people can be.

The song lyrics repeat the words, "Signs, signs, everywhere a sign. Blockin' out the scenery, breakin' my mind. Do this, don't do that, can't you read the sign?"

There are so many signs now, it's to the point of being ridiculous. There are warning signs not to drink coffee right away because it is too hot, and several signs not to do dangerous stunts at home.

So, the sign warning about the fence isn't anything new.

I had always heard the governor's residence referred to as the "governor's mansion." Because of that term, in my mind's eye I always pictured a sweeping mansion like something shown in the movie "Gone with the Wind" of a stately, multi-storied home with tall white columns in front.

Because I'm a Gold Star Mother, I have been invited several times to the governor's home for the memorial to those who had family who died serving their country.

I was surprised to see the governor's mansion was a rather ordinary looking Ranch-style home with a decorative three-foot fence around it.

Since that news article came out, there have been several negative social-media posts about the fence at the governor's residence being upgraded to be more secure, and there were also several threats against Gretchen Whitmer and her family.

Plus, there were armed demonstrators outside of her home because of the COVID-19 "Stay Home - Stay Safe" order, and at least one man was charged with a felony for threatening her.

More recently, federal and state officials announced multiple arrests in connection with a plot to kidnap and murder the governor.

As I finished reading the article, the rest of the song came to mind: "What gives you the right to put up a fence to keep me out or to keep mother nature in? If God was here, he'd tell you to your face, man, you're some kinda sinner."

Those last lyrics gave me pause. Like her or hate her, agree with her or don't, everyone has the right to feel safe in their home.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting has posted sample ballots for the Tuesday, Nov. 3, general election on the county's website at tuscolacounty.org, and she's encouraging everyone to familiarize themselves with the candidates and – most importantly – to cast their vote.

Here are some important upcoming election-related dates:

*Monday, Oct. 19, is the last day to register to vote online. Citizens can still register in person with their clerk before or on Election Day, Nov. 3 (you'll need to bring your proof of eligibility and residency).

*Requests for an absent voter ballot must be received by your township or city clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election (Oct. 30). If you're already registered at your current address, you can request an absent voter ballot in person at your clerk's office anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election.

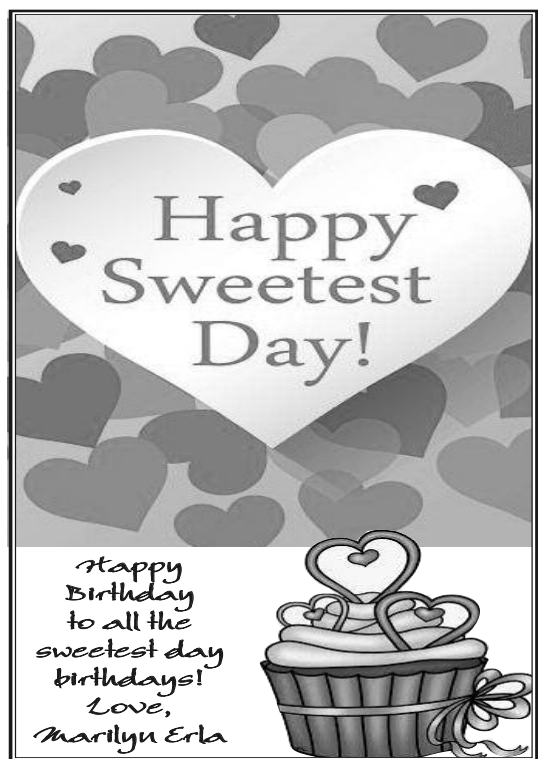
*Your completed absentee ballot must be received by your city or township clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

*If you plan to vote in person on Election Day, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

John Hunter, executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF), announced Thursday that the Apple Blossom Wind Fund is offering a \$250 grant to fund a girls' youth athletic program within the Cass City area.

Applications are available at www.tuscolaccf.org under the "grant application" drop-down section. Hunter encourages prospective applicants to review the grant guidelines document.

More information about the application process is available by contacting Hunter via email at jhunter@tuscolaccf.org or by calling (989) 673-8223.

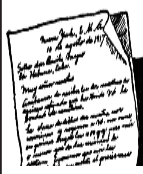


Saturday, October 17, 2020 marks a very sweet 77th birthday for longtime Cass City resident Marilyn Erla.

Sweetest Day hails from all the way back in 1922 when a dozen of Cleveland's candy companies banded together to make the day a little sweeter for some of the city's most vulnerable people. they distributed more than 20,000 boxes of candy to "newsboys, orphans, old folks, and the poor."

Wishing you a very happy birthday Marilyn, from all of us at the Chronicle!

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Kingston Schools deals with Internet challenge

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Like neighboring school districts across the Thumb, Kingston Community School officials have faced a number of challenges when it comes to working the bugs out of online teaching programs for students who opted out of in-person learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among those challenges was solving limited Internet access and addressing reliability of service, but the district has resolved both issues.

In August, the plan was to create an Internet "hotspot" in the downtown area that would provide Internet access to students who do not have service at home. The cost of that plan was \$2,000, with the village offering to share half of the cost.

However, that plan changed when the 2020-21 school year got underway.

A Wi-Fi hot spot was not placed in the park; it was placed at the school and can be accessed in the parking lot.

"We did purchase 30 T-Mobile hotspots to provide Internet to our students," Kingston School Supt. Matt Drake said. "The first priority is our virtual students. We will send the extra 18 devices home with students that are face-to-face to see if the hot spots work for them at home. "Our goal is to be better prepared should we have to go full remote again."

"Our area is cellular and fiber poor. My answer on how fast is it — it is fast enough in most cases. Early reports show that Internet quality varies, but for the most part they are getting the job done," Drake said.

The cost to the district to provide Internet service is \$7,200 annually for unlimited data for all 30 devices. "It takes a lot of data to watch instructional videos," Drake noted.

To get a device, students and parents must sign an agreement that states the hotspots are exclusively for student use, and exclusively for school-work.

"We are going to do a 'trial virtual day' at the end of the month to see where everyone's Internet stands," he said.

Some observations over the summer sparked the change in hotspot plans, according to Drake.

"I would find cars sitting in our parking lot. I would go to them to ask their business, and they would say, 'Just using your high-speed internet,'" he explained.

A number of Kingston students opted to attend classes virtually when the new school year began, according to Drake.

"Seventy-five virtual out of 650 total students — about 11 percent virtual," he said. "We started with a higher percentage, (but) some of them came back to face-to-face."



Fire fighters recognized...

THE ELMWOOD Township-Gagetown Fire Department was recently recognized by the Michigan State Firemen's Association for the unique way in which it delivered fire prevention materials. The Elmwood department's idea was to include that information during a community food giveaway, where more than 350 food boxes were distributed along with fire prevention pamphlets. "Not only did they step in to help, they also took the opportunity to pass along printed fire prevention materials and handed out activity books to the children," Michigan State Firemen's Association noted.

Local district dodges bullet in pupil count

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fall 2019 to fall 2020," Hartel reported following last Wednesday's annual statewide fall student count, which saw Cass City

Schools record a combined enrollment of 943 kids, with 481 in the elementary grades and 462 at the junior-senior high building.

"With the new blended count formula of 75 percent of last year's winter count and 25 percent of this year's fall count, our blended count is only down approximately 6 (students). This translates to a loss of about \$50,000, which has been budgeted for," Hartel said.

Hartel believes this year's enrollment decrease is due largely to the loss of 10 or more exchange students along with a number of families that decided to homeschool this year due concerns over the pandemic. "Hopefully by next year, (enrollment of those students) will have gone up," he said.

Enrollment plays a key role in

school funding from the state, which "blends" student counts conducted twice a year by districts; once in February and again the following October. Prior to this year, the state's blending formula placed the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is usually worth 90 percent of the total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools' foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. For example, Cass City's blended enrollment this school year is 980 students, and the district is receiving roughly \$8,000 per student.

Had the state not adjusted this year's funding formula, the Cass City Schools would have sustained a funding loss in the neighborhood of \$375,000.

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

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Reporter's notebook

Nag the women in your life this month

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I tease my wife frequently about being a big nag, but she and my grown children will tell you (with pleasure) that I'm the biggest nag in the house.

They're right, but I like to think of myself as being a good "reminder". It can be a bad habit, but not when it comes to protecting your loved ones from breast cancer.

Area residents are bound to hear plenty about October's designation as Breast Cancer Awareness Month over the next several days. In the past, local businesses have observed the month, in part, with window displays and pink ribbons promoting awareness of breast cancer.

The effort will also hopefully serve as a reminder that a diagnosis of this type of cancer doesn't have to be a death sentence. Far from it.

But it takes a proactive approach to beat this killer, something many area residents know firsthand. Countless others have also experienced the dread of hearing the word "cancer" — after all, how many of us haven't been touched in some way by breast cancer, whether it involved a wife and mother, grandmother, a sister, or a close friend?

Among Michigan women, breast cancer is the most commonly newly-diagnosed cancer, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the state. The death toll was about 1,460 women in 2014. In 2018, 14.9 percent of deaths from cancer among Michigan women were due to breast cancer. When 2020 comes to a close, health officials predict more than 8,800 new cases of breast cancer will have been diagnosed, and that more than 1,380 people will have died from the disease.

In spite of those statistics, MDHHS officials say the number of breast cancer deaths and new diagnoses have declined in Michigan.

Bottom line? Many women are surviving.

In fact, through research and advocacy, advances have been made in the fight against this awful disease, including an increased rate of early detection and a 98-percent, five-year survival rate for localized breast cancer.

Virtually everyone has their own story. Here's mine: I was 16 when my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. She spent her 40th birthday in a hospital bed after surgeons removed her left breast. It was a devastating experience for her.

But that was 42 years ago. Mom survived to enjoy decades of life, creating so many memories with my siblings and me, and welcoming many grandchildren and great-grandchildren over the years before her death at the ripe young age of 80 in 2019.

Doctors say early detection is the key to survival. With regular screening, breast cancer is more likely to be detected at an earlier stage, when it is most treatable.

Now, I'll be the first to say breast cancer isn't the easiest topic for a man to bring up with the women in his life. But any discomfort you might feel simply doesn't compare to the dread of having to schedule an appointment with an oncologist. Or sitting in a hospital waiting room while someone close to you is undergoing surgery.

Like I said, it's all about early detection. So, go ahead, guys, remind your wife, your daughters, your mother and your sisters about the importance of being screened, especially if they're over the age of 40.

And then, remind them again.

Do whatever it takes to prevent your loved ones from becoming another statistic in a book that might be quite a bit thinner if we all did a little more nagging.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Kenna Nye, a Cass City High School sophomore, recently accomplished what no other youth has — capturing back-to-back Youth Cart Class titles during the World Clydesdale Show earlier this month in London, Ontario, Canada. She also earned a second-place ribbon in the Sr. Youth Team competition.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

The Elkland Township Fire Department offered prizes for the first time this year in their annual fire safety poster contest. Winners are Brandon Wright (first place, \$20 prize), Zane Wright (second place, \$15 prize), and Riley Klein (third place, \$15 prize). Brandon Wright's poster was submitted for additional judging against other fifth graders in Tuscola County at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Margaret Grider recently enjoyed a 10-day vacation as a guest of her aunt, Colonel Margaret Phillips of Denver, Colorado. They toured Fitzsimmons Army Hospital where her aunt retired after over 33 years of service as Chief of Nursing Department. Later they toured Denver, visited the Denver Historical Museum, Molly Brown House and the new airport in Denver.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Born Oct. 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kitchen of Cass City, a son, Kyle Jae, in Hills and Dales Hospital. He weighed seven and a half pounds. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stilson of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Kitchen of Caro.

Baptized Sunday morning at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was Shata Marie, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Guinther.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Mrs. George DeRocco and baby, Rachel Nicole, came home from Caro Community Hospital Friday, Oct. 24. Grandparents are Larry McClorey, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rabideau and Mr. and Mrs. George DeRocco, Sr. of Colwood. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Glenn McClorey, Clarence May of Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coffman of Saginaw and Mrs. Gertrude Brown of Mt. Clemens.

Two-year-old Brad Whittington doesn't have to wait for a visit from the Great Pumpkin. He has his own, grown by his parents, Don and Tracy Whittington of Englehart Road, Cass City. The biggest weighs 111 pounds.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

The 1970 Cass City High School Home-coming queen will be announced Friday night between

halves of the football game. It will be one of these seniors, Patty Wood, Cindy Strickland, or Lynn Johnston.

Seaman Dean Hulien has left for the duty station at Pensacola, Fla., where he will attend a five-month Communication School. He recently finished his basic recruit training at Great Lakes, Ill.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

There was rejoicing in the Stephen Dodge home in Novesta when a letter arrived from their son, Cpl. Stephen Dodge, from Okinawa. "I have little time right now so I think I had better drop you a line to let you know I am alright. You probably heard over the radio what was going on last week, we had a bad typhoon here. We lost everything we had, our tents all blew away and all of our clothes went with them. When we saw wood and everything going through the air, we were really afraid and we went and found an old tomb and stayed there all night and the next day. The tomb is where they bury everybody over here. But I didn't care what was in there that night; all I wanted to do is get in where we would not get hit.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Jacob Anthes returned Tuesday from Atlanta, Georgia, where he exhibited Crandell's Prize Hogs at the fair. Andrew Champion, who accompanied him, expects to return the last of the week.

Obituaries

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Connie Brink

Connie M. Brink, 77, formerly of Cass City, passed away peacefully at her Maryland home on September 12, 2020 after a lengthy illness.

She was born July 14, 1943 to the late Kermit and Alma (Spencer) Hartwick of Cass City.

Connie moved to Maryland to live with her daughter and family in early 2015.

Connie was a graduate of Cass City High School, after which she moved to Indiana to pursue a Dental Nurse degree. Upon completion of the program, she applied and was accepted to the American Airlines School in Texas, where she studied and worked to become an Airline Stewardess. During her time with the airline, her home airport was O'Hare International, in Chicago. She met her husband, Douglas Brink, while in Chicago. They were married in 1965, and moved to Michigan shortly thereafter, eventually settling in Caro. Connie helped her husband open and operate the Clark Gas Station. She then served as the hostess and co-manager of the Cock and Bull restaurant, which she and Doug owned. She was also a homemaker and mother.

She and Doug built a home and moved to Cass City in the mid 1990's.

She continued to live there after Doug passed away on May 21, 2004. Before she moved to Maryland, she volunteered with the Foster Grandparent Program, serving as a resource to help in the classroom at Cass City Public Schools. She was also a member of the Cass City First Presbyterian Church.

Once in Maryland, Connie was immensely happy to support her grandson, Logan, in his bicycling pursuits, often travelling with the family to his events.

She enjoyed exercise walks, shopping and eating out with her daughter and family, and the company of the family dog.

Connie is survived by her daughter Michele (Shelly Brink) Pringle, son-in-law Steven Pringle and grandson Logan Pringle, all of Stevensville, MD; one sister Kimberly (Thomas) Smentek of McKinney, TX; one niece Laura (Erik) Lybeck of Nashville, TN; one nephew Brett Smentek of New York City; great-nephew David, great-nieces Julia & Amy; and her Aunt Janet (Spencer) Pierangelino.

A private graveside memorial service will be held October 17th and internment will be at Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com. Local arrangements by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.



Richard Reid

Richard Paul Reid, DVM, 75, of Gregory, MI passed away on October 5, 2020 after fighting a courageous battle against prostate cancer.

He was born April 15, 1945 to Donald and Jean (Clara) Reid of Cass City.

Richard was a 1963 graduate of Cass City High and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University in 1968.

Dr. Reid practiced veterinary medicine in Grand Ledge, Bay City and then started his own small animal clinic in Caro. He practiced there from 1973 to 2005. After selling Caro Veterinary Clinic, he conducted relief work for two years and then retired in Gregory.

His first love was veterinary medicine, but he also enjoyed working with his hands and created a number of wood related projects. He helped build his retirement home. He assisted friends and family in remodeling several parts of their homes. Most recently, in August of this year, he finished a desk and two end tables that he made with his granddaughters.

Richard was also a loyal MSU Spartan Fan.

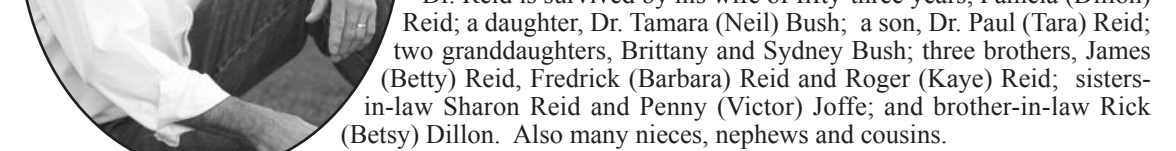
After retiring, Richard and his wife, Pam, traveled to a number of different countries. Two memorable vacations were a family trip to Hong Kong and Thailand and a trip to South Africa.

Dr. Reid is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, Pamela (Dillon) Reid; a daughter, Dr. Tamara (Neil) Bush; a son, Dr. Paul (Tara) Reid; two granddaughters, Brittany and Sydney Bush; three brothers, James (Betty) Reid, Fredrick (Barbara) Reid and Roger (Kaye) Reid; sisters-in-law Sharon Reid and Penny (Victor) Joffe; and brother-in-law Rick (Betsy) Dillon. Also many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private gathering will take place to celebrate his life, with a memorial service planned for next summer.

If interested in a memorial donation, please consider donating to St. Jude's, it was an organization that Richard valued and thought did excellent work for children and their families.

Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com.



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Huron County eyes recycling program

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Efforts are underway to establish a recycling program in Huron County.

The county has been without a recycling program since June, when Thumb Industries stopped accepting materials in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two months later, the agency eliminated the program altogether because of financial reasons.

Thumb Industries had provided recycling services since 2009.

Huron County Commissioner Michael Meissner attended a recent Bingham Township meeting to offer an update on county issues, including recycling.

According to Meissner, a committee has reached out to officials in Tuscola and Sanilac counties because they both have recycling programs that have been in operation for several years.

A ballot proposal to fund recycling in Huron County has been discussed in the past.

Tuscola's recycling program is funded with .15 of a mill that is renewed every six years. The next time the renewal is up for a vote is in 2024. The millage generates about \$235,000 a year and the sale of recycling items generates between \$30,000 and \$50,000, depending on the market.

Likewise, Sanilac County's recycling program is funded with a millage levy. Earlier this year, voters passed a request to renew .15 of a mill for four years, effective from 2020 to 2023. The tax levy generates an estimated \$245,072 annually, with the funding earmarked for recycling and household hazardous waste collection services only.

Tuscola County's recycling program has been going strong since 1996.

At the time, the then-village of

Caro had its own recycling program that was spearheaded by a grassroots group, assisted by local Boy Scouts. Inmate labor from the Tuscola County Jail was also used.

Little by little the effort grew and became large enough for residents to pass a millage supporting it, which enabled officials to hire a recycling educator and staff to man the recycling center.

Tuscola County's recycling operations are in the process of relocating about a mile north of the current recycling center at 1123 Mertz Rd., Caro. That one-acre site is a former Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) building rented from the city of Caro for \$1 a year.

The new recycling site is the former Riverview Auto, 987 Ellington St., which has a building that totals about 7,000 square foot and 10 acres that was previously home to a scrap and salvage yard since the early 1980s.

The new location will allow the agency to expand the amount of recyclables collected because it has more space.

The effort to relocate operations ran into several obstacles, including contamination not previously addressed, property transfer, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are really close to being ready to relocate to the new center. It has been a long process, but we are in the home stretch," said Mike Miller, Tuscola County Building and Grounds director and recycling director.

"We hope to be in there by the end of the year and operating."

Almost all of the materials Tuscola receives remain in the state and go to recycling processing centers.

Cardboard goes to Grand Rapids and Manistique in the Upper Peninsula. The recycled paper goes to make animal bedding in

Grand Rapids. Plastic bottles goes to a company in Dundee to make detergent bottles. Styrofoam goes to the Dart Container Corporation in Mason, and the scrap metal goes to the Thumb Auto Core's salvage yard in Caro.

Huron County's effort to try to continue recycling ties in with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) effort to expand recycling in the state.

EGLE officials are looking to double Michigan's recycling rate from 15 percent to 30 percent by 2025.

Being able to meet that target rate would create nearly 13,000 jobs and add up to an economic impact of \$300 million each year, according to EGLE.

Attempted abduction

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cut into his hairline.

"No registration plates were observed. The vehicle was reported to have dice hanging from the rearview mirror," the news release noted.

"Our officers are continuing to investigate the incident and are attempting to locate the vehicle. This is a reminder for parents and their children to remain alert to the possibility of approaches by strangers."

Anyone with information related to the vehicle or suspect is asked to contact Officer Adam Kunisch via email at akunisch@carocity.net, or by calling (989) 233-6560, or Officer Ryan Avery at ravery@carocity.net or by calling (989) 529-6475.



MICHIGAN STATE Police Trooper Nicole Dhooghe was recently awarded the Recognition of Excellence by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). For the past two years, she has served as the MSP Caro Post's community service trooper.

MADD honors Caro trooper

The Michigan State Police (MSP) recently announced that Trooper Nicole Dhooghe has been awarded the Recognition of Excellence by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

"Trooper Dhooghe was recognized for her work at the Caro Post with the Fatal Vision Pedal Cart Program. This award is for an individual or agency working in education, prevention, or innovation to reduce impaired driving," explained Caro Post Commander First Lt. Brian McComb.

"Trooper Dhooghe has provided this program to approximately 2,500 youth in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties since 2019," McComb said.

"The program utilizes 'fatal vision' goggles and pedal carts to simulate the effects of drugs and alcohol on a person's vision and movements. The program was made possible by donations from businesses and individuals within the Caro Post area."

Dhooghe has spent the last two years serving as the community service trooper for the Caro Post. She enlisted with the MSP in 2012, graduating as a member of the 124th Trooper Recruit School.

A native of Frankenmuth, Dhooghe was assigned to the Caro Post after graduating. She is married to MSP Detective Sgt. Thomas Dhooghe, and they have two children.

Bischer a turnkey no more

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"To my knowledge, through my 38 years of involvement at our office, no deputy has ever served as long in corrections as (Bischer).

"Steve's most notable on the job memory occurred around five years into his career when he and then-Deputy James Detgen foiled an escape attempt. An inmate was attempting to burn his way out through a skylight using an aerosol can and lighter, which set the jail on fire and seriously burned the inmate," Hanson recalled. "The two deputies and quick response from Bad Axe Firemen minimized and extinguished the fire, while tending to the burned inmate until medical personnel took over."

Bischer, an Ubyly resident for the past 14 years, remembers the incident.

"That's when they (inmates) were allowed to smoke, back in the day," he said, adding the inmate's attempt to burn the skylight resulted in melted pieces of plastic falling on his body. "That didn't work out so good."

The incident would also not be the last in which Bischer would face danger on the job.

In the fall of 2013, he was transporting an inmate to a psychiatric facility in Saginaw when another motorist ran an intersection and struck his car, leaving him with injuries requiring back surgery. He was on leave for about six months.

And, in the spring of 2015, he was preparing to escort another inmate from his cell when the man attempted to stab Bischer with a shank he had fashioned out of an ink pen and some cellophane. Bischer escaped serious injury — he received a tetanus shot and was back on the job the same day. The inmate didn't fare as well; the attack earned him a prison sentence of 17 to 30 years.

"It's one of the things (that happen) along the way," said Bischer.

"It was a long haul. There were days when I said, what am I doing?" he recalled. "I always said, tomorrow's a new day. That's what got me through those days."

Deciding on law enforcement as a career came naturally for Bischer, whose father, Eugene, headed up a one-man police force years ago in Huron County's Sherman Township when the municipality had its own police department.

While many police officers get their start in corrections, a number move on to other assignments such as road patrol. But Bischer was content to remain a corrections officer throughout his career.

"You know, I guess it was, I had a day shift — 12-hour shifts, every other weekend off — I knew my hours, I knew the environment I was going to be in," he said.

At the same time, he served his communities in other ways.

Bischer put in 20 years with the Sherman Township Fire Department, including four years as fire chief, and after moving to Ubyly in 2005, he joined the Bingham Township Fire Department, serving 15 years. He also worked as a first responder with the Bingham Township Ambulance Service for a couple years.

Today, his sons, Kyle and Ryan, have both followed in his footsteps, with Kyle a member of both the Bingham and Elkland township fire departments, and Ryan volunteering with the Bingham department.

In retirement, Bischer and his wife, Lynne, plan to relocate full-time to northern Michigan, where they have a cabin, and spend the winters in Florida.

But they'll also spend time with their sons, who reside in the area along with Bischer's father and mother, Helen, and other family members.

Bischer, who plans to enjoy some camping and deer hunting — and a commercial driver's license that he hopes to put to good use working a part-time job — can also look back on a long and satisfying career that has had its ups and downs.

"Now it's going to treat me good," he said. "I'm 55 and can do what I want."



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CASS CITY senior Ryan DeLong chases USA quarterback Connor Gettel during Friday's GTW contest. The visitors spoiled the Patriot Homecoming with a game-winning touchown in the closing seconds.

Fernald's final seconds heroics save Cass City

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Host USA stood just 51 seconds from an upset victory Friday over Greater Thumb West 2 time defending champions Cass City, after Patriot Braylon Ballard raced 71 yards with a Connor Gettel pass for a late go-ahead touchdown.

But before the sparse homecoming crowd – due to Covid-19 restrictions - had time to celebrate, Cass City senior quarterback Bryce Fernald had marched the Red Hawks to pay dirt in only 25 seconds to regain the lead for good.

With the 28-24 win, Cass City remains undefeated (4-0 overall, 3-0 GTW) and can now grab at least a share of the Greater Thumb West crown for a third straight year Friday in Caro.

USA has provided the Red Hawks with stern tests in recent years and the two rivals' 2020 matchup was no different. It started with a Walker Foley touchdown run of 8-yards for USA, followed by Gettel's pass to Ballard for the points after that ended the scoring in the opening quarter.

Cass City answered with a Noah Zaleski touchdown run of 13 yards midway thru the second frame. But tied 8-8, USA's Gettel found the end zone from the 7-yard line with only 22 seconds left to the intermission. Gettel's PAT pass to Foley gave the hosts a narrow 16-8 advantage entering the final half.

There, Fernald came to Cass City's rescue. He used a 3-yard run

to slice into the USA margin late in the third quarter, but a failed PAT attempt would see Cass City trailing 16-14 starting the final 12 minutes of regulation.

Neither team threatened in the early stages of the final quarter but with just over a minute remaining Fernald scored his second TD on the night to put the visitors on top, 20-16.

That's when the real excitement started as the two foes exchanged markers during the final minute.

Ballard put USA back on top with his long touchdown reception, 24-20, but left 51 ticks on the clock.

That was more than enough time for a cool and calm Fernald to orchestrate a game-winning drive. And with 26 seconds remaining, and seemingly with ice running thru his veins, Fernald connected with Alex Perry on a 14-yard pass that broke the hearts of Patriots fans.

"What an exciting game. It was nice to come out on top. It was a hard fought game. Kudos to our offense at the end lead by Bryce Fernald who put together a great drive. Bryce led the squad in the final seconds. This game gave us the opportunity to repeat our league title," said Cass City Coach Scott Cuthrell.

Fernald accounted for three touchdowns for the winners. He ran for two touchdowns and passed for another. On the ground, Zaleski led the charge with 103 yards on 11 carries while Jordan Mester added 47 rushing yards on 10 tries and Perry 29

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RED HAWK Brandon Witherspoon, front, and Vaughn Severance were Cass City's top finishers over the weekend on their home course.

O-G senior wins race

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

The annual Cass City Red Hawk Cross Country Invitational Saturday drew the fewest number of teams battling for weekend honors due to coronavirus restrictions.

Adding salt to the wound, Cass City was short-handed over the weekend at their final scheduled home gathering, according to Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

"We had a couple of key injuries that we were resting to prepare for the conference meet and the pre-regional in two weeks. As a result, we did not run Nick McArdle and Amelia Weiler," he said.

Despite the loss of Weiler, the Lady Red Hawk team still finished in first and easily claimed the championship trophy with a score of 26. Almont was the runner-up with a score of 41 and USA came in third with a score of 56.

Riley Copeland, Diana Cortes, Madi Ware, Paula Learman and Madi Beckrow all turned in excellent performances for the winners.

"The Cass City course is probably the toughest course in our season, this makes our times not look as good as they really are. This also should help to prepare us well for the next few meets which are very flat and fast courses. I expect our teams to do very well as we move towards the end of the season," Zdrojewski said, noting the GTC League Meet is set for Tuesday in Reese.

Copeland and Cortes recorded Top 5 finishes for Cass City. Copeland was clocked in 22:58, her time was only bettered by Owen-Gage's Libby Ondrajka, who crossed the end line with a winning time of 22:05. Cortes followed Copeland across the finish line in 23:17.

Turning to the men's race, USA was the winner with a near perfect

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Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week

Knights Insurance Agency is proud to present Jeremy Velasquez as their Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week.

A senior on the Red Hawk championship football team, Jeremy has dominated the line of scrimmage for the past two seasons.

In Friday's win over USA, Jeremy had 7 solo tackles and assisted on 4 others. He was also part of one tackle for loss.

"Jeremy is the best tackler in the Thumb with a nose for the ball," according to defensive coach Tavis Osentoski.

In 2019, Jeremy was a Greater Thumb West all-conference first team performer on both offense and defense.

Jeremy is the son of Sechenia Britt and step-son of Greg Brown.



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KINGSTON'S Kaidin Peters, right, embraces Boone DeLong after hauling in a scoring pass Friday night.

Cardinals collect first win on homecoming night in Kingston

Host Kingston capitalized on a pair of Merritt Academy miscues Friday to help register their first win of the season, 36-14, on homecoming night.

The Mustang's first error – a bad punt snap exchange – gave Kingston the ball deep in the Red Zone, where Jacob Rayl made the visitors pay moments later as he found pay dirt from 3-yards out. Boone DeLong hauled in quarterback Luke Fetting's pass for points after and with 9:36 on the clock Kingston led, 8-0.

The Mustang's next possession came to a halt near midfield after the hard hitting DeLong pounced on a visitors' fumble. It didn't take long for Kingston to strike after the blunder and on the next play, Fetting hit Owen Corlis for a 29-yard touchdown. DeLong added the run for points after and Kingston would lead entering the second quarter, 16-0.

The Mustangs would narrow the gap to 16-8 at the half, but Kingston took control with 14 points shortly after the break.

Fetting completed 5-of-10 pass attempts for 90 yards with Corlis and DeLong splitting 4 receptions. On the ground, Rayl finished with 194 yards and DeLong added 61 rushing yards.

"I am very proud of our guys for continuing to grind everyday even though Friday nights have not gone the way we had hoped. They were extremely hungry to get a win and it showed. We continue to improve each day and that is really all we can ask," Brandon Jones, Kingston coach said.

Cass City spikers trip in GTW play

Cass City split a pair of Greater Thumb West matches last week before traveling to Marlette on Saturday for round-robin tournament play. Coach Amy Cuthrell's Red Hawks defeated St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 25-20, 25-12, 17-25 and host Marlette, 25-16, 25-22, 25-13, but fell to Lapeer in straight sets 19-25, 24-26, 16-25.

"We played some big schools with big teams and big athletic ladies. I was incredibly proud of our team as we defeated, or were competitive in all of the games. It was a complete team effort with all members contributing. These weekends although look different than years past have really challenged us and have allowed us to

continue to improve," Cuthrell said.

Individually, Haven Bouverette had 26 kills for Cass City, one more than teammate Sierra Spry. Abbey Phillips added 43 assists and Saylor Cuthrell added 33 assists and 36 service points.

Leading the Cass City defensive effort was Madison Cumper and Macey White with 72 and 44 digs, respectively. Sierra Spry had a team-high 31 blocks.

GTW MATCHES

Cass City traveled to Vassar Thursday and took out their frustrations with one-sided decisions of 25-16, 25-10 and 25-21. The Red Hawks entered the confer-

ence affair after coming up short against host Bad Axe on Tuesday. After taking game one against the Hatchets, 25-23, Cass City lost the next 3 games 16-25, 20-25, 20-25.

"It was a tough night for the Hawks. We just could not put together a consistent game on either side of the ball. Bad Axe has a strong net game and they were able to capitalize on it," said Cuthrell.

Haven Bouverette had 18 kills to pace Cass City at the net in vain, while Abbey Phillips had 26 assists and Macey White 16 digs – both team highs.

Against the Vulcans, the winners had White recording 11 kills, Phillips 14 assists, and Cumper 11 digs.

Runners meet

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score of 18, while Cass City defeated Almont, 43-65, to complete the team standings.

"The Patriots are a very strong team and will be great competition for Caro for the League title on the 20th. USA will also be a favorite in their Division 4 Regional and should finish very well at the state finals," said Zdrojewski.

With McArdle absent, Cass City was led by Brandon Witherspoon. He was 5th to the tape with a time of 19:51.

"Brandon is someone I can always count on to perform at his best," said Zdrojewski, adding, "Both Vaughn Severance (20:02) and Gabe Schwendinger (20:05) ran great races; these two are coming into their own as competitive athletes in cross country."

Hugh Walker was the team's 4th scorer with a time of 21:34 and continues to run very strong despite his lingering back injury.

Alex Hopper finished in the final scoring position for Cass City and completed the 5,000 meter run in 24:26.

"Alex has continued to improve over the course of the season. He is finding his way as a distance runner through the course of his

inaugural cross country season." The men's winner was Ty Pavlichek, USA, with a time of 17:57.



RED HAWK Chloee Jaworski braides her teammate Riley Copeland's hair before Saturday's meet.

Hawks win

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rushing yards on 11 totes. Defensively, Cass City had Jeremy Velasquez with 11 tackles and Perry with 8 stops including a sack and interception. For USA, Jacob Nimtz had 12 tackles and

Lady Cards take crossover battles

Kingston dominated a pair of North Central Thumb League crossover matches last week, downing both Bay City All Saints and Akron-Fairgrove in straight sets.

On Thursday, Coach Beth Hunter's Cardinals traveled to Bay City to take on the Cougars and came home with a win. Scores on the night were 25-10, 25-12 and 25-18.

"The Cardinals put together one of their best matches of the season and had contributions from everyone," Hunter said.

Individually, for the winners, Hannah James had 28 assists, 5 service points and 2 kills; Isabel Hurd 14 service points, 9 kills, 2 aces and one assist; Ella Retan 9 kills, 5 service points and one ace; Olivia Ulewicz 17 service points and 2 aces; and Delaney St George 4 kills.

Earlier in the week, Kingston defeated visiting Akron-Fairgrove with scores of 25-17, 25-21 and 25-18 on Tuesday.

The Vikings got out to an early lead in all three sets before the Cardinals found a way to string together points late to come away with the victory.

James had 12 service points, 10

assists, 5 aces, 3 digs and one kill to pace the hosts, while Hurd added 7 kills, 3 service points and 2 aces; Retan 14 service points, 5 aces and 4 kills; Ulewicz 5 service points, 3 aces, 2 assists, and one

kill; and Brooklyn Walker chipped in 6 service points, 2 digs, 1 ace and one kill.

Kingston (7-1 Overall, 4-1 NCTL Stars) was scheduled to host CPS Tuesday.

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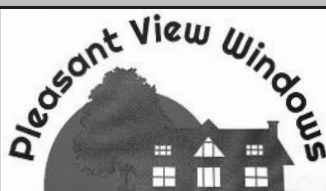
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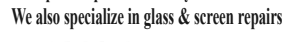
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Oct. 16 Weekend (11-player games)				
Cass City -vs- Caro	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
EPBP -vs- Bad Axe	EPBP	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	EPBP
Ubly -vs- Brown City	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Sandusky -vs- Memphis	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Harbor Beach -vs- Marlette	Marlette	Harbor Beach	Marlette	Harbor Beach
Vassar -vs- USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
(8-man games)				
Deckerville -vs- Genesee	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Kingston -vs- Morrice	Morrice	Morrice	Morrice	Morrice
(Pro game)				
Lions -vs- Jaguars	Lions	Lions	Jaguars	Lions
LAST WEEK	4-5	5-4	5-4	6-3
SEASON RESULTS	(25-9) 74 %	(29-5) 85%	(24-10) 71%	(24-10) 71%

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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	CC 28, USA 24
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	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

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News briefs

Thousands apply for college aid

LANSING – Just two weeks into the application process, more than 60,000 Michiganders had submitted applications for the new Futures for Frontliners program. The first-in-the-nation initiative provides a tuition-free pathway to college or a technical certificate to essential workers who do not have a college degree, including those who lack a high school diploma.

“This past spring, these brave men and women put their lives on the line every day to ensure we have essential services and products we need to stay healthy and safe, I am truly thrilled to see that so many are taking advantage of this program – they earned it,” Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said. “I encourage every eligible frontline worker to see if this free college scholarship opportunity is right for them.”

“Good paying jobs and a stronger Michigan economy require more of us to have an education beyond high school. The strong interest in Futures for Frontliners shows us that Michiganders are ready to build a brighter, more secure future for themselves and their loved ones,” Dept. of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) director Jeff Donofrio said. “With the economic uncertainty that comes with the COVID-19 pandemic and the thousands of high-skilled jobs going unfilled, there’s no better time to add new skills.”

Residents can learn more about the Futures for Frontliners program by visiting the website www.michigan.gov/Frontliners.

Unionville tire collection slated

Although the annual collections of unwanted used tires at satellite locations throughout Tuscola County have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still an opportunity to properly dispose of tires.

The Unionville Village Council recently approved an unused tire collection in Columbia Township, behind the village hall at 6454 Merry St., Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

For several years, the Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement and Tuscola County Recycling have coordinated a collection program for unwanted used tires in collection sites in communities throughout the county. Tire collections help to eliminate potential breeding sites for mosquitoes in addition to removing unwanted tires from communities.

The tire collections are limited to county residents only, with restrictions placed on the number of tires (seven per vehicle) that may be dropped off. Tires should be clean and not attached to an axle, and participants should bring their own help to unload the tires.

Daley to host district photo contest

LANSING — State Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum) recently announced his office will be hosting an online photo contest featuring photos from the 31st District, which includes Tuscola County.

“The Bay Area and Thumb region are full of pure Michigan landscapes,” Daley said. “I look forward to the many photos highlighting what makes the 31st District one of the most beautiful places in the state.”

Residents of Tuscola, Bay and Lapeer counties may submit their photos on the Pure Michigan Photo Contest page on Daley’s Senate website at www.SenatorKevinDaley.com. The deadline to enter is Friday, Oct. 30, at 5 p.m.

Only one submission is allowed per person, and the photos must be taken in the 31st District.

Finalist photos will be posted to Daley’s page on Facebook. Visitors to the page will then be able to vote for the photos they like the most. Each finalist photo will receive one vote for each “like” it gets on Facebook and one vote for each vote it garners on a website poll.

“At the end of the contest, the three photos with the most votes will win and will be displayed in my Lansing office,” Daley said. “The goal of this photo contest is to help promote our state by giving residents a fun and creative opportunity to showcase what makes the 31st District such an incredible place to live.”

It’s Crime Prevention Month

CARO – Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent is reminding area residents that October is National Crime Prevention Month, and he’s offering suggestions on how to protect themselves.

“One of the best ways to take an active part in crime prevention is to become more alert and aware of what is going on around you,” Skrent said.

“Avoid hiding extra keys under doormats or in planters. Install easy-to-use locks on your doors and windows. Installing deadbolt locks on doors provides extra security.

“Never give out your social security, credit card or bank numbers over the phone, email, mail or door-to-door sales,” the sheriff added. “Place valuables and shopping bags in the trunk of your car. If you can see valuables from the outside of your car, so can thieves.”

Residents can learn more by visiting the website www.ncpc.org.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



CENTRAL Thumb Knights of Columbus Council 8892 was recently awarded the coveted Star Council Award by the Supreme Council in New Haven, Conn. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. Council 8892 includes the Gagetown, Cass City, Deford and Wilmot areas. Pictured above are (from left) Kevin Kausch, deputy grand knight; Rick Kloc, grand knight; Brad Harstel, district deputy; and Ron Rutkoski, membership director.

MMR hours raise some concerns in county

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She noted there is a paramedic on duty at that time, but it’s a non-transport unit.

“I’ve been trying to resolve the issue, and sent an email, but got no contact back. I was pretty much told by them (MMR) that I shouldn’t be talking about it as I am not an expert,” said Nielsen. “That is where I’m at right now with that issue.”

Aside from Caro, MMR has ambulance bases in Cass City, Fairgrove and Vassar that are being utilized. There are also two other ambulance services in the county; ACW based in Unionville and the Mayville Ambulance Service.

Young said he did not mean to put Nielsen on the spot by asking her to give an update, but he said he felt it’s important for people to know what is happening.

“If there is an emergency at night, help may not be there right away,” Young added. “I think it is important for the public to know about this.”

MMR Vice President of Operations Jason MacDonald contends the situation is being monitored and ambulance service is being provided.

“Saying Caro doesn’t have service is just not true. They have service — it may not be the unit (ambulance) in Caro, but when you look at response time...there has been relatively no change,” said MacDonald. “To say Caro is not getting service — I do not believe that is an accurate statement.”

MacDonald added services have to change and evolve, and 24-hour service in some areas might be one of them.

“It’s something the people became accustomed to, or the 911 director may have become accustomed to. Things change. There has to be a more dynamic response to resources in the future,” he said. “I don’t know that I would lay out the expectation that Caro will have performance from

6 p.m. to 6 a.m. That is not how the system is built or measured.”

MacDonald pointed to MMR’s bases in the three other communities.

“There are also times when they are in-between locations as part of system status management to move resources to meet demand,” he said, referring to the practice of an ambulance temporarily moving from its base to be in a central location in the county in case a call comes in when another ambulance is tied up on a run.

“We monitor those response times very carefully. If we see changes in an area, we change deployment. That is what an ambulance service provider does, and we take that seriously.”

County board Chairman Thom Bardwell expressed his own concerns, asking what happens if an emergency call in the Caro area comes in during the evening.

“MMR does have a paramedic. He can respond to provide medical assistance; but without them doing a transport, we have to call the next closest ambulance service.”

That puts the residents of Tuscola County at risk, Bardwell said.

“Correct. It’s been a shuffle with the ambulance service for medical calls. That is the struggle right now. I honestly don’t know what is going on. There have been several rumors of it being financial or personnel. I have been unable to find what the issue is,” Nielsen said.

“I don’t know all of the legalities of it. There are certain statutes that have to be followed. I know MMR has contracts with certain townships for service. I’m trying to do research and open a line of communication to figure out what is going on, but that has been difficult.”

MacDonald explained there are a certain amount of man hours necessary compared to call volume.

“Some people — maybe central

dispatch — might be under the wrong assumption about the responsibility of having units placed in certain posts for a certain number of hours per day. That is not how our system works,” MacDonald said. “We are moving and shifting our resources to meet the needs of the community, and we are doing it appropriately.”

He said changes are being made to assure the service’s sustainability and to provide service.

“There is no requirement for MMR to have a unit at any particular locality for any number of hours. There just isn’t,” he added. “We are responsible to put hours into the system and to manage it responsibly and adjust to call volume, and that is what we are doing.”

“When you look at the last 30 days compared to 2019, there is virtually no change in response time.”

Bardwell, a former hospital administrator, indicated he’s worried about emergency medical care for residents.

“It would seem like it is a matter of time before there is a death resulting from this issue of non-availability. This concerns me because there are a lot of elderly in the county,” Bardwell said. “It seems like it would be better just to pack them up in a car and take them to the nearest ER (emergency room).”

MacDonald noted there were several factors taken into consideration regarding Caro’s service.

“When Covid hit, our call volume company-wide dropped by 40 percent across the board. We are still not seeing call volumes back to where they were,” he said, adding there is a hesitancy now to seek medical help.

“There is only so much subsidy being generated in Tuscola in tax dollars for service,” MacDonald continued. “When there is not enough to provide the service, we rely on patients paying for service. “We need to keep the service sustainable for the future.”

Covid numbers continue to rise

The number of COVID-19 cases in Michigan continues to climb, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Monday’s total confirmed cases reached 136,465 across the state, with a total of 6,898 deaths, compared to 128,923 cases and 6,816 deaths a week earlier. Health officials are reporting that an estimated 104,271 Covid patients have recovered statewide.

In the Thumb, between Monday, Oct. 5, and Monday, Oct. 12, the number of combined confirmed cases in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties increased by 31 — from 799 to 830 — with the three counties’ combined death toll increasing by three to 45 fatalities.

According to the latest data, Tuscola County has recorded 473 confirmed cases, an increase of 11 cases compared to a week before, and 34 deaths (an increase of three fatalities), with about 392 individuals having recovered from the virus countywide as of Oct. 9.

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 127 cases, 103 recoveries and 16 deaths; there have been 14 cases and 12 recoveries in Unionville; 11 cases and nine recoveries in Deford; nine cases and seven recoveries in Kingston; and three

cases and three recoveries to-date confirmed in Gagetown.

In Huron County, meanwhile, there are 204 confirmed cases (an increase of 13 from a week earlier), with five deaths (no change), and Sanilac County has a total of 153 confirmed cases, up from 146 cases a week earlier, and six deaths (no change).



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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, starting promptly at 10am, on Thursday, October 22, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The foreclosure sale is pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by SANDRA SOUTHERS, Mortgagor, to First National Bank of America, Mortgagee, dated January 27, 2006, and recorded July 31, 2006, in Liber 1089, Page 756, of Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$16,061.82, including interest at 11.5% per annum. Said premises are situated in Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 778, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 6, being a part of the SW 1/4, Section 12, T11N, R10E, c/k/a 4538 North Rd., Silverwood, MI 48760. The redemption 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

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Tuscola County, 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 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 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. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: October 7, 2020 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515 1422616 10-7-4

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING
Public Hearing on the Establishment of an Plant Rehabilitation District in the Village of Cass City

Notice is hereby given that on Monday October 26, 2020 at 6:45 pm, a public hearing will be held at the Cass City Village Hall before the Cass City Village Council pursuant to Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for the establishment of a Plant Rehabilitation District on the following property: Land situated in the Village of Cass City, Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan:

PARCEL 1
Commencing at a point on the North one-eighth line 80 rods South and 18 rods East of the North quarter post on the North Section line of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, running thence East 323.62 feet along said North one eighth line to lands owned by Smithson; thence South along West line of Smithson property 495.0 feet more or less to North line of Garfield Street in said Village; thence West 313.03 feet along North line of Garfield Street; thence due North 495.00 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT - Commencing at a point that is 528 feet South along the North and South quarter line and 450.08 feet North 89 degrees 43 minutes East of the Northwest corner of the South half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, running thence North 01 degrees 08 minutes East, 305 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes East, 160 feet; thence South 01 degrees 08 minutes West, 305 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes West, 160 feet to the point of beginning. ALSO EXCEPTING there from that part described as: Commencing at a point that is 528 feet South along the North and South quarter line and 450.08 feet North 89 degrees 43 minutes East, North 01 degrees 08 minutes East, 305 feet from the Northwest corner of the South half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, and the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes East, 160 feet; thence North 01 degrees 08 minutes East, 223 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes West, 160 feet to a point due North of the point of beginning; thence South 223 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 2 - Commencing 2 rods East and 90 rods South of the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, thence South 10 rods; thence East 16 rods; thence North 10 rods; thence West 16 rods to the place of beginning.

PARCEL 3 - Commencing at a point 2 rods East and 1654.33 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, thence East 264 feet; thence South 165 feet; thence West 264 feet; thence North 165 feet to the point of beginning.

Description of Record:
A parcel of land being in and a part of the Southwest quarter of Northeast quarter, Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, described as: Commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 33; thence South 01 degrees 53 minutes 24 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 33, 1654.33 feet; thence North 87 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds East parallel with the East-West quarter line of said Section 33, 33.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 53 minutes 24 seconds West parallel with the North-South quarter line and Easterly right-of-way of Doerr Road, 1.69 feet; thence North 87 degrees 50 minutes 37 seconds East, parallel with the North one-eighth line of said Section 33, 264.0 feet; thence South 01 degrees 53 minutes 24 seconds East parallel with the North-South quarter line of said Section 33, 1.0 feet; thence South 87 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds West parallel with the East-West quarter line of said Section 33, 264.0 feet to the point of beginning.

Now Known As:
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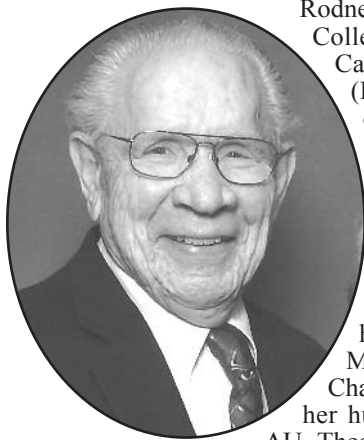
Obituaries

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Rodney Krueger

Rodney Theodore Krueger passed away at home surrounded by his family on Tuesday, October 6.

Born on September 1, 1935, in Wayne County, Michigan to Almer and Marie (Wanemacher) Krueger, Rodney grew up to become a businessman after working alongside his father throughout high school at his business, Anrod Screen, developing and producing filters and screens. Rodney took over the business upon his father's retirement. After a successful career, Rodney retired at the young age of 50 and, with his wife Colleen by his side, set off in his boat to travel from the Great Lakes, down the east coast, and finally to the west coast of Florida where they began their retirement. Rod and Colleen lived in various FL counties, including Port Charlotte and Lake Wales, before moving north again to join their daughter in West Boylston, MA.



Rodney is survived by his wife of 63 years Colleen (Stauffer) Krueger, formerly of Cass City, his younger sister Ann (Krueger) McDaniel of Bay City, his daughter Christine Carr and her husband David of West Boylston, MA, his son Scott Krueger and his wife Auring of Titusville, FL, and his son Kevin Krueger and his wife Dawn of Cass City.

He leaves behind five beloved grandchildren: Stephanie Boothe and her husband Colonel of Worcester, MA, Nicole Scesny and her husband Chad of Sterling, MA, Mollie Cains and her husband Piers of New South Wales, AU, Theodore Krueger of Titusville, FL, and

Julia Carr of West Boylston, MA.

And two beloved step-granddaughters: Gabrielle Yonika and her husband Rusty of Haverhill, MA and Casijo Ross and her husband Thomas of Ladies Island, SC.

Along with his 7 great-grandchildren which he adored, Vivianna, Naomi, Zophia, Ellette, Archer, James, Briley.

Rodney was an artist and woodworker who loved spending time creating special items for his adoring grandchildren. He was an avid traveler by boat or RV and was always looking for the next great adventure. He was a valued member of the rotary club, hosting numerous exchange students during his younger years in Michigan. Rodney loved gadgets of any kind and was known to be a frequent buyer of anything that was "As seen on TV" or featured in an infomercial. His family members are all proud owners of "slap chops" and "sham-wows" and will keep them as reminders of his fun curiosity and love of novelty for years to come.

All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to http://act.alz.org/goto/Rodney_Krueger



Bountiful harvest...

THE HARVEST continues in the Thumb, where a crew is pictured above taking corn off in a field in Novesta Township last week. The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) last month projected a bountiful statewide yield estimate of 180 bushels per acre for Michigan's 2020 corn crop, based on more than 330 field checks conducted by CMPM staff and FFA volunteers in August. The projection was less optimistic for Tuscola and Huron counties — under 175 bushels per acre — with Sanilac County farmers expected to see yields of 175 to 200 bushels an acre.

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