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Village officials eye 2-percent water rate increase

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Village Council continued discussions last week on proposal water and sewer rate hikes designed to keep up with water service maintenance needs and extensive renovation of the community's wastewater treatment plant.

During a committee of the whole meeting Wednesday, the council reached a general consensus on raising water fees by two percent.

No formal action is taken during committee of the whole sessions. However, village Manager Debbie Powell indicated the issue is expected to be addressed again during the council's next regular meeting, which is scheduled for

Monday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m.

In addition to the proposed water rate hike, based on a recently-completed water rate study conducted by the Michigan Rural Water Association (MRWA), Powell said water and sewer bills will be restructured to itemize costs in two categories – water usage, and a "readiness to serve" charge, composed of expenses related to operation, maintenance and repairs of the utility systems. Currently, there is only one category – usage, which includes expenses tied to operation, maintenance and repairs.

Cass City officials have not implemented increases in water and sewer rates for the past three years, following multiple years of rate hikes.

Between 2007 and 2011, there were annual fee increases of four percent for water and three percent for sewer. From 2012 through 2017, the council approved water fee increases annually, ranging from 1.5 percent to three percent, with sewer fee hikes ranging from two to three percent each year (ex-

cept in 2016, when the fee remained unchanged).

According to Powell, the biggest change in the proposal to increase water rates by two percent involves requiring larger users – businesses, industry, etc. – to pay a bigger share of the cost.

For example, residential cus-

tomers with a three-quarter-inch line who use the average of 4,000 gallons a month currently pay \$30.21 per month for water – an amount that will not change under the proposed rate increase.

In contrast, a business/industrial customer with a 1 1/2-inch line and

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Benson: no open carry at polls; area officials prepare for Nov. 3 vote

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The quickly approaching Tuesday, Nov. 3, general election has been characterized as one of the ugliest presidential elections in memory, with rumors and conspiracy theories involving alleged voter fraud and potential voter intimidation flourishing across the country.

President Donald Trump has for months alleged the election will be plagued by widespread voter fraud and abuse, although members of the U.S. intelligence community have disputed those claims.

Trump has also urged his supporters to monitor poll sites, prompting officials in a number of states, including Michigan, to voice concern over possible voter intimidation – and to issue statements making it clear that any attempts to do so will not be tolerated.

In Michigan, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson on Friday issued a directive to local election clerks statewide prohibiting the open carry of firearms by citizens in polling places, clerk's offices, and absent voter counting boards on Election Day.

Benson's directive also applies to "any hallway used by voters to enter or exit, or within 100 feet of any entrance to a building in which a polling place is located.

"Fair, free and secure elections are the foundation of our democracy," Benson said. "I am committed to ensuring all eligible Michigan citizens

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THE LIKELIHOOD of being involved in a car-deer crash increases significantly this time of year. Law enforcement officials say the most serious accidents occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or a fixed object, or when their vehicle rolls over. It's a natural reaction, but one that can also be dangerous and put motorists at risk for a serious crash.

It's deer season on Thumb roadways

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It's that time of year again – fall, which brings cool nights, changing colors and...car-deer accidents.

And in Michigan, especially in the Thumb area, it's not necessarily a matter of if you will hit a deer with your vehicle, but when you'll find yourself facing an imminent collision.

Drivers are more likely to cross

paths with deer during the fall, which is their mating season. Insurance claims for collisions with animals rise dramatically in the last three months of the year. Combine deer mating season with fewer hours of daylight, and it's a recipe for disaster if you're not paying attention to your surroundings.

In 2019, Michigan recorded 55,531 car-deer crashes, representing nearly 18 percent of all traffic crashes in the state.

Oakland County recorded the highest number of car-deer collisions – 1,928, followed by Kent (1,684), Jackson (1,630), Lapeer (1,394), Ottawa (1,288), Sanilac (1,226), Genesee (1,212), Allegan (1,210), Calhoun (1,195) and Clinton (1,174), according to statistics compiled by the Michigan State Police (MSP) Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

Huron County reported a total of

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FIRE PREVENTION week was Oct. 4-10, and the Elkland Township Fire Department took an active role, with local fire fighters Adam Dorland and Matt Guinther offering Cass City fifth graders some lessons related to this year's theme, "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" Cooking is the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen. (Related photo, page 12)

Covid cases take sharp upward turn in state

As the fall and flu seasons begin, the number of positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Michigan have recently trended upward, prompting a call from public health officials to increase vigilance and preventative measures.

Those concerns were underscored Thursday, when Michigan recorded the highest number of new cases – more than 2,000 – in one day since early April, with an additional 32 fatalities.

The state's total new COVID-19 cases increased from 130,000 to 140,000 in eight days, according to health officials, who reported more than 1,000 Michigan residents hospitalized with confirmed or probable cases of the virus.

Nationally, 63,000 new cases of COVID-19 were reported Thursday – the highest one-day increase since mid-August.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), hospitals and local health officials are calling on all

residents to take simple steps to prevent a surge in COVID-19 cases that could overwhelm the hospital systems.

"Michiganders did a great job of bringing our cases down after a surge in the spring," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief

medical executive and chief deputy for health. "Basic things like wearing masks, maintaining a physical distance from others and washing hands worked. Yet as the colder months and flu season have arrived, we now see a concerning

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Medical care staffers test positive

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Officials at the Tuscola County Medical Care Community Friday suspended outdoor visits with residents at the Caro facility after five staff members tested positive for COVID-19.

The positive tests came during routine weekly testing of the staff, according to officials, who noted all five staffers who tested positive are off work for 14 days.

"All remaining staff and all residents are being tested at this time to ensure all cases are identified," a statement posted by the facility said. "Outdoor visits are suspended for a minimum of 14 days."

Window and virtual visits may still be arranged by contacting the fa-

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Cass City Schools announces October Students of the Month

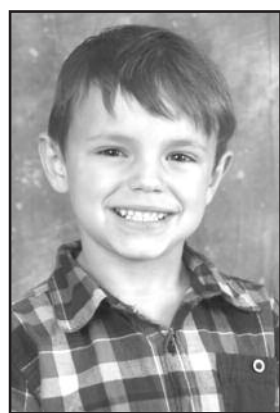


Kindergarten Student of the Month is Addisyn Smith
Addisyn is the daughter of Frank & Kayla Smith

Nominated by:
Mrs. Jaworski

Characteristics she displays:
Addisyn Smith is such a hard working Kindergarten student! She comes into the room with a smile and brightens our day with it all day long. She is very kind to her friends and watches out to make sure that everyone is okay.

Some of her favorite things:
Going on a Disney cruise! Homemade mac & cheese; the color purple and puppies



First Grade Student of the Month is Jerry Crandall III
Jerry is the son of Jerry Crandall II & Camie Jo Christian

Nominated by:
Mrs. LeValley

Characteristics he displays:
Jerry is a hard working 1st grader. He is polite and kind to his classmates and teacher. Jerry loves learning and gets very excited when he discovers something new.

Some of my favorite things:
Catching turtles and playing with them. Fishing with his Grandpa and Dad and looking at beetles.



Second Grade Student of the Month is Arianna Hendrick
Arianna is the daughter of Daniel Hendrick.

Nominated by:
Mrs. Dorland

Characteristics she displays:
Arianna is always volunteering to answer questions. She participates well and is quiet and well mannered. I am very impressed with her oral reading and comprehension skills. If she doesn't understand a concept, she still tries her best.

Some of my favorite things:
Favorite color is pink; favorite foods are tacos & pickles, playing with her kitten Asthanea and eating at her favorite restaurant Taco Bell



First Grade Student of the Month is Dillan Hollis
Dillan is the daughter of Eric & Elizabeth Hollis

Nominated by:
Mr. Hollocker

Characteristics she displays:
Dillan is a hard working student. She is kind, considerate, respectful and a leader in the classroom.

Some of my favorite things:
Playing travel softball, eating nachos and playing outside with her sisters

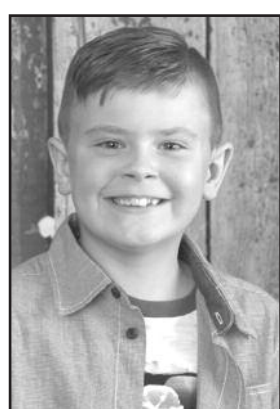


Fourth Grade Student of the Month is Ryleigh Middaugh
Ryleigh is the daughter of Anthony & Caitlyn Middaugh

Nominated by:
4th Grade Teachers

Characteristics she displays:
Ryleigh is an awesome young lady that is a complete joy to have in class. She is quiet but is very capable of offering great details to class discussions. She also does a wonderful job talking personally with the teachers. Ryleigh works hard and is a creative person. Her handwriting is superb. We can rely on Ryleigh to work well with her peers and ask good questions when she is not understanding. She brightens the day with her smile and kindness.

Some of my favorite things:
Cats, birds, and guinea pigs, loves pizza and grilled hot dogs, painting & coloring and spending time with family



Fifth Grade Student of the Month is Ronan Johnson
Ronan is the son of Rachael & John Johnson.

Nominated by:
5th Grade Teachers

Characteristics he displays:
Ronan is a hardworking, conscientious young man who is an outstanding asset to any classroom. He regularly displays kindness, cooperation and dedication to his studies.

Some of my favorite things:
Playing outdoor games, playing with his dog, bike riding
Eating mac & cheese, chicken strips and homemade chicken noodle soup



Fifth Grade Student of the Month is Ava Eremia
Ava is the daughter of Robert & Sara Eremia

Nominated by:
6th Grade Teachers

Characteristics she displays:
Ava is a new student at Cass City Elementary this year and is adjusting very well to her new school. She is a hard worker, courteous, and is helpful to other students who may be having difficulties. You will rarely see her without a smile as she enters the classroom. Ava is a great young woman that displays all of the Red Hawk traits and we are very happy that she is here at Cass City Elementary.

Some of my favorite things:
Drawing and painting, swimming, playing Minecraft, watching "Toy Story 4" & the TV show "Ghost Adventures".

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11th Grade Student of the Month is Alex Hopper


Alex's favorite hobbies are going up north on weekends & running.

Favorite staff & why: Mr Gruber & Mrs. Reif- both great & helpful with what they teach, Also Mr Ketterer & Mrs Hempton for their awesome advice.

Favorite Subject & why: Science, I find it interesting learning what happens & why it happens, and how it happens!

Make a comment about Cass City Jr Sr High School: The staff is amazing & supportive 100% of the way!

Annual Knights of Columbus Potato Sale Supporting Christmas For Kids
Saturday, 11/7/20 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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When technology bites back



Will you remember to check detectors?

Michigan residents will soon say goodbye to Daylight Saving Time once again, but it's a good bet that not everyone pairs the annual ritual of setting back their clocks with another important task: checking smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and loading them with fresh batteries.

If you haven't picked up the habit in the past, do it now. It could save your life.

With the arrival of cooler fall weather, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is reminding all residents to take action to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

"As it gets colder, we start seeing more carbon monoxide poisonings," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "To prepare for winter weather, Michiganders should make sure their heat sources and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order."

On average, 145 people are hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning each year in Michigan, according to data from the MDHHS Michigan Environmental Public Health Tracking Program (MiTracking). These hospitalizations are preventable when people are prepared.

To protect yourself and your family from carbon monoxide, follow these safety tips:

*Make sure you have working carbon monoxide detectors. Detectors on every level of your home, including the basement, are strongly recommended. Daylight Saving Time is a good time each year to replace the batteries in your detector and push the "Test" button to be sure it's working properly. Replace your detector every five years or according to manufacturer's instructions.

*Have your furnace or wood-burning stove inspected annually. Hire a professional to make sure it is functionally sound and vents properly outside the home.

*Never run a gasoline or propane heater, or a grill (gas or charcoal) inside your home or in an unventilated garage. Any heating system that burns fuel produces carbon monoxide. Use a battery-powered detector where you have fuel burning devices but no electric outlets, such as in tents, cabins, RVs and boats with enclosed cabins.

*Generators should be run at a safe distance (at least 20 feet) from the home. Never run a generator in the home or garage, or right next to windows or doors.

*Never run a car in an enclosed space. If a vehicle is running, you must have a door open to the outside. At high levels, carbon monoxide can cause death within minutes.

Symptoms of overexposure to carbon monoxide include headache, fatigue, dizziness, shortness of breath, nausea and confusion. If you suspect you may be experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, or your detector sounds an alarm, head outside immediately for fresh air and call 911.

Visit the website Michigan.gov/MiTracking for more information about carbon monoxide poisoning.

And, if you find yourself with a few extra minutes, why not put them to good use by ensuring your carbon monoxide as well as smoke detectors are in good working order and ready to protect you during the cold months ahead.

I have a love-hate relationship with technology. I love it when it works and hate it when I do something that messes it up so it doesn't work.

I'm old and some of the things that technology can do now is totally amazing. However, I can't help but think if some of it is really necessary?

Like, do you really need a sink with a water faucet you talk to, saying how much water you need?

And, washing machines and dryers that have dozens of settings now. We got by for decades with only a few options on washers and dryers.

I remember all too well my mother spending most of the day in the backroom doing laundry using a wringer washer. For the young whippersnappers who do not know what that is, it is a set of rollers that were used to squeeze the water out of newly-washed clothes. There were times when fingers and occasionally other body parts got caught in the wringer.

And, no matter the time of year, the wrung-out clothes were hung outside to dry. Mom would come in the house with frozen fingers that were cracked and bleeding from hanging the clothes on the line in the winter.

For whatever reason, my mother never smiled much, but she sure did when a brand-new Maytag washer and dryer were delivered that replaced the wringer washer and the need to hang clothes outside.

And, few may realize computers and the Internet have only been around about 30 years, so I lived and worked for a long time before technology became a part of everyday life. Within three decades, the Internet and computers have been integrated into every aspect of our lives.

Computers and the Internet are wonderful when they work. I love them when they do and hate them when they don't.

Like I said, I'm old. I don't like that my car has a computer. When the battery in my car died, it made the computer go crazy. While driving down the road, the automatic locks would lock and unlock, and the channels on the radio would randomly change.

I left the car running once when I went into the store. While I was gone, the doors locked. I had to listen and grab the handle to get in during the few seconds the doors were unlocking.

And, I know two little girls who got into big trouble because of the technology that came with their dolls.

Back in my day, there were a few dolls that would say "mama" if you squeezed them. That was considered cutting edge in the doll world, and was long before the term technology had been coined.

Anyway, the girls' dolls had voice recorders in


them, making it possible to record messages.

The one girl had the other girl say a bunch of bad words and secretly recorded her when she said them. Then, she ran to tell the girl's mother what she had said to get her in trouble.

The girl proudly displayed the doll and pushed play button to show the mother the evidence of her daughter being bad.

However, technology tripped up her plan. She pushed the doll's record button too soon which recorded her telling the other girl what bad words to say. They ended up each getting in trouble. The girl who instigated the incident and did the recording got in more trouble than the girl who repeated what she was told to say.

Like I said, technology is great when it works, and there are times when it works a little too well.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Janet Severance reminded us Monday that another event is back on after a 7 month hiatus due to the statewide shutdown. Shabbona Riverside Church will be hosting their community lunch Thursday, October 21 at 1 p.m. The church, formerly known as Shabbona United Methodist Church, is located at 4455 Decker Road.

I did it. Over the weekend I casted my mail-in ballot, mostly thanks to my bride Karen, who also dropped off her mail-in ballot at the Tuscola County courthouse, where she is employed with the Friends of the Court office.

According to White House officials, mail-in balloting and early voting totals in Michigan show that 41 percent of the 1.4 million votes so far were cast by Republicans, and 39 percent by Democrats. Another 20 percent of the vote was by independents.

According to an article in USA TODAY, fourteen states – Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin – plus the District of Columbia and more than 130 cities were scheduled to observe Indigenous Peoples Day Monday instead of or in addition to Columbus Day in 2020.

The notion of an Indigenous Peoples Day took root at an international conference on discrimination sponsored by the United Nations in 1977. South Dakota was the first state to recognize the day in 1989, and the cities of Berkeley and Santa Cruz, California, followed. California and Tennessee observe Native American Day in September.

Though some groups argue that Columbus Day celebrates Italian American heritage, many say the holiday glorifies an exploration that led to the genocide of native peoples and paved the way for slavery.

Columbus Day never meant the ladder to me.

Do you have "cabin fever" amidst the Covid-19 pandemic? Do you enjoy Michigan's brilliant fall colors and its historic rural landscapes? If so, the Michigan Barn Preservation Network (MBPN) has something for you! The organization—whose mission embraces the "appreciation, preservation, and rehabilitation of Michigan barns, farmsteads, and rural communities"—announces a DIY, drive-by barn and color tour into Michigan's Thumb using a free app—Map-N-Tour—that participants download to their phone or tablet and that can also be viewed on computers.

"We are kicking off the 2020 barn tour for color-season," notes Stephanie White, Architect and MBPN Board Secretary. "The Thumb Tour will continue to be available into the future."

"This pandemic, and the importance of participating in experiences in a safe manner, has the MBPN continuing our annual traditions and exploring new approaches to keep Michigan barns on our radar!"

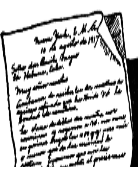
The tour is comprised of twelve suggested stops that include drive-by private barns and public venues such as museums and markets for participants to get out and explore. Participants can also experience the tour at their fingertips through the Map-N-Tour App or on the MBPN website. Descriptions, photographs, directions and near-by sites of interest are provided.

•Take the tour! More information and step-by-step guidance is available at the MBPN's website: <https://mibarn.net/>

•The Map-N-Tour app is a free download, and there is no charge to participate.

• Check out the possibilities and explore the app at home on your own computer: www.story-roadmichigan.com

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Blast from the (sheriff's department's) past...

BLAST FROM the past – The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department posted a "throwback Thursday" photo related to the department's long history. The photo above was taken in 1976 and features (from left) then-Sheriff Hugh Marr, Mel Williamson, James Giroux, Roger Zelmer, Richard Blakely, Robert Kinney, Leonard Huff, Paul Megge, Ron Phillips, Dave Bezenah, James Compo, Wayne Newton, Charlene Fields, Delores Fiebig, Phillip Malloy and Bruce Tait, with Pat Finn behind the wheel of this classic cruiser. (Photo courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department)

Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center shares one million in grant funding from DTE

DTE Energy Foundation officials last week announced they will award \$1 million in grants to all 45 domestic violence shelters funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), including the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center.

The funding will be used to help alleviate the significant financial and operational stress the shelter system has sustained due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grants – awarded in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month – will better position shelters to meet the unique needs of domestic violence survivors during the pandemic, and to continue to provide the sanctuary, resources and support survivors need to find hope, build resiliency and heal, officials said.

This \$1 million commitment comes less than a year after the DTE Foundation awarded \$400,000 in grants to domestic violence shelters funded by MDHHS.

"At the DTE Foundation, our aspiration is to be a force for good in communities across Michigan, and achieving that aspiration begins and ends with developing stable households and families," said Lynette Dowler, president, DTE Foundation.

"That's why we're taking a stand and expanding our commitment to addressing the basic human needs of domestic violence survivors, including children, across Michigan. Through the DTE Foundation's \$1 million commitment – and partnerships with shelters statewide – we'll continue to create new pathways to safety and independence for survivors, and ultimately a healthier, more vital Michigan."

For many domestic violence survivors, the pandemic has worsened dangerous situations statewide. The increased time survivors and perpetrators have spent in their residences during the pandemic has, in general, expanded perpetrators' access to survivors and reduced survivors' opportunities to call for help.

"One in four women and one in seven men will experience abuse by an intimate partner in their lifetimes; that means our very own friends, family members and colleagues are represented in these statistics," said Dowler. "Their stories often go untold, but today, through our voices and platform, the DTE Foundation once again declares this is simply unacceptable."

"We'll continue to use our resources and influence to bring conversations about domestic vi-

olence to light, reduce the stigma associated with discussing this epidemic and speak loudly and passionately on behalf of those whose voices are often unheard."

Domestic violence shelters in Michigan are struggling to meet surging demand for services and support, and to cover new expenses driven by the pandemic.

Those unexpected expenses include increased cleaning and sanitization; COVID-19 testing; heavier reliance on hotels and motels due to reduced bed counts required to meet safety guidelines (beds are down about 50 percent statewide); and cancelled/postponed fundraising.

"COVID-19 has forced shelters and service providers to adapt daily to the ever-evolving and unpredictable nature of a global pandemic," said Debi Cain, executive director, division of victim services, MDHHS.

"The steadfast support of our partners at the DTE Energy Foundation helps ensure local service agencies continue the important work of advocating for, and providing resources to, domestic violence survivors – and their families – throughout Michigan."

The grants announced by DTE will provide amounts of \$10,000 to Michigan's 45 MDHHS-funded shelters based on bed count.

Ag-related accidents leave 1 dead, 1 hurt

Separate farm-related accidents over the weekend left one man dead another seriously injured in the Thumb.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported the fatality occurred Saturday night when deputies and first responders were dispatched to the Michigan Sugar Co. piling ground on Limerick Road in Meade Township at about 9:50 p.m.

"Preliminary investigation thus far is indicating 64-year-old farm truck driver Gary E. Stockoski had unlatched his tailgate to dump into the piler and somehow ended up in the piler," Hanson said. "His extensive injuries were fatal. The Huron County medical examiner has ordered an autopsy, (and) the investigation will continue."

In Tuscola County, Sheriff Glen Skrent said a motorist struck the rear end of a dump cart being pulled by a farm tractor Friday at about 7:40 p.m.

"A vehicle driven by a 87-year-old male from Deckerville was going east on M-138 near Bradleyville Road when he struck the rear end of (the) dump cart," Skrent reported.

"The driver of the motor vehicle was seriously injured, and the driver of the tractor and a passerby performed CPR to revive him. The driver was transported by LifeNet (Helicopter) to the hospital," said Skrent, who noted deputies were assisted by the Fairgrove Fire Department and MMR.

"This is peak harvest season in our area and farm equipment is out and about — use caution," the sheriff added.

Huron deputies arrest Sebewaing area man

Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 50-year-old Sebewaing man Thursday on separate warrants alleging sexual assault and domestic violence.

"The warrants allege James R. Haire committed a fourth degree criminal sexual conduct assault on a teen in early summer of this year, which is a two-year high court misdemeanor, along with being charged with felony second-offense aggravated domestic assault from an incident in Owendale during January of this year," Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported.

"He had been taken into custody at a local hospital after being treated for injuries he received during an afternoon unrelated out-of-county scuffle," he noted.

Hanson said the suspect was scheduled to be arraigned in district court, and he remained in custody at the Huron County Jail on \$60,000 bond.

"Musical chairs" plays out in Huron Co. village

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The last few Owendale Village Council meetings were like playing musical chairs.

Council positions had to be shifted when a council member unexpectedly resigned during a special hour-long meeting in August, according to village Clerk Randall Howard.

At that special meeting, President Walter Howard read a letter of resignation from village Treasurer Manuel Thies. As a result, the village president appointed Howard as the new treasurer, and he appointed Trustee Sherry Fritz as the village clerk, filling the vacancy left by the appointment of Howard.

By consensus, the council approved those changes.

The village president then administered the oath of office to Howard and Fritz.

Then, during the council's September meeting, positions changed again, with Howard resigning as treasurer and Fritz resigning as clerk.

Because village President Walter Howard was absent at that meeting, President Pro Tempore Steven Story presided, and he appointed Lori Limberger as treasurer, and then appointed Randall Howard back to his former position as clerk.

In addition, Fritz was reappointed to her former position as trustee to finish out the remainder of her term, which ends Dec. 31.

After the shifting of positions was over, the council approved a monthly salary of \$1,000 for the treasurer position, reported Howard.

And, DPW Superintendent Steven Sweatland reported he is working with DTE on preparing an estimate of cost to replace the current streetlights with LED lights, and he also reported he found a place to purchase the cordless power tools he previously requested.

Also during the most recent meeting, Police Chief Anthony Wood reported he is looking to purchase a body camera from one of two area police departments that have one for sale.

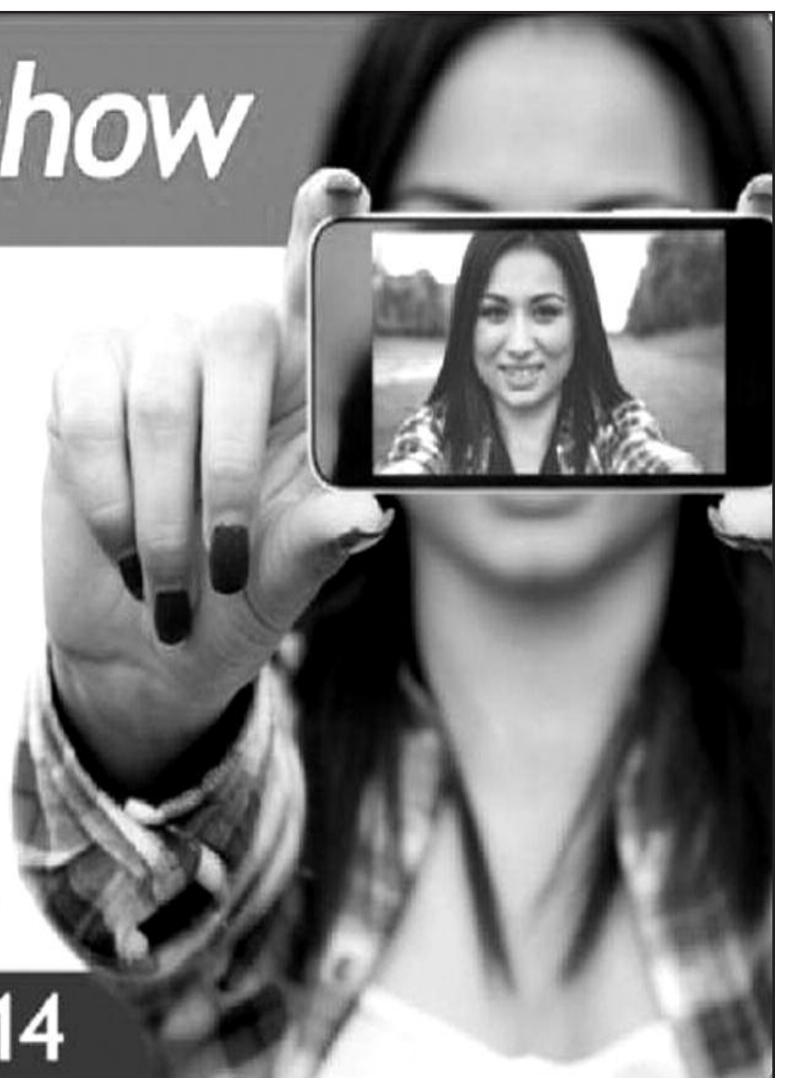
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Reporter's notebook

Routine vital to staying healthy

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I recently overheard someone observe that the anxiety, fear and upheaval stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic have been enough to make even a really normal person climb into a bottle and stay there.

It was humorous, but no joke when you're in recovery (like me) after breaking free from addiction to alcohol or drugs. Even after years of living sober, you can't let your guard down for even a minute.

Of course, it goes without saying that the past seven months have been a struggle for all of us as we continue to do our best to navigate life under the cloud of this COVID-19 pandemic, including self-quarantines, self-isolation, social distancing, etc.

The struggle has been especially difficult for those who were already battling depression or substance abuse, according to health experts, who cite a significant increase in reported drug overdoses and suicides since the pandemic gripped Michigan and the nation.

So, how are you coping?

I've been fortunate to have continued working throughout this health crisis (although I'm relatively certain there's some debate over just how essential I am). But the pandemic has required a shift to spending most of my working days grinding out copy from home.

I've managed to remain productive (and sober), having resisted the temptation to toss routine into the wind.

Turns out that's a wise idea, according to the folks with the International Society of Bipolar Disorders Task Force on Chronobiology and Chronotherapy and the Society for Light Treatment and Biologic Rhythms. While medically necessary to limit spread, Covid-related social policies that isolate can disrupt many of the stabilizing factors in our lives that support mental health, they say.

"One of the most important brain systems contributing to daily wellbeing is the body's internal biologic clock. This system of clocks keeps our body and our behavior synchronized with the 24-hour cycle of light and dark," a recent article published by the society states.

"Predictable daily schedules and regular routines help to keep the body clock running smoothly. When our body clocks run smoothly, we feel better. Research shows that disrupted body clocks are associated with many physical and mental health conditions, including depression, diabetes, obesity, and cancer.

"When faced with major upheavals in our lives—such as those caused by the COVID-19 pandemic—our body clocks have much more difficulty re-establishing regular biologic rhythms. Absent the normal social routines of work, childcare and socializing, the biological clock system may be confused or challenged. As a result, we may experience negative physical symptoms similar to jet lag such as disturbed sleep, appetite, energy, and mood."

The story notes that individuals with mood disorder, such as depression or bipolar disorder, may have an especially sensitive body clock, making it even more important to pay attention to routines.

The society offers a number of tips we can all use to stay on an even keel, including:

*Set up a routine for yourself while you are in quarantine or working from home; get up at the same time every day, for example, because regular sleep and wake times are the most important input for stabilizing your body clock.

*Make sure you spend some time outdoors every day, especially in the early morning. If you can't, try to spend at least two hours by a window, looking into the daylight, and focusing on being calm.

*Set times for a few regular activities each day such as home tutoring, telephone calls with a friend, or cooking; do these activities at the same time each day.

*Exercise every day, ideally at the same time each day.

*Eat meals at the same time every day. If you're not hungry, at least eat a small snack.

*Social interactions are important, even during social distancing. Seek out "back and forth" social interactions where you share thoughts and feelings with another person in real time; videoconferencing, telephone, or real-time text-messaging is preferred to scrolling through messages.

*Avoid bright light (especially blue light – computer screens, smartphones, etc.) in the evening, because blue spectrum light suppresses the hormone that helps us sleep.

Here's to hoping this nightmare will be over – or at least fade – soon. But in the meantime, stay on top of your routine, and don't go it alone.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Veteran Cass City sixth grade science teacher Ron Woloshen announces an upcoming model rocketry unit to his students, courtesy of a Michigan Wing Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Aerospace Education STEM grant he wrote to cover the cost. Also present were Major Beth Johnson, squadron commander of the Cass River Composite Squadron, CAP, Caro, and her husband, John, also a major in the CAP, who talked about the grant and other opportunities the Civil Air Patrol offers youths.

Sarah Prah recently celebrated her 100th birthday on October 12 at Medilodge of Cass City with family and friends. Prah was also named "Resident of the Month" at Medilodge of Cass City.

10 YEARS AGO (2010)

All season long, cross country sensation Alyssa Bennett has been working her way up Cass City's Top Ten record board, which lists all-conference performances. The Cass City Lady Red Hawks were crowned Greater Thumb West cross country champions last week in Marlette. Alyssa Bennett, Ashley Potts and Jessa Prieskorn all earned first team honors for the champs, who downed runner-up Reese, 40-49. Bad Axe with 61 points and Vassar with 67 rounded out the team standings. Bennett's time of 19:48 was best among the ladies, while Potts placed 6th and Prieskorn, 7th, with times of 21:15 and 21:16, respectively. Coach Amy Cuthrell also received a time of 22:39 from Ashtyn Janiskee-Weiler, which landed her on the GTW all-conference second team, while Becca Leslie's time of 23:21 was worthy of honorable mention among the school's all-time fastest 5K runners. Saturday the Red Hawk freshman reached the apex and went beyond, way beyond, when she posted a winning time of 19:17 at the Thumb Area Cross Country Championship in Caro. Bennett knocked over 30 seconds off her previous best time, while shattering Carrie Lautner's long-standing record of 19:41 established in 1983. "Alyssa had her eye on the record board from the beginning (of the season). This weekend we focused on a new strategy of running and putting the record board goal behind her," Coach Amy Cuthrell said.

25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Art has always been an enjoyable pastime for Pat Britt, but it's much more than a hobby for the Cass City area woman. Art is a labor of love Britt has nurtured throughout her lifetime, one that until recently could be seen at an occasional public showing of local artists' work, but other than that was shared only with friends, family members and a few others familiar with her ability. Now, the self-taught artist is welcoming the general public to her home, where she has set up a studio filled with her own original art and photographic work as well as collectibles, crafts and art pieces created by a few of her fellow artists and craftsmen.

Richard VanVliet was recently honored by United Parcel Service for completing 20 years of service with the company. VanVliet, who is a delivery driver with UPS in Cass City, was cited for his loyal service contributions to UPS. VanVliet began his career in 1975. "I'm thankful I've had the job. I consider myself fortunate," said VanVliet. VanVliet provides service throughout the Thumb area. VanVliet, and his wife Mary live in Cass City. They have 4 children: Lindy, 19, Kelli, 18, Bryce, 14 and Megan 5.

35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Audley and Charlotte Horner provided ice cream and cake Friday at the senior citizens meal site. Honored were Thelma Holcomb, who has an October birthday, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Durham whose 52nd wedding anniversary

was in October.

Four Boy Scouts from Gagetown Troop 589 attended a 75th anniversary Fall Camporee at the Camp Pine Acres campgrounds in Caro Oct. 11, 12 and 13. The four scouts, Jeff and Rusty Hrycko, Joe C. Garza and Shane Martindale, were accompanied by scout master Dave Kirby and assistant scout master Roger Martindale. During the three days and two nights they spent at the camp, the Gagetown scouts were instructed in archery, camp fire building, canoeing and marksmanship. They also competed in pumpkin carving and patrol flag competitions.

Georgine Jensen has been elected as president of the Cass City Retail Committee for the 1985-86 year.

The Cass City Gun Club is planning a 40x50 addition to be built at the rear of the clubhouse. One of the primary reasons for the addition is that with it the club's hunter safety program can be conducted indoors.

To the untrained eye one rock looks about the same as the next, but when a skilled craftsman like Orrie Reimann looks at a stone he can see hidden colors and patterns waiting to emerge. Reimann, 77, Kingston, became a rock hound after he retired about 18 years ago. "I was wondering what I was going to do," Reimann said about the need for a hobby to fill his day. "You have to do something. You can't sit around all the time." He decided to become a rock hound, a title he prefers over the term lapidarian. He began practicing his craft after he purchased a small tumbler that polishes stones.

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooklin of Kentland, Ill., announce the birth of a six-pound daughter, Amy Lynn, Oct. 28. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Loomis went Sunday to Kentland to see their first grandchild and Mrs. Loomis stayed to spend the week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bukowski of Lake Orion, an eight-pound, two-ounce daughter, Amanda Marie, Oct. 24 at Lapeer Hospital. Amanda Marie has two brothers, Danny and Jeffrey, at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumptz and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Bukowski.

Bethany Thies has won the Century III Leaders Scholarship competition at Owendale-Gagetown School, according to Principal James R. Barr. The 17-year-old senior is now eligible to compete with other high school seniors throughout Michigan for two \$1,500 state scholarships, two \$500 state scholarships, and a \$10,000 national scholarship that will be awarded in a conference of state winners in historic colonial Williamsburg, Va. The scholarship competition emphasizes the future concerns of America. Students are judged on the basis of their leadership abilities, community involvement and score on a current events examination. To compete at the state level, Miss Thies must now write a brief projection outlining what she thinks is one of America's future challenges and how it should be met. She is the daughter of Carol and Manuel Thies of Owendale.

Mrs. Leona Behr celebrated her birthday Monday with dinner at the Whipple Tree with her family and friends. Guests were Mrs. Julie Capala, Mrs. Iris Behr, Mrs. Joyce Baer, Mrs. Mary Sue Blank, Mrs. Connie Britt, Becky, Mrs. Marilyn Deering and Sharon, Mrs. Cathy Chard, Mrs. Alvena Rhinehardt and Peggy, Mrs. Nancy Palmer and Todd, Mrs. Dawn Deering and Brad, Mrs. Dorothy Putterbaugh and Mrs. Audrey Leslie.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Cindy Strickland capped four years as a member of the queen's court when she was named homecoming queen Friday. Last year's queen, Jill Auten, placed the crown on her successor and Principal Russell Richards presented the students' choice with flowers.

Baptized Sunday, Oct. 18. In Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was Matthew Wayne Spaid, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Spaid of Cass City. Sponsors for the infant were Mr. and Mrs. William Hacker. On Sunday, Oct. 11, Pastor James VanDellen baptized Shelly Ann Proctor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Proctor. Her sponsors were Robert Kappen and Bonnie Kappen.

A birthday party in honor of Mrs. Charlotte Bishop was held Saturday, Oct. 17, with 27 present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Lounsbury and son Norris. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kain, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Emery and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bishop and daughters, all of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Parker and children of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Spaulding and children of Flint and Jania Aguilera of Sebawaing.

Airman William A. Zulauf, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Zulauf of Ubyly, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., for training in the munitions and weapons maintenance field. Airman Zulauf is a 1970 graduate of Ubyly Community Schools.

The first apartment complex in Cass City built especially for rental purposes was given the green light Tuesday at the village council meeting. The apartments will be adjacent to Hill Street starting about 120 feet north of Church Street.

75 YEARS AGO (1945)

George Rolston of New Greenleaf purchased the frame building on the lot on East Main Street sold a few months ago by Manley Asher to Brinker & Armstrong. The sale was made Wednesday afternoon and Mr. Rolston started at once to tear down the structure. Brinker & Armstrong, who are erecting a new building for a lumber warehouse, had planned to leave the frame building on the site until spring and use it as an office. They will now complete the warehouse in its entirety this fall. The building, constructed of cement blocks with a front of buff brick, will cover 66 by 120 feet. The frame building sold Wednesday formerly stood on the corner of Main and Oak streets and was occupied for many years for business purposes. In 1888, Howe & Bigelow conducted their hardware business there. The building was moved from that location when N. Bigelow erected the brick block on that site in 1901.

Miss Shirley Ann Damm was completely surprised Tuesday when 32 of her friends walked into her home to help celebrate her 17th birthday. The guests, joined by Miss Damm, viewed pictures at the Cass theatre and then returned to the Damm home for games and refreshments. The tables at which lunch was served were decorated in Halloween emblems and Shirley's table was centered with a birthday cake with candles. She received many gifts.

100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Miss Hazel Mead entertained ten little girls from four to six celebrating Frances Middleton's seventh birthday. Halloween decorations and games furnished a jolly time for the guests. Ice cream and cake and jelly were served in the dining room with a brightly lighted birthday cake with seven candles around which the little guests made merry.

Eugene Cameron and Robt. J. West brought two auto loads of former parishioners of Rev. Wm. Richards at Deckerville to Cass City last Thursday. The company came laden with well-filled baskets and the M.E. Parsonage was the scene of a happy gathering.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Mayme Young to Mr. Carl Binkle at Milford on Wednesday, October 20. Mrs. Binkle is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J.D. Young, who are well known to Cass City people.



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Daley: plot against Whitmer, state officials kept under wraps

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The terrorist plot against Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was kept under wraps — even from lawmakers who were also prospective targets, according to Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum).

“We found out at the same time the general public did about the threat that also included an attack on the government building,” said Daley, whose 31st District includes Tuscola County. “The (alleged terrorists) were trying to find 100 men to attack the Capitol to take prisoners and kill as many people as they could.”

“They didn’t care if you were a Democrat or a Republican — woman or man. They do not like elected officials... period.”

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, Andrew Birge, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Matthew Schneider, the FBI and the Michigan State Police, joined in a law enforcement effort that, after months of work, culminated in the execution of a series of search warrants and arrest warrants — both in-state and out-of-state — related to alleged planned acts of terrorism.

“The suspects, now under arrest, are alleged to have called on the groups’ members to identify the home addresses of law enforcement officers in order to target

them, made threats of violence to instigate a civil war leading to societal collapse, and engaged in the planning and training for an operation to attack the state capitol building and kidnap government officials, including Whitmer, according to information released by the state.

“It was a planned attack on our state as a whole. I’ve seen the video of the guy that was planning the (attack). He stated he hated all officials,” said Daley. “This is a dangerous, dangerous situation.” Daley noted he felt that the governor turned the situation “into a political thing. It is a shame we cannot be on the same page,” he said.

Through the efforts of more than 200 state and federal law enforcement officials — including experts from outside of Michigan — officers executed a series of search warrants in more than a dozen cities around the state, including, Belleville, Cadillac, Canton, Charlotte, Clarkston, Grand Rapids, Luther, Munith, Orion Township, Ovid, Portage, Shelby Township and Waterford.

“There has been a disturbing increase in anti-government rhetoric and the re-emergence of groups that embrace extremist ideologies,” Nessel said. “These groups often seek to recruit new members by seizing on a moment of civil unrest and using it to advance their agenda of self-reliance and armed resistance.”

“This is more than just political

disagreement or passionate advocacy; some of these groups’ mission is simply to create chaos and inflict harm on others.”

So far, more than 19 state felony charges have been filed by Nessel against eight individuals known to be members of the militia group Wolverine Watchmen or associates of Wolverine Watchmen.

In addition, six individuals were charged by Birge with separate, federal felony charges as a result of the execution of the warrants.

“Michigan law enforcement officers are united in our commitment to rooting out terrorism in any form, and we will take swift action against anyone seeking to cause violence or harm in our state,” said Col. Joe Gasper, director of the Michigan State Police. “Michigan residents can assist us in this mission by speaking up if you see suspicious activity or become aware of someone making threats.”

“No tip is too small; don’t wait until it’s too late. Tips can be submitted confidentially 24/7 online at our website.”

Since the initial arrests were made, FBI officials have alleged anti-government activists discussed kidnapping not only Michigan’s governor, but also Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam during a meeting this year.

Their grievance with the governors stemmed from the lockdown of businesses in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Green: bills designed to address Covid

State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) says the Michigan House is continuing its efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic by crafting legislation designed to help the unemployed, nursing home residents and other residents hit especially hard by the virus.

Green, who represents the 84th District (Tuscola and Huron counties), noted the latest House votes came in the wake of a recent

Michigan Supreme Court ruling that struck down Gov. Whitmer’s coronavirus-related executive orders.

“My colleagues and I have tried to work with the governor to improve the state’s COVID-19 response from the very beginning,” Green said. “We’re still working, and the measures we approved today will help Thumb residents and their families in all sorts of

ways,” Green said.

“I am hopeful the days of the governor vetoing the Legislature’s efforts to help Michigan families are over, and that she will partner with us to do the right thing for everyone in our state trying to make it through these challenging times.”

Senate Bill 886 — approved by the House last week — would safeguard the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) benefits put in place to address the pandemic and guarantees those claims will continue uninterrupted for the maximum number of weeks allowed by the federal government.

Green explained the plan would protect workers who left jobs to self-isolate or quarantine, as well as people who are immunocompromised or need to care for a family member diagnosed with COVID-19. “It also ensures job providers will continue to be held harmless for unemployment benefit charges if their employees were laid off because of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Green said other measures are designed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes by implementing recommendations of the Nursing Homes COVID-19 Preparedness Task Force.

“It prohibits the return of COVID-19-positive residents to nursing facilities unless they have recovered, or the facility has established a state-approved and dedicated area to care for people with the virus,” Green said. “The legislation also allows in-person, indoor visitation in nursing homes.”

The House also approved measures that would:

*Extend the validity of vehicle registrations, driver’s licenses and state identification cards that expired after March 2020, and waive late fees associated with renewing expired documents.

*Allow important documents, such as wills, deeds and other forms to be signed and witnessed electronically through the end of 2020.

*Allow retirees to return to work to help the UIA or the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration with the overwhelming number of claims without forfeiting their retirement benefits.

*Prompt the full reopening of state unemployment offices and Secretary of State branches to better serve the public.

*Provide local governments, school boards and other public bodies with a method to meet electronically, if necessary, to conduct business and engage with the public.

News briefs

Tuscola County Recycling moving

CARO — The Tuscola County Recycling Center’s long-awaited move is at hand, according to Mike Miller, recycling coordinator.

“We will be closing the current recycling facility on Oct. 28. We will then finish the moving process, and reopen at the new facility on Nov. 9,” Miller said. “Our new address will be 987 Ellington St. (M24), Caro, MI (the former Riverview Auto site).”

“We will operate with the same days and hours of Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,” added Miller, who expressed his appreciation to county residents.

“Thank you for the support of the millage renewal to make this happen. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition.”

Additional information will be available on the county’s website at www.tuscolacounty.org, the Tuscola County Recycle Facebook page, via email at recycle@tuscolacounty.org, or by calling (989) 672-1673.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Council eyes water rate hike

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usage of 50,000 gallons of water is currently charged \$187.13 a month, but will pay \$223.37 under the two-percent fee increase, and a customer with a two-inch line and usage of 75,000 gallons would be charged an additional \$65.45 a month, increasing their current water bill of \$266.75 to \$332.20.

Now, the bad news

While many residential customers will not see significant hikes in their bills for water usage, all village residents are facing the prospects of sharing the cost — over time — for major renovations of an aging wastewater treatment plant that is already five years beyond its useful life expectancy of 35 years.

The village’s sewer fees are generally based on water usage, but village officials are currently looking at a multi-million-dollar project.

The need for an updated facility was again the topic of discussion earlier this year after village officials were forced to shell out another \$285,000 in equipment replacement expenses at the wastewater treatment plant.

In July, the village council heard a presentation from representatives of Johnson Controls regarding upgrades needed at the plant — which was built in 1993 — in order to ensure an up-to-date facility that will continue to protect public health.

Aside from discussing retrofitting an existing plant versus construction of a new one, the presentation included an option that would change how processing waste is done; switching from anaerobic digesters — currently in use at the Cass City WWTP — to aerobic digesters, which are cheaper and require less expensive equipment to process the waste.

By definition, anaerobic wastewater treatment is a biological process in which microorganisms degrade organic contaminants in the absence of oxygen. Conversely, the aerobic process relies on a continuous supply of air to be mixed in with the waste material.

The first option presented by Johnson Controls officials called for upgrades to the plant, as an “asset management plan” is written, while continuing to use an anaerobic setup. It comes with a price tag of \$15.9 million.

Option two, meanwhile, would switch the processing method from anaerobic digesters to aerobic digesters along with upgrades at the plant, at a projected cost of \$11.2 million.

The council hasn’t formally acted on the matter, but Powell said Friday that the council is no longer considering construction of a new plant. “They have decided the cost to build new is too high — we’re going to be using the existing building and structures,” she added.

Much work is yet to be done with respect to determining and proposing sewer rate increases that will support extensive renovations at the plant, said Powell, who pointed out the work will likely take place over a period of two to three years, and the rate hikes will likely be incremental.

“However, honestly, we know there’s a great cost (involved),” she said. “(But) we really must do something — this is public health.”

It’s deer season on roadways

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1,085 car-deer accidents last year, while Tuscola County had 1,066. Statewide, 1,429 people were injured and a dozen people were killed (four in passenger vehicles and eight were motorcyclists).

The highest number of crashes (9,885) occurred during November, and about 43 percent occurred during the fourth quarter of the year.

Nationally, more than 1.5 million deer-vehicle collisions occur each year in the United States, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety estimates. Those collisions result in about \$1 billion in vehicle damage and cause 150 deaths each year.

Normally, the accidents increase towards the end of the year because deer are on the move, with bucks chasing does during mating season and trying to avoid hunters.

While the state’s two million deer are most active in spring and fall, vehicle-deer crashes are a year-round problem. Each year, there are roughly 50,000 reported vehicle-deer crashes in Michigan. About 80 percent of these crashes occur on two-lane roads between dusk and dawn.

The most serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or a fixed object, or when their vehicle rolls over. It’s a natural reaction, but one that can also be dangerous and put motorists at risk for a serious crash.

MSP officials say the best ways to avoid a collision with a deer include:

*Stay aware, awake, and sober.

*Be especially wary in the spring and fall.

*Keep an eye out for signs placed at known deer crossing areas to alert you of the possible presence of deer.

*Keep in mind that deer are herd animals and frequently travel in single file. If you see one deer cross the road, chances are there are more waiting.

*Be alert for deer, especially at dawn and dusk. If you see one, slow down.

*Don’t rely on gimmicks, flashing your high-beam headlights or honking your horn to deter deer.

If a crash is unavoidable:

*Don’t swerve. Brake firmly, hold onto the steering wheel, and bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.

*Pull off the road, turn on your emergency flashers, and be cautious of other traffic if you exit your vehicle.

*Report the crash to the nearest police agency and your insurance company.

Remember to buckle up, as seat belts are motorists’ best defense in the event of a crash.

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

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Proposed Ordinance 188

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ROOM TO RUN. Cass City senior Alex Perry (44) rushed for 97 yards and 3 TDs in Friday's win over host Caro. Perry, who is being watched by Ferris State University representatives, also had 5 tackles.

Weekend tournament draws 16 teams, praises from Cass City volleyball coach

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

The Cass City Lady Red Hawk volleyball team played in a 16-team tournament Saturday and the format was to the liking of Coach Amy Cuthrell.

"Thank you to coach Ryan Wilson from Cros-Lex for creating a 16-team round robin. Coach Wilson worked tirelessly to find a way to work with the COVID rules and at the same time allowed us the opportunity to play volleyball," she said, adding, the prior weekend was our fourth Saturday of quads tournaments and we have

been only able to play teams within our region that we don't usually compete with.

Over the weekend at Yale, however, Cass City squared off against the hosts, Richmond and Brown City without dropping a set. The Red Hawks defeated Yale, 25-19. Please turn to page 8.



THE CASS CITY junior varsity football team holds a perfect 3-0 record. They are: (front row, l-r) Cameron Gottschalk, Brady Kolacz, Trysten Gruber, Tyler Cumper, Ryan Mellendorf, Landyn Schott, Cohen Sherman (middle Row, l-r) Riley Swiderski, Josh Steely, Braylon LeValley, Luke Tschirhart, Justin MacAlpine, Gabe LeValley (back row, l-r) Assistant Coach Matt Sweeney, Kellan Leavine, Carter Patrick, Cooper Malory and Coach Kyle Pine.

THREE PEAT

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Cass City captured its third consecutive Greater Thumb West (GTW) football championship Friday with a dominating performance in Caro. There, Coach Scott Cuthrell's Red Hawks showed up ready to play and quickly administered a 54-0 beating to return home with GTW honors.

The victory runs Cass City's win streak to 17 in GTW play dating back to 2017. Because of the pandemic, the Red Hawks will share this year's crown with Bad Axe as the two league foes both went 4-0 in conference contests but did not play each other in 2020.

"Congratulations to the players and coaching staff for their third straight league title. It's been an impressive run. The kids have worked hard along with the staff to put together a quality program to be proud of," Cuthrell said. "We will continue to take one game at a time."

Needing victory to defend their GTW title, Cass City led 16-0 after one quarter and 40-0 after two against the Tigers.

Jordan Mester started the touchdown parade for Cass City when he broke loose and sprinted 64 yards to the end zone with 7:55 showing on the clock.

Next to find day dirt for Cass City was Alex Perry. He scored on a 3-yard dive on the team's next possession, and entering the second quarter Cass City enjoyed a 16-0 advantage.

Another Perry touchdown – this one from the 5-yard line – got things started in the second quarter for the visitors. Then leading 24-0, Noah Zaleski and Perry both added touchdowns for Cass City late in half and deep inside the celebration was on for the Red Hawk players.

Cameron Gottschalk scored a TD for the winners in the 3rd quarter and Dustin Naegele scored a TD in the final frame to complete the romp.

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Cass City Red Hawk ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Knights Insurance Agency is proud to introduce Cameron Gottschalk as their Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week.

Just a sophomore with spot duty on the Red Hawk Greater Thumb West championship football team, Cameron has a bright future on the gridiron field.

Although his time in the backfield has been limited this season, in Friday's win over Caro, he had 5 carries for 37 yards and one touchdown. For the season, Cameron has rushed for 103 yards on 10 tries, finding pay dirt twice.

"Cameron is one of the fastest kids, if not the fastest, on the team. He gives our backfield extra speed when he's in there," said the team's statistician Dan Dickinson.

Cameron is the son of Gary Swalwell and Renee Gottschalk.



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Cards open second round of NCTL Stars play with sweep

The Kingston Lady Cardinal spikers opened the second half of North Central Thumb League Stars play Thursday at Mayville with victory in 3 sets. After cruising to easy wins of 25-3 and 25-17 to start the night, Kingston needed extra points to complete the sweep, 27-25.

“Strong serving was the story of the first set, as Kingston’s Ella Retan was 15/15 with 4 aces. The Wildcats fought back in the second set and then had the lead for the majority of the third set before Kingston pulled out some points when they needed them most,” said Kingston Coach Beth Hunter.

Retan’s big night included 24 service points, 11 digs, 6 Kills, 5 aces and one block, while Hannah James was credited with 26 assists, 6 digs, one block and one kill. Isabel Hurd added 15 kills, 6 digs and one block, Kali Norris 6 digs, 5 service points, 2 aces and one kill, Delaney St. George 6 digs, 4 kills and 4 service points and Olivia Ulewicz 7 service points, 4 kills, 2 assists and 2 digs.

On Tuesday, Kingston wrapped up their North Central Thumb

League crossover play knocking off guest Carsonville-Port Sanilac 25-10, 25-19 and 25-17.

James turned in a complete showing for the winners with 19 assists, 6 service points, 5 kills, 5 digs, 2 blocks and 2 aces. Also shining for the Cardinals were Retan with 20 service points, 9 kills, 4 digs, 4 aces and 2 blocks, Hurd with 7 kills, 7 digs, 4 blocks, 3 service points and 2 assists, Ulewicz with 4 kills, 4 digs, 4 service points, 3 assists and 2 aces, Norris with 6 service points, 5 kills, 2 digs and one ace, St. George with 9 digs, 5 service points, 2 kills, one assist and one ace and Brooklyn Walker with 4 digs, 4 service points, 2 kills, 2 assists and one ace.

“Kingston played one of its best matches of the season Tuesday night. The Cardinals were very well balanced offensively and spread the ball around all match long. It was a good way to wrap up crossover play,” Hunter said.

The Cardinals (8-1 Overall, 5-1 NCTL Stars) were scheduled to host Deckerville Tuesday night on Senior Night.



THE 2020 Cass City junior varsity volleyball team members are, from the left, Emily Ziegler, Paige Roth, Reese Grady, Kayley Salcido, Kendal Blanchard and Josie Spencer. Missing is Kylie McGrath. The Red Hawks are coached by Stephanie Leeson and Logan Rowell.

Growing pains continue for Kingston on gridiron

Morrice kept pace with Mayville in the North Central Thumb League Stars football standings Friday, defeating Kingston 57-0 to remain unblemished. To complete a perfect regular season slate the Orioles will have to get by Deckerville in Week 6.

The hosts scored 30 points in the opening quarter and never took their foot off the gas pedal, building a 46-0 cushion by the half.

Kingston (1-4 overall) was held to 157 all-purpose yards, with kick returns accounting for 78 yards.

In the air, quarterback Luke Fetting completed 4-of-10 passes for 32 yards. Kaidin Peters hauled in a pair of tosses, while Owen-Corlis and Jacob Rayl each

snagged one pass.

On the ground, Rayl rushed for 69 yards that included a long run of 40 yards. No other Cardinal rushed for more than 6-yards as Morrice controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball.

Defensively, Kingston had Rayl with 17 tackles and Fetting with 8 tackles leading the way.

“Morrice is definitely the best team we’ve faced all year. They are solid across the board. When we had an opening, their speed would shut that opening down real quick. Hats off to their kids and coaching staff. Our kids fought hard, but we were just out-matched,” said Kingston Coach Brandon Jones.



THE 2020 Cass City freshmen volleyball team members are: (front row, l-r) Heather Czekai, Aubree Venema, Kennedy Vanwormer, Asia Morgan (back row, l-r) Taylor Beckrow, Erica Horning, Hailey Dubs and Sara Mecomber. The Red Hawks are coached by Emily Baur.

Hawk spikers perfect Saturday

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25-8 and 26-24; Richmond, 25-8, 25-21 and 25-13 and Brown City 28-26, 25-20 and 25-11.

“We had the best weekend to date and are grateful that we get to play and continue to make gains. I was happy with all twelve of the players, as each of them contributed making for a team effort. We will continue to fine tune and work to get better,” Cuthrell said.

Individual leaders for Cass City were Kalee Gray with 48 kills and 12 blocks, while Sierra Spry added 42 kills, Abby Phillips 65 assists and Madison Cumper 72 digs.

GTC MATCH

Earlier in the week, Cass City split a pair of Greater Thumb Conference matches.

After falling to USA Tuesday in Greater Thumb West action, Cass City traveled to Harbor Beach on Thursday and came home with

victory in straight sets. Scores in the Greater Thumb Conference crossover contest were 25-14, 25-17 and 25-28.

Leading the visitors at the net were Gray and Bouverette with 14 and 10 kills, respectively, while Saylor Cuthrell chipped in 15 assists and Cumper had 13 digs.

Turning to the USA match, the visiting league leaders needed 5 sets to knock off Cass City - 25-23, 25-15, 20-25, 24-26 and 15-10.

“It has been a battle every time we meet. I was really proud of our team for digging in and making it a game. Kalee Gray really followed the game plan and worked hard at the net on both sides of the ball. Madison Cumper had a great show as well. In order to get to the finish line first, all cylinders have to be going. We will get there we just have to keep fine tuning,” said Cuthrell.

Gray and Spry split 24 kills to lead the way for the hosts.

Cass City defends GTW title

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Mester gained 132 yards on only 7 carries to pace Cass City’s ground game that had Perry with 97 yards on 13 tries and 3 touch-downs, plus a pair of extra point

runs. Zaleski finished with 44 rushing yards on 5 totes, and quarterback Bryce Fernald completed his only pass – a 23 yarder to Zaleski.

Defensively, Jeremy Velasquez had 10 tackles and an interception for Cass City.

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	Clarke Haire	Ray Maurer	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
Oct. 23 Weekend (11-player games)				
Cass City -vs- Marlette	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
EPBP -vs- Tawas	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	Tawas
Ubly -vs- Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Ubly	Bad Axe	Bad Axe
Sandusky -vs- Reese	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Harbor Beach -vs- USA	USA	USA	Harbor Beach	USA
(8-man games)				
Deckerville -vs- Morrice	Morrice	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Kingston -vs- Whittemore	Whittemore	Whittemore	Whittemore	Whittemore
(College games)				
Rutgers @ MSU	MSU	MSU	MSU	MSU
UofM @ Minnesota	Minnesota	UofM	UofM	Minnesota
(Pro game)				
Lions @ Falcons	Lions	Lions	Falcons	Lions
LAST WEEK	7-2	9-0	7-2	8-1
SEASON RESULTS	(32-11) 74 %	(38-5) 88%	(31-12) 72%	(32-11) 74%

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

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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	CC 54, Caro 0
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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Home games in bold.
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Special needs clinic funding set in budget

State Senators Kevin Daley and Ken Horn recently supported a fiscal year 2021 budget plan that includes funding for the Special Needs Vision Clinic in Saginaw County.

The Special Needs Vision Clinic has been in operation for nearly four decades and is the only one of its kind in Michigan. The clinic operates as a non-profit vision clinic and is specifically dedicated to the care of developmentally disabled and handicapped patients.

The clinic has served thousands of patients, including many from the Thumb region, since its inception in 1982, and continues to reach 700 to 900 patients each year.

The staff also travels to lesser served areas to provide care to individuals who are unable to travel or do not have the means to attend the clinic in Saginaw.

"The staff at the clinic possess an extreme dedication to helping meet the needs of their patients," said Daley (R-Lum), whose district includes Tuscola County. "They provide vital services to patients in the Great Lakes Bay Region and throughout the state. This funding ensures that this deserving population can continue to receive appropriate care that meets their unique needs."

Daley and Horn, along with other lawmakers, worked with the Special Needs Vision Clinic to include \$100,000 in funding that would allow the clinic to continue providing optometric services to Michigan's developmentally disabled and handicapped population.

Daley said the idea was brought to his attention by the Bay City Lion's Club, which organized a tour and an opportunity for the senator to meet with the director of the clinic.

"I'm still on cloud nine about this funding being secured for the clinic," said Special Needs Vision Clinic Director Dolores Kowalski. "I appreciate the hard work and support from our legislators in Lansing — this funding will allow us to continue to provide essential services to this most-deserving population."

New farmers market project underway

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

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

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

The general contractor doing the work is Three Rivers Construction of Midland.

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

"It's not completed yet and requests from vendors who want to be a part of it are being made," said Thom Bardwell.

Aside from his role as a chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, Bardwell operates several small businesses, and as such, is a frequent vendor at markets throughout the Thumb area.

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

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

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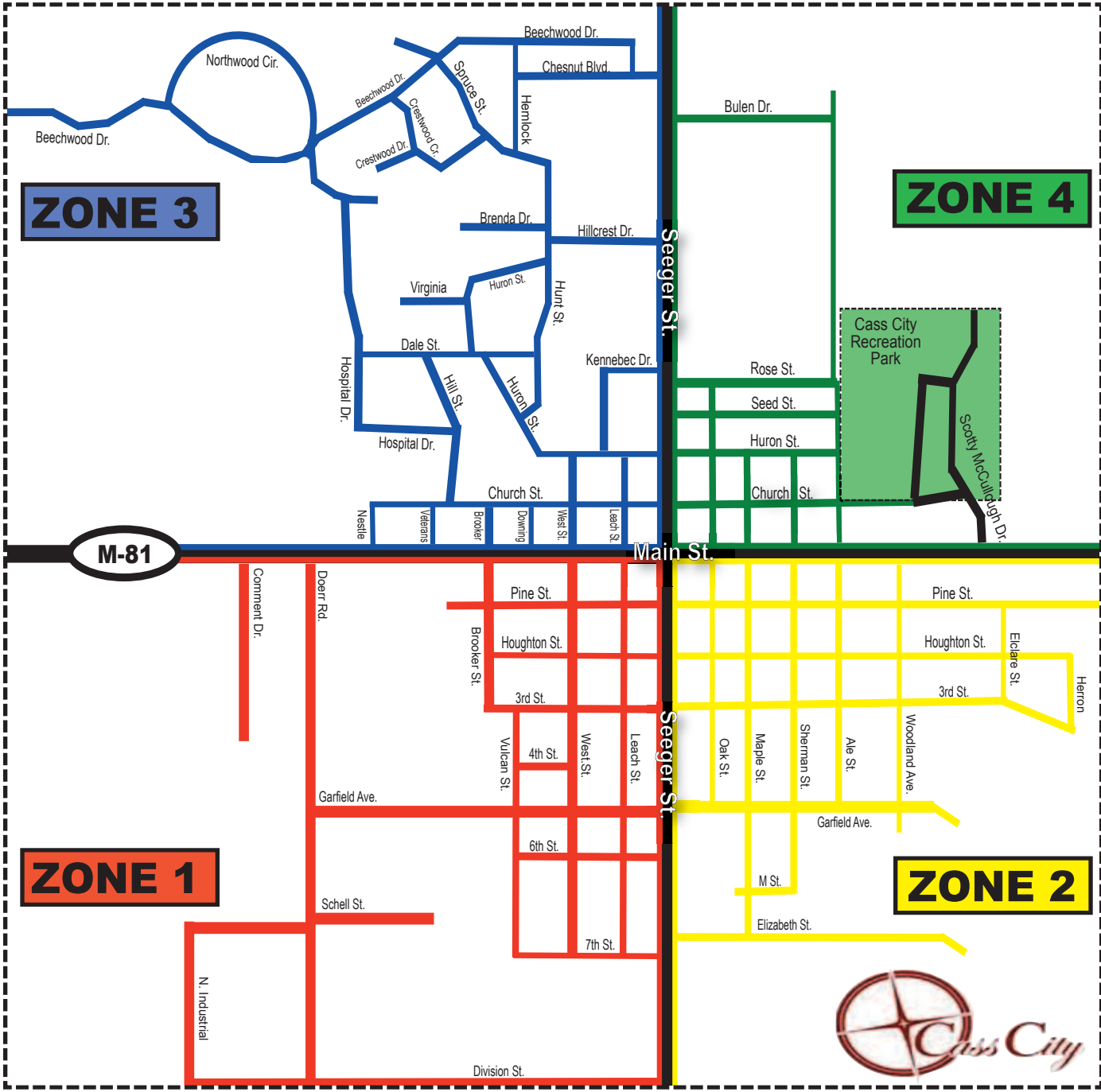
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ZONE 1

October 26 to October 28
November 9 to November 11
November 23 to November 25

ZONE 2

October 29 to October 30
November 12 to November 13
November 26 to November 27

ZONE 3

November 2 to November 4
November 16 to November 18
November 30 to December 2

ZONE 4

November 5 to November 6
November 19 to November 20
December 2 to December 4

Obituaries

Carlton Buehrly

Carlton Edward Buehrly, 92, of Kiva, entered eternal life Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at UP Health System – Marquette.

Born April 29, 1928, in Detroit, son of Edward and Jennett Buehrly, Carl was raised on the family farm in Cass City, Michigan, where he learned the value of work at an early age and developed a strong lifelong work ethic.

As a youth, he longed to drive the large farm equipment but his father deemed it too dangerous, so Carl was placed in charge of a team of horses to do his portion of the farm work. Growing up in a farming community, Carl also belonged to the local 4-H Club.

Following graduation from Cass City High School, Carl was hired as a herdsman with Jensen Farms in Marlette. It was there he met their secretary, Carolyn Satory, who became the love of his life. The couple was married on October 28, 1950, in Sandusky, Michigan, making their first home at Jensen Farms.

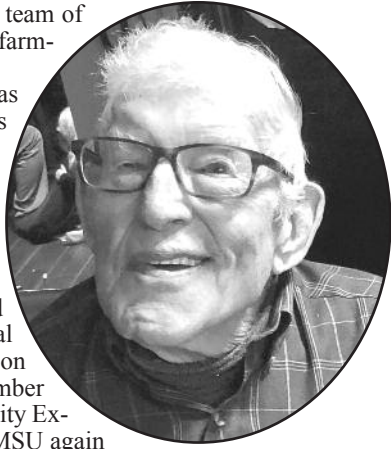
Carl later began a 20 year employment with McKone Farms in Clarklake, where he performed a multitude of farm tasks, including working with registered Hereford cattle and the company's fruit orchards. Recognized for his agricultural talents, particularly with cattle, Michigan State University on their third attempt to hire Carl finally succeeded. In December 1973, Carl became herdsman for the Michigan State University Experiment Station in Chatham. After ten years at Chatham, MSU again asked him to relocate, this time to East Lansing to manage their herds involved in the MSU Embryo Transplant Program. In his new job, Carl worked with veterinarians and students in a team approach. He enjoyed mentoring the students and earned the respect of students and peers alike.

Retiring at age 65, Carl and Carolyn purchased property in the Kiva area. In retirement, Carl assisted his son, Bob, with his farm in Traunik, naming their combined cattle and farm operation "Buehrly's Buckeye Spur Farm". Throughout the years, Carl enjoyed mentoring numerous students and was generous with the sharing of his time and knowledge. He especially liked to attend cattle events and enjoyed interaction with anyone, especially youth, concerning anything agricultural in nature. His hobbies and interests centered around being an enthusiastic Spartan fan and work, work, work! Carl was a member of the Michigan Cattlemen's Association and was their 2008 recipient of the Cattle Businessman of the Year award. He was deeply loved by his family and friends, and has enriched the lives of many he encountered. Carl had a long and fruitful life full of hard work, warmth and humor and although he will be greatly missed, there is no doubt that he left this world a better place.

Carl is survived by his wife of 70 years, Carolyn; his children, Robert (Vickie) Buehrly of Traunik, Colleen (Mike) Portale of Avon Lake, OH and Mary Lynn Buehrly of Mason; his grandchildren, Bridgette (John) Woodham, Tiffany (Terry) Johnson, Bethany Buehrly, Andrew (Chelsea) Portale and Ashley Portale; and great-grandchildren, Clay Dean Johnson, Stella Rae Johnson, John Hunter Woodham, and Audrey Kathleen Portale.

Private family services will be held. Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral and Cremation Services is serving the family. Interment will be made in the spring at the Juhl Cemetery, Marlette, Michigan.

Condolences may be expressed online at fassbenderswansonhansen.com.



Mary Karr

On the morning of October 9, 2020, Mary Karr, of Milan, Michigan died peacefully in her sleep at the age of 60, surrounded by her loving family.

Mary Christine Kreuz was born the twentieth of December 1959, in Cambridge, Massachusetts to Edward and Jean Kreuz. The youngest of six, Mary was the darling of the family home on Cleveland St. in Arlington, Mass.

She played clarinet and softball at Arlington High, later starring as the centerfielder on the 1986 City of Boston Mayor's Cup championship team. At age 20, Mary moved to France to serve as an au pair for a family in the Loire Valley and to backpack her way around Europe. Upon her stateside return, she and her sister Sally found an apartment in Woburn, MA. In 1984 she became godmother to her sister Nancy's son, Benjamin Eaton.

While working in Cambridge at MIT, she met a curious professor from the Midwest named Dale George Karr. They began dating, fell in love, and were married June 18th, 1988 in Woburn, MA. Their son Jesse Dale was born in March of 1989; not long after, Dale received an offer to teach at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and a chance to return home to Michigan. Around Christmas of 1989 the young family moved to the "frontier", finding a house with a barn and five acres in Milan, MI. Mary set to work transforming the house and property into a beautiful home, and in November 1991 they welcomed Grant John into the world. While she certainly missed Boston and her family and friends back east, Mary built herself a wonderful new circle of friends in Michigan and gave countless hours of service to the schools, sports programs, and Marble Memorial United Methodist Church. While she grew to love Milan and its people, she always looked forward to the annual family vacation to the cottage, beach and family at Little Neck in Ipswich, MA.

In February 1994, Lucas Gabriel was born, and the family was complete. Meanwhile, Mary continued to overhaul the family property in Milan, discovering a particular penchant for gardening. Therefore, once all three sons were in school, Mary decided to become a florist. It was a job she loved and at which she excelled for the next two decades, allowing her to spread love and happiness to the world via her work and her personality.

As the boys grew up and it became clear that sports, not music, were where their talents lay, Mary decided to pick up golf. She found she was also a gifted golfer; so good, in fact, that her skills rapidly surpassed those of her three boys and husband. She and Dale joined a golf league, and she especially enjoyed playing with (and out-classing) her sons whenever they were home.

Mary was a spectacular and remarkable woman. She emanated love and happiness every day, enriching the lives of everyone she met. She was both adaptable and passionate, allowing her to absorb and grow from every challenge life sent her way. As her time to meet God grew near, countless friends and family reached out to show her how much she meant to them, and not a few expressed a similar sentiment: that it would not be possible to live life better than Mary Karr. She taught us so much, particularly how to live with love and happiness, and she will continue to inspire us all in perpetuity.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Nancy and Sally.

In addition to her husband Dale, Mary is survived by her sons Jesse, Grant and Luke; her brothers, David and Ricky; her sister Patti; and 14 nieces and nephews.

A private service was held October 16th. A public memorial service will be scheduled and announced at a later date.



Ann Craig

Ann Louise Craig, 74, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Saturday, October 17, 2020 in her home.

She was born January 27, 1946 in Saginaw, to Bernard and Lucy (Wadsworth) Starmann.

She married Thomas Craig December 26, 1965 in Cass City United Methodist Church.

Ann graduated from Cass City High School in 1964. She studied history and received her Bachelors of Arts from Central Michigan University and years later, earned a Master's Degree in Library Science from Wayne State University.

She enjoyed researching her family history and genealogy.

Ann was employed as a substitute teacher in the Cass City High School Library. Her knowledge and love of books and reading aided many visitors of the Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, where she worked for over twenty-five years. She would read anything, from classic literature to contemporary horror novels. Ann loved her pet cats and had a tremendous sweet tooth for cookies and candy. She served as a Deacon of First Presbyterian Church of Cass City and was an active member of the American Association of University Women.

Ann is survived by her husband, Tom; daughter: Barbara (Shea) Charles of Howell; grandson, Ethan Charles of Howell; sister: Suzanne (Michael) Mulligan of Arlington Heights, IL; Goddaughter and niece, Susan (Jack) Kasko; nieces and nephews: Amy (Patrick) Sacor, Anne Mulligan, Elsa (Scott) Starmann-Sprague, Hannah Starmann and Jonny Starmann.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Barbara Starmann and John Starmann.

Visitation will be held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City. A funeral service will take place at 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City with the Rev. Michele Hile officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library or First Presbyterian Church of Cass City.

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

In accordance with the current state executive order, social distancing and limitations on numbers gathered in the funeral home will be observed. Attendees are also kindly reminded to wear a mask or other facial covering.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Sidney "Sid" Parsell

Sidney Douglas "Sid" Parsell, 65, of Cass City, died Tuesday October 13, 2020 in Hills and Dales General Hospital of Cass City.

He was born April 18, 1955 in Cass City to Norman and Mary (Faszczka) Parsell.

He married Elizabeth K. Anthes-Dickinson August 20, 2016 in Cass City.

Sid graduated from Akron Fairgrove High School.

He worked as a farmer his entire life on his parents' farm. Sid was skilled at fixing cars and enjoyed time spent tinkering with them. He loved a good round of golf, traveling and was a loyal Detroit Lions fan. Sid attended Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City.

He will be fondly remembered for loving life; always joking, never too serious and always having fun.

Sid is survived by his wife, Beth; daughters: Shawna (Brian) Walts of Caro and Kristin Parsell of Caro; eight grandchildren: Alexis, Bryce and Colton Laskowski, Devin, Shilynn, Dawson, Adalynn and RayLynn Parsell; siblings: Gene (Pearl) Parsell of Pigeon, John (Caroline) Parsell of Fayetteville, GA, Timothy Parsell of Caro, Debra Parsell (Ron Watson) of Westminster, CO and Mark (Denise) Parsell of Coldwater; three step-sons and spouses; and four step grandsons.

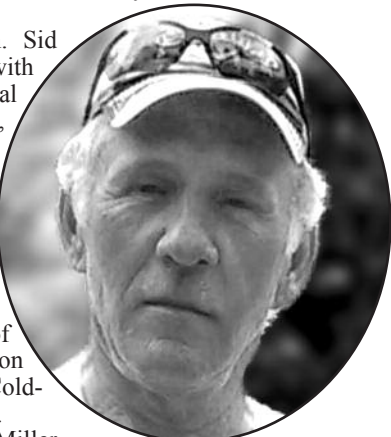
He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Susan Miller.

A funeral service was held Monday, October 19, in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City with Brad Speirs officiating.

Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Novesta Church of Christ, Bay Shore Camp, or American Cancer Society.

Friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



LaVern Rutkoski

LaVern Peter Rutkoski, 80, of Cass City, passed away peacefully Friday, October 16, 2020 in McLaren Bay Region, Bay City.

He was born September 22, 1940 at home in Cumber, the sixth of fifteen children born to Enick and Helen (Jurkowski) Rutkoski.

He married Carol Ann Walmsley September 7, 1963 in St. Pancratius Church, Cass City.

LaVern graduated in 1958 from Cass City High School.

He worked as a Process Engineer at General Cable for thirty-eight years, earning patents and accolades for his work. One of his proudest accomplishments was designing and building his family's home in Cass City, where he raised his three children with Carol and provided a nurturing environment for his three grandchildren.

LaVern enjoyed woodworking, gardening, and his John Deere tractor. He shared these hobbies with his family, teaching them the importance of hard work, faith and compassion.

A sports fan, LaVern cheered for the University of Michigan, the Detroit Pistons and the Detroit Tigers. LaVern and Carol traveled extensively, visiting Italy, Ireland and the United Kingdom, as well as friends and family throughout the United States.

LaVern was well known in the community as a generous and hard-working man with an enthusiasm for mentoring others and helping people in need. He was an active member and leader of the Knights of Columbus Thumb Council and organized many events at his church like the annual Potato Drive, Tootsie Roll drive and Fish Frys. LaVern started each day with a cup of coffee with his good friends at Nick's, discussing the news of the Thumb.

LaVern is survived by his wife, Carol Ann; children: Lisa Marie (Kirk) Winter of Cass City, Christine Ann (Randolph) Hasson of Merritt Island, FL and Matthew James (Erin Hitchins) Rutkoski of Chicago, IL; grandchildren: Brennan (Tiffany) Winter, Chase Winter and Emily Hasson; siblings: Herb Rutkoski of Cass City, Catherine Keahn of Utica, Ron (Caroline) Rutkoski of Decker, Veronica (Gary) Priestly of Caro, JoAnne (Tom) Osantowski of Cass City, Larry (Ann) Rutkoski of Essexville, Patti (Rennie Sandercott) Willcocks of Sterling Heights and Mike (Cecelia) Rutkoski of Columbus, OH; sister-in-law, Joanne Rutkoski of Ocala, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Mildred (Ralph) Orzel, Frank Rutkoski, Lucille Rutkoski, Phyllis (Del) Lowrie, Jeanne Rutkoski and Rosemary Rutkoski; brother-in-law, Gerald Keahn; and sister-in-law, Kay Rutkoski.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, October 22, in St. Pancratius Catholic Church of Cass City.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 22, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City with the Rev. Theo Nnabugo officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, or the American Heart Association.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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Benson: no open carry at polls; county officials prepare for Nov. 3 vote

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can freely exercise their fundamental right to vote without fear of threats, intimidation or harassment. Prohibiting the open-carry of firearms in areas where citizens cast their ballots is necessary to ensure every voter is protected."

Attorney General Dana Nessel, who noted laws related to carrying a concealed firearm still apply, supported Benson's decision.

"Michigan voters have the right to vote in person on Election Day free from threat and intimidation. An armed presence at the polls is inconsistent with our notion of a free democracy," Nessel said.

"Michiganders should know that law enforcement across multiple levels is working together to ensure that anyone who wishes to exercise their right to vote in-person on election day can do so safely and without the threat of intimidation," added Col. Joe Gasper, director of the Michigan State Police.

County preparations

In Tuscola County, there have been discussions related to ensuring election security, with Emergency Management Director Deputy Steven Anderson, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Clerk Jodi Fetting and Prosecutor Mark E. Reene among the participants.

Skrent says he doesn't anticipate serious problems on Election Day, but he also isn't dismissing the possibility.

"You just (consider) the mood of the country and think, what can happen, because this is a pretty heated election. The tension, (on top of) Covid, is just horrible," he said, noting short tempers and a lack of respect have been on the rise for some time now.

Skrent said deputies will be working extra hours Nov. 3 and "we always have security in the courthouse during election night."

As for election integrity, Fetting, the county's chief elections officer, says the process designed to make sure each citizen can cast only one vote – and that each of those votes, including absentee ballots, will count – remains in place today.

Michigan residents in 2018 approved a wide-ranging constitutional amendment that allows citizens to register and vote on the day on an election, and to request absentee ballots without having to give a reason.

"It's still absentee voting today as it was two years ago. It's just available to everybody today. The process is the same as it always has been – we still have checks and balances," explained Fetting, who said she's comfortable with absentee voting and cast her own vote that way this year.

The checks and balances in place include election workers comparing the signature on each ballot with citizens' signatures on the qualified voters files. If the signatures don't match, workers contact the voter in question and ask them to come in to resolve the issue. "We can also track individual ballot numbers issued to each voter," Fetting noted.

As of Oct. 12, Fetting said, 10,814 absentee voter (AV) ballots had been sent out in the county, with 4,600 of those returned by voters.

"At this point, our AV rate is 42.5 percent," she continued, adding local clerks are seeing a trend of voters who have previously voted absentee returning their ballots earlier."

So, what happens if a voter at first opts to cast an AV ballot but later decides to vote in person?

They can do that, according to Fetting, who explained election workers will check their records to make sure the citizen's AV ballot has not been returned, and they will ask the voter to sign an affidavit.

While Fetting is confident in the system, she does have concerns regarding residents understanding all of the election laws currently in place, including exercising their right to vote in person, without letting their emotions get the best of them.

"I want people to come in to vote. I want people to vote safely," she said.

Among those laws is that while state health department laws generally require residents to wear masks indoors, residents are encouraged – but not required to – wear them while at a polling place for the purposes of voting.

Another law in place for many years prohibits citizens from wearing political gear – shirts, hats, masks, etc. – in support of a specific candidate inside a polling place.

Voters who plan to cast their ballots in person this year will find wait times to be longer this year due to measures in place to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 – sanitizing voting machines after each use, for example, and having fewer machines available to allow for social distancing.

Michigan law allows for "election challengers" and "poll watchers" to observe the election process on behalf of candidates or partisan entities, but they are prohibited by law from threatening or intimidating voters or poll workers, or in any way disrupting the voting process.

In addition, "campaigners" are allowed to be on the premises of polling places, but must stand a minimum of 100 feet from the polling place doors.

Fetting said election challengers must be certified by the state and appointed by a political party or organization (two challengers from each party/organization may be appointed), and they may challenge votes for good cause.

According to the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections, poll watchers:

- *Must conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times.
- *Can be expelled from the precinct for acting in a disorderly manner, including by campaigning; threatening or intimidating voters or election inspectors; touching any election equipment; or disrupting the administration of the election. If a poll watcher violates these standards of conduct, an election inspector will ask them to leave. If they refuse to leave, an election inspector will call law enforcement.
- *Are not required to be registered to vote in Michigan.
- *Cannot be candidates for an elective office to be voted on at the election.
- *Are not authorized to challenge a person's right to vote or the actions of a precinct board.
- *Are not permitted to position themselves or sit behind the election inspectors' processing table.
- *Must sit or stand in the "public area" of the polling place where they will not interfere with the voting process.
- *Are not authorized to approach or talk to voters for any reason.

The public hearing of the Cass City Village Council that was scheduled for October 26 at 6:45 pm has been postponed until a new date has been set by the Village Council, due to the confusion of communications.

We appreciate your understanding with this matter.

Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation



IN ADDITION to fire safety lessons, the Elkland Township Fire Department has invited local fifth grade students to participate in a coloring/poster contest related to fire safety in the kitchen. The winners, to be announced over the next couple of weeks, will receive a trophy along with a pizza and pop.

October Fire Prevention Month in state

October is Fire Prevention Month, and state officials are helping to spread a message designed to protect Michigan residents and save lives.

"It is important for Michigan residents to recognize that fires can impact anyone, and we must all take action to protect ourselves and our families," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "With these practical and essential preventive measures, people can help avoid fires in their homes and also be better prepared if a fire does occur."

According to data collected by MI Prevention – a statewide community risk reduction effort led by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) in collaboration with the State Fire Marshal and Michigan's fire safety organizations – most of Michigan's fire deaths happen overnight, with 50 percent of those fatalities resulting from fires that started in the living room, 17 percent that started in the kitchen and 16 percent, in bedrooms.

"It is critical for each of us to practice fire safety in our home with our entire family, including our children," said Orlene Hawks, LARA director. "Create a fire escape plan and practice it often as a family – it is a simple thing to do and it can save the lives of the people we love."

LARA has created several public service announcements to help spread the word on how to best prevent fires by focusing on topics such as careless smoking, smoke alarms, heaters, Christmas trees, and prevention measures.

"Having working smoke alarms in every bedroom and on every level of your home, including

closing your bedroom doors when you are sleeping, are the best defenses against fast-moving fires and can cut a family's risk in half from dying in a home fire," said State Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeier.

State officials are asking residents to check the smoke alarms that protect their elder family members, and to identify fire hazards in their homes and correct them. It is also important to be cautious while smoking, as 51 percent of the fire deaths in Michigan since 2017 have involved careless smoking.

In order to make your home more fire-safe, MI Prevention offers the following tips:

- *Install smoke alarms on every level of the home and inside every sleeping area.
- *Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by pushing the test button every month.
- *Never smoke in bed, and keep lighters and cigarettes away from children.
- *Never leave lit candles unattended; place them in sturdy holders on uncluttered surfaces, keeping them at least one foot away from anything that can burn, including curtains, bedding, furniture, and carpeting.
- *Have fireplaces, chimneys, wood stoves, and coal stoves inspected annually by a professional – and cleaned if necessary.
- *Never leave a fire in the fire-place unattended.
- *Use caution when using space heaters; never leave them unattended, keep them at least three feet away from anything that can burn, and place them on a hard-nonflammable surface, like a ce-

ramic tile floor.

*Replace frayed extension cords and do not overload extension cords.

*Never overload electrical outlets; plug only one heat-producing appliance into an outlet at a time.

*Major appliances should not be plugged in using extension cords or plug strips. Plug appliances and space heaters directly into the wall electrical outlet.

*Keep clothes and other items three feet away from gas water heaters.

*Clean the dryer lint screen after each load – lint is extremely flammable.

*Have fire extinguishers in the home and know how to use them.

*Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are not blocked by furniture or clutter.

*Sleep with your bedroom door closed with a smoke alarm in your bedroom; this can save lives by reducing toxic smoke levels and slowing down the spread of fire and smoke into bedrooms.

*If you need to escape out a window, close the door between you and the fire before opening the window to escape, as a closed door slows down the spread of fire and smoke as you escape.

This year's National Fire Protection Association theme is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" It is imperative to never leave cooking unattended and to keep the stove and burners clean and free of grease to avoid the potential for a small kitchen fire that can get out of hand quickly.

To learn more about MI Prevention, visit the website www.michigan.gov/miprevention.

Covid cases take sharp upward turn in state

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jump in our cases – a trend we can reverse if we all take this seriously and follow best practices to slow the spread of COVID-19."

The recent increase in cases, along with people gathering indoors more frequently due to cooler weather, creates a risk of greater community spread.

To protect against the risk of a devastating surge in cases and its impact on Michiganders, MDHHS has issued additional emergency orders to clarify gathering definitions, capacity restrictions, mask requirements and worker protections.

Wearing masks, practicing social distancing, washing hands, and participating in contact tracing with public health officials are proven, effective ways to slow the spread of this virus.

As Michigan works to safely re-open, Khalidun said, it's important to remember that does not mean that the virus is gone, or the risk of infection is less. Scientists and doctors agree that masks and face coverings can help to reduce the spread by about 70 percent.

"Not feeling ill is not a sign that you are not infected – the reality is that about 40 percent of people who have COVID-19 may be asymptomatic and capable of spreading the virus to others,"

Khalidun pointed out.

"Although many people getting infected with COVID-19 this fall are not needing to be hospitalized,

it still important that we wear masks and socially distance to prevent people who will have severe disease from getting infected.

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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

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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 19, 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): Dale R. Hughey and Ardith L. Hughey, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Citicorp Trust Bank, FSB
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2019-3, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee
Date of Mortgage: August 14, 2003
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 19, 2003
Amount claimed due on

date of notice: \$35,607.58

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 5, Block 5 of Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 17, now Page 18A, Tuscola County Records.

Common street address (if any): 909 Monroe St, Caro, MI 48723-1762

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 21, 2020
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Funding will be used to focus on suicide issues

Michigan is launching a new initiative to promote awareness and education about suicide, an issue that affects all areas of the state, including the Thumb.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) received a \$4.35 million dollar grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to be used over the next five years to help address the rising issue of suicide in adult men, according to Kay Balcer, network director of the Thumb Community Health Partnership.

The newly-funded MDHHS program Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men will focus on reducing the number of suicide deaths and attempts among men ages 25 and older.

“Locally, in the Thumb of Michigan, there were 41 deaths by suicide in 2018. Men made up 90 percent of suicides in the Thumb,” Balcer said. “Suicide is a growing public health crisis, and the Thumb Community Health Partnership is making local efforts to help combat this crisis.”

The Thumb Community Health Partnership is made up of seventeen organizations throughout Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties.

As a partnership, they have identified two major areas of focus, one area being behavioral health,” Balcer said. “The data that the partnership has collected shows suicide being one of the top ten leading causes of death in all four counties in 2018.”

Anyone facing a crisis involving possible suicide is urged to call the National Suicide Hotline at 800-273-8255. There are also area crisis lines available 24/7 for those who need to talk to someone: Tuscola County – 1-800-462-6814, Huron County — 1-800-356-5568 and Sanilac County — 1-888-225-4447.

Medical care staffers test positive

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city’s Life Enrichment Department at (989) 672-0524.

Covid numbers update

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

The state reported 2,030 new cases Thursday, which marked a new record. Michigan is now averaging nearly 1,300 new cases a day – the state’s highest average since mid-April.

More than 1,000 people are currently hospitalized with COVID-19, according to MDHHS officials, who are reporting the state’s testing positivity rate is also on the rise; it was 4.7 percent Thursday, compared to a goal of three percent.

Monday’s total confirmed cases reached 147,806 statewide, with a total of 7,031 deaths, compared to 136,465 cases and 6,898 deaths a week earlier. Health officials are reporting that an estimated 109,539 Covid patients have recovered statewide.

In the Thumb, between Monday, Oct. 12, and Monday, Oct. 19, the number of combined confirmed cases in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties increased by 61 – from 830 to 891 — with the three counties’ combined death toll remaining at 45 fatalities.

According to the latest data, Tuscola County has recorded 514 confirmed cases, an increase of 41 cases compared to a week before, and 34 deaths (no change).

In Huron County, meanwhile, there are 215 confirmed cases (an increase of 11 from a week earlier), with five deaths (no change), and Sanilac County has a total of 162 confirmed cases, up from 153 cases a week earlier, and six deaths (no change).



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House of Hair!



Yes this beauty shop building is for sale! Beautician would like to stay, ideal investment opportunity. Room in the back for barber shop (formerly Jack's Barber Shop) - Come take a look.
032-20-0037

Nice set back off the road. Home has had a lot of renovations done. Kitchen and 2 bathrooms redone. Large Living room with Cove ceiling and one end with built ins. Upstairs has 3 bedrooms, master bedroom with walk in closet & 3/4 bath. Laundry room off the kitchen. Back entrance into a breezeway to use how you wish. Well 5 years old, furnace approx 7 years old. Approx 26x40 pole barn behind the house with overhead doors.
032-20-0035

