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## State, federal probe leads to arrest of Thumb man

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

State and federal law enforcement officers Thursday arrested two men — including a Thumb

resident described as the leader of a white supremacy organization that openly advocates for violence — in connection with the intimidation of a family in southern Michigan in late 2019.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel authorized multiple felony charges against Justin Watkins, 25, of Bad Axe, and Alfred Gorman, 35, of Taylor.

Nessel announced the arrests of

Watkins — the self-proclaimed leader of The Base, a national white supremacist group — and Gorman, an associate of Watkins and the group, following an investigation by the Michigan State Po-

lice and the FBI.

"The suspects are linked to a December 2019 incident in Dexter (located in Washtenaw County), in which a family was terrorized at their home after the men allegedly used intimidation tactics on the premises and posted messages to other The Base members targeting the home," Nessel said.

Arrest warrants were executed at 6 a.m. Thursday at the defendants' residences in Bad Axe and Taylor by state police troopers and FBI agents. Watkins and Gorman were both taken into custody and were transported to the Washtenaw County Jail. Their arraignments were pending.

Both men face charges of gang membership, a 20-year felony; unlawful posting of a message, which is punishable by up to two years behind bars and/or a \$5,000 fine; and using a computer to commit a crime, another felony that carries a maximum four-year prison term and/or a \$5,000 fine.

The charges were filed last week in Washtenaw County District Court because the victims' residence and the scene of the incident are within that jurisdiction.

According to Nessel, the alleged criminal acts took place during the late evening hours of Dec. 11, 2019.

"The victims reportedly witnessed Watkins and Gorman dressed in dark clothing, shining a light and taking pictures on the front porch of the family's home. The photos were then uploaded to The Base's channel on the social media platform Telegram with the caption, 'The Base sends greetings to Daniel Harper of the Antifa podcast I Don't Speak German,'" Nessel said.

"Through their actions, Watkins and Gorman intended to threaten and intimidate Harper, whom they mistakenly believed to reside at the victims' home. However, Harper never lived at that address.

"The photo was taken without the victim family's consent. Watkins and Gorman's posting of the message was intended to cause conduct that would make the res-

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## Old-fashioned Christmas fest set in village

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

In an era when small town festival cancellations have become the norm, Cass City Chamber of Commerce officials have some good news to share with the community.

Cass City's 2020 Christmas in the Village celebration is a go, although the COVID-19 pandemic has forced organizers to make a number of revisions to popular events that annually draw hundreds of area residents to the village's downtown in early December.

"It's going to be quite different," Judy Keller, Cass City Chamber of Commerce administrator, said of this year's festivities, planned for Saturday, Dec. 5.

One of the biggest changes, Keller said, is the elimination of the traditional community gathering at the Cass City VFW Hall following the lighted Christmas parade. In recent years, the event has drawn hundreds of residents, with the chamber handing out roughly \$2,000 worth of free gifts.

However, health officials' recommendations related to social distancing and ensuring people are wearing masks indoors made that activity too big of a challenge.

Instead, Keller said, "this year we're going to revamp (the celebration). We're going to go back old style — when the committee has talked about it, we've called it a 'Hallmark Christmas'."

Another change will be in the venue for the annual arts and crafts show, which is normally

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**ROUGHLY 70 Cass City sixth grade students from three classes enjoyed a morning of launching model rockets Thursday, courtesy of the Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education program, which provided all of the materials free via a kit grant awarded to veteran teacher Ron Woloshen. Above, two of the rockets launch as teacher Robin Keine watches student Chandler Hendrick light a fuse on a third rocket. (See story, page 10)**

## Covid forces cancelation of holiday dinner

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It took a pandemic to force organizers of the Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner to cancel the event for the first time in memory.

The dinner, traditionally held on Thanksgiving Day, has always been a model of cooperation involving a small army of volunteers, generous donors and crowds — 250 to 300 people — that typi-

cally participate in the annual holiday gathering.

However, organizers say a global pandemic that arrived earlier this year and has seen cases again increasing dramatically in the Michigan and the Thumb region in recent days, prompted them to make a difficult decision.

Cass City residents Brian and Janice Williams, who have been

involved in volunteering for the dinner for a decade, took over the responsibility of organizing the event from long-time coordinator Scott Mills about three years ago.

"This year has been a challenging year for the world with COVID-19," Janice Williams acknowledged. "COVID-19 is an extremely scary virus. The un-

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## COVID-19 cases continue to rise significantly in Thumb

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

COVID-19 cases continue to soar across Michigan, with state health officials reporting more than 3,000 newly confirmed coronavirus cases for a third straight day on Friday.

Local health department officials say the number of cases of COVID-19 continues to surge in the Thumb, where the Sanilac County Health Department on Saturday announced a probe into a virus outbreak among the staff at Marlette Regional Hospital.

"As of Saturday, the hospital is reporting positive (test results) from various hospital units. Staff testing positive were removed from work immediately," a news release issued by the health department stated. "The hospital has been working very diligently in tracking the cases and mobilizing resources to prevent further spread of the disease throughout the facility."

Between Oct. 22 and Oct. 30, Tuscola County reported an additional 61 new cases and two more fatalities — both involving victims over the age of 70, according to Ann Hepfer, health officer or the Tuscola and Huron county health departments.

"This is the highest case count for Tuscola — last week we had 48 cases, and we thought that was high," Hepfer said Friday, adding Huron County was reporting 21 new cases during the same time period.

"The implications of allowing COVID-19 to surge include further economic hardship as businesses are forced to shut down due to quarantined employees, (and) schools go back to virtual learning — which burdens all parents — and children suffer as we know in-school learning is more effective for most students," Hepfer said.

"Another major concern is our health care system becoming overwhelmed and not enough ICU beds," she added. "This means not only for COVID-19 patients, but for anyone needing ICU care."

"We are already beginning to see outbreaks again in nursing homes

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## Ubly couple, area schools winners in dairy contest

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Luann Rickel figured her parents, Louis and Anna Laming, have enough on their minds these days to worry about the expense of repairing or replacing the failing refrigerator in their home, so she nominated the Ubly area couple in the Home Fridge Advantage Contest.

Sponsored by Michigan's dairy farmers (through Milk Means More/United Dairy Industry of Michigan), the Detroit Lions and the Kroger Company of Michigan, the contest awards each winner with a new refrigerator-freezer, and a \$500 Kroger gift card and \$500 cash to fill it with.

Winners also complete a "forward pass," providing a school or food bank a grant to purchase equipment to refrigerate nutrient-rich dairy and other perishable foods, according to Kathi Eckler,

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**LUANN Rickel nominated her parents, Louis and Anna Laming (all pictured above), in the Home Fridge Advantage Contest sponsored by Michigan's dairy farmers, the Detroit Lions and Kroger, and the Ubly area couple won, receiving a new refrigerator-freezer and a \$500 gift card and \$500 in cash to fill it with. At the same time, the couple was able to secure grants of least \$2,000 each for the Cass City Public Schools and Highland Pines School in Caro.**

# Drug team arrests two motorists

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Sanilac County Drug Task Force officers arrested two motorists, including a Snover man, during a pair of recent traffic stops.

In both cases, the drivers are facing methamphetamine charges, according to drug task force Director Jim Johnson.

During one of the traffic stops, in Sanilac County's Elk Township, "methamphetamine and parapher-

nalina consistent with the distribution of methamphetamine were located and seized," Johnson reported.

"A 34-year-old male from the area was arrested and lodged at the Sanilac County Jail pending arraignment on multiple drug and traffic related charges. The suspect also had multiple outstanding warrants for his arrest," he said, noting the drug team was assisted by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department during the investiga-

tion.

The other traffic stop took place in Sandusky.

"During that traffic stop, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia were located and seized. The driver, a 33-year-old Snover man, was arrested and lodged at the Sanilac County Jail pending arraignment on drug and traffic related charges. He also had multiple outstanding warrants for his arrest."

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idents feel terrorized and emotionally distressed," she added.

"Using tactics of intimidation to incite fear and violence constitutes criminal behavior," Nessel said. "We cannot allow dangerous activities to reach their goal of inflicting violence and harm on the public."

Founded in 2018, The Base is de-

scribed as a white supremacy organization that openly advocates for violence and criminal acts against the United States, and purports to be training for a race war to establish white ethnonationalist rule in areas of the country, including Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The group also traffics in Nazi ideology and extreme anti-Semitism, at one point requiring its

members to read neo-Nazi books that urge the collapse of Western civilization, according to Nessel, who said The Base leaders have used online chatrooms to encourage members to meet in-person and engage in military training to prepare for the insurgency against the U.S. government.

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Hanson said he's familiar with the residence in Bad Axe where officers served the warrant on Watkins. "We've been out there. We've had some contact on different non-violent-type complaints, (but) the people of that residence have always been cooperative with us," he added.

## News briefs

### Winter festival on...for now

CARO — The Caro City Council has approved a contract for the Caro Winter Fest 2021.

However, the festival will be dependent on winter weather. In years past, the event has been canceled due to mild temperatures.

### 4-H deadlines for kids, adults

CARO — The annual \$20 4-H participation fee has been waived for the 2020-21 program year, but youth and adult participants are being urged to make sure they have re-enrolled.

The deadline for re-enrolling is Tuesday, Dec. 1, which applies to all returning youth members and adult volunteer leaders.

Youth members will not become active 4-H'ers until they have re-enrolled, and 4-H youth members and adult 4-H volunteer leaders who do not re-enroll for 2020-2021 will no longer be "active" in the file.

Parents who wish for their children to continue in the 4-H program are required to re-enroll their youth through their "Family Profile" in the 4HOnline system. This also applies to adult 4-H volunteer leaders.

Adult 4-H volunteer leaders who do not re-enroll each year will have to go back through the entire MSU Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) again in order to become active adult 4-H volunteer leaders once again. Adult leaders must complete the volunteer central process by Sunday, Nov. 1.

More information is available by contacting Patti Errer, 4-H program coordinator, by calling (989) 269-9949 or via email at [errerrpat@msu.edu](mailto:errerrpat@msu.edu), Kari VerEllen, 4-H administrative assistant, by calling (989) 269-9949 or via email at [verelle7@msu.edu](mailto:verelle7@msu.edu).

### Parenting with love and logic

BAD AXE — The Huron County Family Enrichment Coalition will present a virtual program, "Parenting with Love and Logic", beginning Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The program, designed for all parents and guardians of children of any age, is focused on building strong families together and learning new ways to work with youngsters and teens.

To register, call Vicky at (989) 269-6406 or email her at [vicky@huronisd.org](mailto:vicky@huronisd.org) by Saturday, Nov. 14. A book will be available to participants Nov. 16, and a link will be emailed prior to the first session.

The classes, to be presented via Zoom, will be on Tuesdays — Nov. 24 and Dec. 1, 8 and 15 from 6 to 8 p.m.

This program is supported by the Huron Intermediate School District and is free to all participants, thanks to the generosity of the Huron County United Way and the Huron County CA/N Council.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



**INDEPENDENT Bank employees recently participated in their fifth annual Making a Difference Day, volunteering their time at Revive Ministries, Cass City. Above, Taylor Diegel (far right), the bank's Cass City branch manager, presents a \$1,000 donation to Revive representatives Rob Sangster and Jaime Fritz.**

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## Thanksgiving meal canceled in community

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known of this virus has changed how we live and celebrate events.

"We understand so many families look forward to this event each year, but safety comes first. We want to keep our community safe and healthy for the holidays," she said. "Yes, this was a very difficult decision for us, and we pray for our healthcare workers to better understand this virus so we can all enjoy next year's dinner with the community."

"It (decision to cancel) was pretty unanimous," Brian Williams noted. "When you think of all the people together in one (building), and all the people bunched up in the kitchen...we didn't want to risk anybody's health."

The free holiday gathering has always been billed as a community affair, all about sharing and bringing residents, friends and neighbors together for food and fellowship.

The first Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner was organized back in 1986 at the former St. Pancratius Catholic Church (now part of the Our Lady of Consolata Parish). Earlier that year, former area resident Alan Klco came up with the idea and, sharing his thoughts with Bob Gengler, the two men went to work.

Volunteers from other area churches were contacted to put together a village-wide and ecumenical project.

Over the years, the dinner has been located at the local VFW hall and, in recent years, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, where full kitchen facilities have enabled organizers to dispense with having to utilize three different kitchens to prepare all of the dishes.

One thing that hasn't changed is the generosity of local service clubs, churches, businesses and individuals, who collectively ensure there is enough of everything to keep the local Thanksgiving meal a success year after year.

It's a tradition organizers are hopeful they will be able to resume in 2021.

"That's the plan," Brian Williams said.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## Cybersecurity still a serious concern

State officials are reminding residents to remain especially vigilant when it comes to cybersecurity, especially in the age of COVID-19.

Last year in Michigan, there were more than 6,000 victims of cybercrime, costing Michiganders nearly \$36 million.

"Michigan residents, businesses, schools and organizations are more active online in 2020 than ever before," Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said. "It is up to all of us to become more aware about the tactics cyber criminals use and the ways we can protect ourselves from becoming a victim of cybercrime."

In 2019, Michigan was ranked 16th among states most affected by cybercrime, according to statistics published in the annual FBI Internet Crime Report, which details the numbers for every state regarding the number of victims, number of cybercriminals, total losses, and total earnings by cybercriminals.

In Michigan, the financial losses due to cybercrime last year totaled \$47,122,182, the loss per victim averaged \$5,712 (38th highest), and there were an estimated 8,249 victims (15th highest of all states). The report also lists total earnings by cybercriminals at \$13,466,196.

The crimes can involve any number of scenarios, such as perpetrators calling and pretending to be from a tech support team from the victim's bank. People are vulnerable to these social attacks the same way they're liable to fall for other phishing attacks online – by text or email from what appears to be a reputable company — in which victims are tricked into handing over highly personal information such as Social Security numbers, account numbers or passwords.

In an effort to increase understanding of good cyber "hygiene", the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB) and the Michigan State Police (MSP) have been working to educate residents on ways to remain safe and secure while online.

The COVID-19 pandemic has given cyber criminals more opportunities to step-up their activities, according to state Chief Information Officer Brom Stibitz.

"We all need to be more vigilant about securing our web-based interactions by taking some simple steps such as creating strong passwords and changing them regularly," Stibitz said. "As individuals, we are our first line of defense against cybercrime."

Michigan is also participating in the Stop. Think. Connect. Campaign, a national awareness effort sponsored by the National Cyber Security Alliance that aims to increase the understanding of cyber threats and how the American public can be safe and secure online. The theme for this year's campaign, which was announced earlier this year, is Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart.

"With society's reliance on connected devices in nearly every aspect of our daily lives, cybercrime can pose a very real threat to us all," said Col. Joe Gasper, director of the MSP. "It's important that individuals and businesses take measures to protect themselves and that law enforcement remains committed to staying current on this ever-evolving criminal landscape."

To learn more about how to protect yourself and what to do if you are a victim of cybercrime, visit the Michigan Cyber Initiative website at michigan.gov/cybersecurity.

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Iron Jawed Angels



I normally shy away from politics in my columns, but I have never seen such upheaval as what is happening this year, and I have never seen so much emphasis placed on the importance of voting as I have seen this year.

In my younger years I was lackadaisical about voting. It wasn't until I was in my mid-30s that I fully realized my being able to vote was a hard-fought right.

The photographs I saw about the suffrage movement showed women marching in protest, some being slapped around, and arguments between husbands and wives.

I didn't realize for a long time there was much more to the story than that. While I learned a little more about that era as the years went by, it was the movie "Iron Jawed Angels" that hit home to me about what the women went through back then.

Although some of the storyline was embellished for the movie, the premise of the story was accurate.

The movie focused on the suffrage movement in the 1910s and follows suffrage leaders Alice Paul and Lucy Burns as they revolutionize the movement to grant women the right to vote.

The suffragettes went through so much more than I realized. They were beaten, arrested, divorced, kicked out of their homes by their husbands, and some were incarcerated.

Burns was arrested six times. She sometimes served months in prison. One sentence included a "night of terror" at the Occoquan Workhouse in November 1917 when she was brutally treated.

Also, the suffrage movement was the first group to picket the White House.

I watched "Iron Jawed Angels" several years ago. I know some of this wasn't exactly true, but it made me stop and think about what those women back then went through.

I recalled the movie aired during an election in Tuscola County. It was a small election, so I had the clerks call me at home with the results as I watched the movie.

Also, the term suffrage doesn't just come from the treatment the women endured. It is derived from the Latin word "suffragium," meaning the right or privilege.

On Sept. 30, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson gave a speech before Congress in support of guaranteeing women the right to vote.

Although the House of Representatives had approved the 19th Constitutional Amendment giving women the right to vote, the Senate had yet to vote on the measure.

On May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives passed the amendment, and two weeks later, the Senate did.

Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment on Aug. 18, 1920. So, this year is the 100th anniversary of the suffrage movement.

Whether a man or woman, I hope everyone exercised

their right to vote this year. And, more importantly, I hope the final results of the election are known soon.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Over the weekend, Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting was asking area residents planning to cast their votes in person to have patience during Tuesday's election.

And it promises to be a busy one, not only across the country, but also in the rural Thumb.

"City and township clerks were very busy this weekend assisting voters. They have also been busy getting ready for in-person voting on Tuesday," Fetting reported Sunday afternoon.

While the numbers were changing by the day, Fetting offered a glimpse into just how many voters are participating in this year's general election by offering some numbers as of Sunday. They included: 12,671 absentee ballots issued and 10,801 returned.

"This is an 85 percent return rate on absentee ballots," the clerk said, noting, "As of Oct. 19, there were 42,811 registered voters. This means Tuscola County (had) a voter turnout of 25 percent for the November election" as of that point in time.

Voters were able to cast ballots – including those personally delivering their absentee ballots to a local clerk – by 8 p.m. Tuesday.

"On Election Day, please be patient at your polling location in case there is a line to vote. Please know, due to social distancing, there may be (fewer) voting stations to allow for distancing between voters. Also, the inspectors will be sanitizing within the polling location to keep voters and inspectors safe," Fetting said.

"The other thing to consider is that if the voting line is long, voters are out there voting, having their voice heard — be excited for that!"

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As Michigan's firearm deer season draws near, and with bow season already underway, hunters can help hungry families in their community by donating a deer to Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger.

For a third year, the DNR is cooperating with the organization and Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare to accept deer for donation to local food banks. Hunters in northeast Michigan will have a new opportunity to participate by donating at Northwoods Wholesale Outlet in Pinconning.

Hunters donating a legally taken deer at the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger truck at the Jay's Clare location or Northwoods Wholesale Outlet in Pinconning will have their name entered for a chance to win a \$500 gift certificate from the store where they donated.

A donation truck will be at Jay's – located at 8800 S. Clare Ave. in Clare – from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16; Friday, Nov. 20; and Saturday, Nov. 21. Deer donated at Jay's will be processed at Carson Village Market in Carson City.

Northwoods Wholesale Outlet, located at 229 W. 5th St. in Pinconning, will host a truck from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16.

Hunters who can't make these events will have another opportunity to enter a separate drawing – open to any hunter who donates a deer at one of the many Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger participating processors throughout the state – for a chance to win a wild boar hunt or one of several other prizes.

Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that helps connect donors, wild game processors and charities like food banks, pantries and shelters that offer critical food assistance.

The organization processed over 82,000 pounds of ground venison last year, providing more than 400,000 meals for families in need.

"Last year was great, but with the pandemic, the need for food donations is even greater. I would love to hit 100,000 pounds this year," said Dean Hall, executive officer of Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger.

To learn more about the prize drawing, find a participating processor or make a monetary donation to support venison processing, visit SportsmenAgainstHunger.org.

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**BOXES OF old and unused prescription medications collected during a recent Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) drug “take back” campaign are pictured above at the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department. Sheriff Glen Skrent reported nearly 200 pounds of pills were collected by the department along with local police agencies across the county in an effort to keep them out of the wrong hands and prevent them from being dumped in landfills.**

# Tuscola, Sanilac law enforcement report latest drug take-back stats

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thumb law enforcement officials are continuing to do their part when it comes to taking a bite out of the amount of old and unwanted prescription medications in an effort to keep them out of the wrong hands or ending up in landfills.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent recently reported his department’s plans to meet with Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) officials to transfer nearly 200 pounds of pills that have been brought into the lobby of the department in Caro by residents and other police agencies in the county.

“This is a great program to get

rid of those pills that accumulate in your household that could cause harm to someone if they ingested them,” Skrent said, noting the sheriff’s department’s vestibule in the front office is open 24 hours a day, enabling residents to drop off old medications into a designated depository at any time.

“No salves, liquids or patches (can be accepted), though we do, during business hours, have a few containers to give a citizen to properly dispose of patches,” Skrent added.

Elsewhere in the Thumb, Sanilac County Drug Task Force Director Jim Johnson reported his drug team, along with the Sanilac County Sheriff’s Department and local city and village police agencies collected a combined 290

pounds of unused and expired drugs during the fall DEA drug “take back” campaign.

“The amounts would also include medications that had been dropped off or picked up since the last take back effort,” Johnson said.

The amounts collected from each location are: Brown City police, 17 pounds; Croswell police, 85 pounds; Deckerville police, 40 pounds; Marlette police, 64 pounds; Peck police, three pounds; and the Sanilac County Sheriff’s Department/county drug task force, 81 pounds.

“The medications collected will be turned over to DEA for proper disposal. The public’s efforts and support are very much appreciated,” Johnson said.

## Building collapse claims Sanilac man’s life

Sanilac County Sheriff’s Department investigators say a man lost his life while tearing down a building on his property in Worth Township.

The accident occurred Thursday, according to Sgt. Matt Armstrong, who said Sanilac Central Dispatch received a call shortly after noon regarding a traumatic injury at a

residence in the 5500 block of E. Galbraith Line Road.

“The investigation determined that a 68-year-old male who lived at the residence was working on tearing down an older garage on his property,” Armstrong said. “While he was working on the garage, part of the structure shifted, causing it to fall down on

top of him.

“Croswell EMS and Croswell Fire were dispatched and responded to the scene as well. The male was pronounced dead at the scene.”

Armstrong, who did not identify the victim pending notification of family members, noted the accident remains under investigation.

**NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP**  
October 8, 2020 - MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee. Order of agenda approved.

Call to order Election Commission meeting: Election officials, election chairperson, and receiving board were appointed. Meeting adjourned. Resume regular meeting.

Public Comment: Is our drop box on security camera? Yes. M. Trumbauer was at Fairgrove Township meeting, will be attending a Gilford Township meeting? Plan to set an annual date to have M. Trumbauer attend Gilford Township meeting to update on wind turbine information.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by A. Goss, second by D. Strasz to approve minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by A. Goss to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

**REPORTS:**

Supervisor: 0 Fire runs for Reese. Quanicasssee Rd. update—need public hearing to get updated prices on changes requested. Blight Ordinance was presented, reviewed and discussed. Board will table and discuss at November meeting. Web page was reviewed with new notifications about upcoming election, discussion on new pictures of hall to include drop box and information board. Special meeting for Planning Commission November 16, 2020 @ 7:30 P.M. regarding Nextera aircraft detection tower. Discussion on extended warranty for Generac generator and its maintenance. Received letter from village of Reese stating they are making adjustments to park board.

Treasurer: Summer taxes were collected. Letter from Department of Treasury stating expenditures exceeded the budget. Working with auditor to clarify. CD were due, at very low interest, looking into the “Sweep Program” with North Star. Will be attending a treasurers webinar next Thursday.

Clerk: Reported on election activities. 175 absentee ballots mailed. Public test is October 27 at 2:00 P.M. Picking up election packet from Courthouse on Friday. Internet problems every day, Kent looking into a new router. Demonstrated audio visual system. Motion by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss to pay to pay bills. Motion approved.

Trustees: Finalized Zoning Ordinance sent to Tuscola county Planning Commission. Parks and Recs. Working on getting grants, spring toys refurbished, benches purchased, ordered cement corn hole, pickle ball court in the future. Disc golf is available at high school for the community.

Ambulance Representative: Gilford had 11 medical responses in August. Stop the bleed kits are available free to residents. Response fee of \$184.00 is charged when ambulance is called and no transport is needed.

Fire Department Representative: Fairgrove fire is looking for someone to test air packs, looking into school fire programs and Halloween activities, upcoming tower training. Reese: Hose and ladder testing is complete; Need fire fighters to attend football games, Having pumper foam training, victim removal training.

Zoning Administrator: One Demo permit

Public Comment: How much money did Gilford Township receive from Wind Turbine taxes?

Motion by, J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to adjourn at 10:01 P.M. Motion approved.

Robert L. Haines  
Gilford Township Clerk

## Old-fashioned Christmas celebration set in village

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held at Cass City Junior-Senior High School – and drew a record 93 vendors last year. This year, the chamber is inviting vendors to set up booths on the sidewalks along Main Street.

Vendors will be charged \$10 per booth and will be asked to follow recommended safety protocols.

“I’ve already got 10 vendors that have signed up,” Keller noted, who added she started receiving calls right after posting information about the event.

Keller said a host of activities will be centered downtown, including the return of Santa’s House in Rotary Park along with a station for kids to color and/or write letters to Santa, free trolley rides, and free hot bean soup in the afternoon. Thumb Bank and Trust and Independent Bank staffers will be taking turns manning a coffee, hot chocolate and popcorn bar in Rotary Park, and there will be a couple of propane heaters set up so festival-goers can warm up.

One event that isn’t expected to undergo major changes is the always hotly-contested Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off and Chili for Charity competitions.

Details are still being worked out, but last year’s events broke new records, with 230 people signing up as tasters/judges. Twenty-six businesses entered the regular competition, and there were seven entries in the Chili for

Charity category, for a total of 33 participating groups.

In spite of the changes on tap this year, organizers are optimistic Christmas in the Village will continue to appeal to residents of all ages, especially after enduring months of restrictions and concern over the pandemic.

“People need something to look forward to,” said Keller, who recalled the enthusiastic and appreciative response of community members after the chamber hosted its annual fireworks display in July after having to cancel the annual Freedom Festival, also because of concerns over spreading

COVID-19.

“There’s no way to predict what the weather’s going to do, (but) the farmers market did so well (this year), even in the cold weather, so we think this is going to work,” Keller added.

“We’re going back to an old-fashioned Christmas. It should be a pretty festive day. It’s going to be very, very nice.”

Details about all of the events have been or will be posted on the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Residents with questions can also learn more by calling the chamber office at (989) 872-4618.

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## Reporter's notebook

When the past meets present

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I love it when past meets present, maybe because I have so much more past than I did when I was, well, young.

I was browsing on Facebook recently when a story about Robaire's Bakery in Mt. Pleasant caught my eye. The article focused on 82-year-old Dina Desormes, who along with her late husband, Robaire, opened their own bakery just a stone's throw from Central Michigan University after immigrating to the United States from France in 1961.

It's an interesting story. When Dina was a child, her parents made the brave decision to shelter two American pilots in France after they were downed during World War II. In thanks for their courageous actions, the pilots later sponsored the family's journey to America. Dina's parents first traveled there on their own, because Robaire was fighting in the Algerian war at the time. The couple and their young son, Gerard, moved to America a year after Dina's parents.

Anyway, the story noted Dina still works at least six days a week.

I knew Dina back during my junior and senior years at CMU. In fact, they helped me pay for my education by hiring me to fry doughnuts. It was hot, messy third shift work, but it turns out I was pretty good at turning out fried cakes and raised yeast doughnuts – Long Johns, Bismarks, glazed, twists, etc. — with the perfect shade of tan/brown.

Looking back, I had good motivation; Robaire was a wonderful boss and had plenty of experience dealing with college kids, but if your work wasn't up to par, he had no problem letting you know.

I know very little French, but on the rare occasion he got after me, no interpretation was needed.

But, like I said, Robaire was a great boss. So was Dina and the couple's son, Gerard, whom I worked with on those long nights. They made you feel like family, you know?

But I digress.

The story on Dina Desormes was posted by Facebook friend and former Cass City Chronicle summer intern Patricia (Emenpour) Young, who spent the summer with us in 2009.

After her stint with the Chronicle, she interned at the Flint Journal and worked for WCMU.

"I graduated from CMU in 2011 with a BA (bachelor's degree), majoring in journalism. However, I decided to take a different path and went to grad school instead of working in the media," Young told me. "I earned my master's (degree) in administration from CMU, studying public administration in 2013.

"During grad school, I was a graduate assistant for graduate recruitment. From there, I started full time as a transfer recruiter and academic advisor. After that, I started working as an assistant director of admissions, focusing on multicultural recruitment for the university," Young said. "Fast forward five years later, I briefly took on a role as associate director of admissions at Alma College in 2018, (then) went back to CMU and associate director of admissions and became the senior associate director of admissions in 2019."

Today, Young resides in Mt. Pleasant with her husband, Jamie, a high school math teacher, and the couple's two daughters, Soroya, six, and Isadora, four. And, they're expecting another child in January.

My wife, Deb, and I welcomed our first child, Jennifer, while I was wrapping up my degree at CMU (she's 36 now). At the time, we lived in married housing – Washington Apartments, which I'm told are now gone (the site is now home to Central's new biosciences building).

By the way, Jennifer was born at Central Michigan Community Hospital, which has since become McLaren Central Michigan Hospital.

Even after all these years, present is still meeting past for Deb, who visits the Mt. Pleasant hospital once a month in conjunction with her duties as an acute dialysis RN and regional nurse supervisor for Hema-Tec Dialysis Inc.



**PATRICIA (Emenpour) Young, who interned at the Cass City Chronicle in 2009, is pictured above with her husband, Jamie, and the couple's daughters, Soroya, six, and Isadora, four.**

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



### 5 YEARS AGO (2015)

Schneeberger's choice for this week's "Athlete of the Week" award goes to the Cass City volleyball team senior members. The Lady Red Hawks finished third in the Greater Thumb Conference West Division standings in 2015, while advancing to the Class C district championship game before host USA ousted Coach Paula Potter's squad in an exciting 5 set match. Making their final Red Hawk volleyball appearances were seniors Maegan LeValley, Taylor Rasmussen, Macy Dickinson, Lauren Potter and Tara Nicholas. LeValley, Rasmussen and Dickinson spent 4 years in the varsity ranks as strong front row hitters, while Potter is a 4-year letter winner as the team's setter. Nicholas shined in the Libero position for Cass City in her final go-round. The seniors were emotional and pumped up at districts, according to Coach Potter, who noted she was proud of the girls' hard work on the night. LeValley is the daughter of Dick and Paula LeValley, Rasmussen is the daughter of JoAnn and the late Dean Rasmussen, Dickinson is the daughter of Dan and Janelle Dickinson, Potter is the daughter of Bill and Paula Potter and Nicholas is the daughter of Terry Nicholas and Melanie Nicholas.

### 10 YEARS AGO (2010)

Samantha Auten of Cass City holds the winning ticket purchased by Juanita Warack of Gagetown for the Halloween basket that was recently raffled off by the Cass River Pet FriendZ. Also pictured are Barb Vollmar, owner of Special Scents flower shop in Cass City, where the drawing was held, and "Abby" the shop cat. The basket raffle raised \$205 to help pay for the medical bills of orphaned cats fostered by the Cass River Pet FriendZ.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1995)

Rich and Laura Fincke of Conklin are the parents of a baby boy, Richard Lewis, born Saturday, Nov. 11. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces. The Finckes also have a daughter, Ashley. Grandparents are Chuck and Wanda McConnell of Pigeon, William Fincke and Ellen Fincke of Coran, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Elsie Small and Vern McConnell of Cass City.

Ellen L. Beach, a sister of Lowell "Bud" Sickler and Thelma Gaeth, both 1942 graduates of Cass City High School, reports that the couple must be setting records as blood donors. Sickler gave 10 gallons while living in Pittsburgh and 13 gallons more in Leesburg, Fla., for a total of 23 gallons. Gaeth contributed 6.7 gallons.

### 35 YEARS AGO (1985)

Pastor Eldred Kelley officiated Sunday during the morning worship service in Evangelical Free Church at the baptism of Charles Hendrick and the dedication of Lindsey, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hendrick.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1980)

Mr. and Mrs. George Frank and family and Mrs. Glenn McClorey and Larry McClorey celebrated the 11th birthday of Sandra Frank with dinner in the Frank home Sunday.

Born Nov. 4 to Jim and Kathy Daley of Kingston, a six-pound, 11-ounce son, Aaron James. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clare Daley of Deford, Mr. and Mrs. George W. King of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Koepf of Cass City.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1970)

Wedding vows were spoken by Mrs. Irene O'Dell and Mr. Ivan Tracy Oct. 31 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sutton United Methodist Church. Rev. Carl Shemblen officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Isabelle O'Dell, and the groom by his brother, Robert Millard. A reception for 50 guests was held in the church basement following the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy will reside on Cedar

Run Road, southwest of Cass City.

### 75 YEARS AGO (1945)

Horace Pinney, who returned home recently from overseas service, has resumed his work as assistant cashier of The Pinney State Bank. He commenced his duties this week.

The annual pheasant supper of the Gagetown Grange was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clara on Tuesday evening, Nov. 6. This was followed by the installation of the new officers for the coming year who are: Master, Lloyd E. Karr; overseer, Ekner Butler; lecturer, Mrs. Mae Karr; steward, Bert Clara; assistant steward, John Doerr; chaplain, Mrs. J. Fisher; secretary, Mrs. H. Beach; gatekeeper, Mose Karr; Ceres, Grace Clara; Pomona, Mary Fisher; Flora, Marion Laurie; and lady assistant steward, Hazel Doerr. These officers were installed by Mrs. William Simmons and Wallace Laurie. The next regular meeting will be a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clara on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4.

### 100 YEARS AGO (1920)

Rev. I. E. Bradfield, performed the ceremony on Halloween which united in marriage Miss Nellie Evelyn Soulier of Detroit and John H. MacPhail. Miss Soulier was attended by her sister as maid of honor, and E. J. Rourke served as best man. The bride wore a suit of bay duvetyn and carried a bouquet of white rose buds. The bridesmaid wore a suit of taupe duvetyn and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Following a wedding supper at the Hotel Cadillac, Mr. and Mrs. MacPhail left on a wedding trip.

Little Miss Mable Crandell entertained 18 of her girl friends and her teacher, Mrs. Fleming, at a party Saturday afternoon in honor of her ninth birthday. Some of her little friends were unable to attend because of illness and they were missed. A large pyramid birthday cake with nine candles was the crowning effect of the supper. Each little girl wished as to what she would be in the future, then blew the candles in order to see how many years before her wish would become true. Strange to say, most of the girls desired to be either movie stars or teachers.

# Obituaries

## Carol Ann Parrott

Carol Ann Parrott, 76, of Decker, MI passed away Monday, October 26, 2020 at her home while under the care of Compassus of Cass City. She was born May 4, 1944 in Cass City, MI to Floyd and Irma (Gibson) Kennedy.

Carol was a 1962 graduate of Cass City High School. Then in 1963 she graduated from Northeastern School of Commerce in Bay City.

She married Robert Parrott on September 26, 1964.

Carol worked as a cook at Cass City Public Schools for 25 years. She always had a love for all animals. Music was also a great love and brought much joy to Carol, especially playing her baby grand piano.

Carol is survived by her husband, Bob Parrott; daughter, Deborah (Alan) Reames; grandchildren, Melissa Ashford and Daniel (fiance Casey) Reames; sister, Betty Powell; brother-in-law, Richard Parrott; uncle, Emerson Kennedy; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Irma Kennedy; father and mother-in law, Gail and Louella Parrott; sister-in-law, Debbie Wentworth Parrott; brothers-in-law, Ronald (Wanda) Parrott and Roy Powell; nephew, John Sonnenberg; and great niece, Holly Marshall.

A private graveside service will be held for Carol at Evergreen Township Cemetery with Pastors Dale Bullock and Don Ault officiating.

Those desiring to make a memorial contribution in Carol's memory may direct them to Compassus of Cass City, Cass River Pet FriendZ, or Right-to-Life.

You may share an online condolence with the family at [www.marshfuneral.com](http://www.marshfuneral.com).

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, 2675 Main St. of Marlette.

## Marion Mae Weltin

Marion Mae Weltin, 84, of Cass City, died following a lengthy illness Tuesday, October 27, 2020 in Courtney Manor Skilled Nursing and Rehab Community of Bad Axe.

She was born April 8, 1936, in Pigeon, to John and Eva (Follman) Meininger.

Marion graduated from Cass City High School in 1954, moved to Ubyly in 1957 and worked on the family farm. She quickly developed a reputation as a hard worker. Marion was a cook for the Charmont in Cass City and was later employed by General Cable and Sebewaing Industries. Through it all, she always maintained her duties as a homemaker. Marion enjoyed baking and was a great cook. Family and friends looked forward to her Christmas cookies and nut roll. Marion was a devout member of both St. Agatha and St. Pancratius Catholic Churches. Quilting was one of her favorite hobbies and she made many quilts as gifts. Marion always had a good time trying her luck in the casino with her friends. She loved listening to polkas.

Marion is survived by her (and the late Calvin Weltin's) children: Mary Ihrke of Tulsa, OK, Darrell (Bernice) Weltin of Ubyly, Gordon Weltin of Ubyly, Doris Burkhardt of Tulsa, OK, Joe (Carol) Weltin of Ubyly, Maurice Weltin of Cass City and Sandy Hendrian of Cass City; nine grandchildren: Toni (Nate) Johncour of VA, Melissa (Jeff) Atkinson of OK, Blake Ihrke of OK, Jennifer (Chris) Sonnenberg of OK, Daniel Burkhardt of OK, Marshal Weltin of NC, Bryce Weltin of MI, Roman Weltin of MI, Darrell (Katie) Weltin of Ubyly, Margaret (Eric) Pawlosky of Lake Orion, Daniel (Brooke) Weltin of Bad Axe and Jordan (Bri) Hendrian of FL; fifteen great-grandchildren; and brother, John (Agnes) Meininger of Gladwin.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Ann (Ed) Bumhoffer.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, November 7, in St. Agatha Catholic Church of Gagetown.

Memorial mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 7, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Agatha Catholic Church of Gagetown with the Rev. Theo Nnabugo officiating.

Interment will be in St. Agatha Cemetery, Gagetown. Memorial may be made to Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, or family discretionary fund c/o Sandy Hendrian.

Friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at [www.kranzfurneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfurneralhome.com).

Attendees are kindly reminded to wear a mask or facial covering and practice social distancing while in the church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



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## Covid cases rising significantly in Thumb

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— two additional deaths in Tuscola County this past week. We are beginning to hear about shortages of PPE (personal protective equipment), especially gloves. We know that rural areas are usually the hardest hit by these types of shortages.

“We can beat this, but it takes all of us,” Hepfer continued. “Wear your masks, socially distance six feet no matter where you are — this includes family gatherings, funerals...inside or outside, wash your hands like it will save your life.

Hepfer offered an update on local testing for COVID-19, saying the Tuscola County Health Department has made a switch from Nex Gen laboratory, Grand Rapids, to Quest Laboratory and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Also changed is the venue, with testing offered on Thursdays, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement building at 1500 Press Rd., Caro. Testing was previously conducted in the parking lot at the health department. “This will allow us to continue testing through the winter months,” Hepfer noted.

Any questions should be directed to the health department by calling (989) 673-8114. Testing remains free, but officials do bill insurances.

In Huron County, testing is offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Great Lakes Bay Health Care, 876 N. VanDyke Rd., Bad Axe. More information is available by calling (989) 623-0137.

### Covid cases still rising

Statewide, Monday’s total confirmed cases reached 184,889, with a total of 7,357 deaths, compared to 161,907 cases and 7,211 deaths a week earlier. Health officials are reporting that an estimated 121,093 Covid patients have recovered statewide.

In the Thumb, between Monday, Oct. 26, and Monday, Nov. 2, the number of combined confirmed cases in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties increased by 187 — from 980 to 1,167 — with the three counties’ combined death toll increasing by four to 50 fatalities.

According to the latest data (Monday afternoon), Tuscola County has recorded 670 confirmed cases, an increase of 104 cases compared to a week before, and 37 deaths (an increase of two).

In Huron County, meanwhile, there are 256 confirmed cases (an increase of 29 from a week earlier), with seven deaths (an increase of two), and Sanilac County has a total of 241 confirmed cases, up from 187 cases a

week earlier, and six deaths (no change).

The latest statistics in the Chronicle’s coverage area revealed 85 confirmed cases, up from 67 cases a week earlier in the Cass City zip code, with 56 recoveries and 12 deaths, an increase of two fatalities.

Over the same week-long period, there was an increase of three cases (for a total of 21) in the

Unionville zip code, where there have been 14 recoveries and no deaths to-date; Deford has 12 cases, 11 recoveries and no deaths; Gageton, three cases, three recoveries and no deaths; Kingston has 17 cases (up from nine), nine recoveries and no deaths; Ubyly has 13 cases, 12 recoveries and one death; and Owendale, one case, one recovery and no deaths.

## Michigan officials announce updated Covid restrictions

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials last week revised and extended its epidemic order to contain the spread of COVID-19 as the state continues to see a surge in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Although most of the order is unchanged, new provisions target indoor gatherings where COVID-19 has spread most rapidly.

Michigan presently has 172 cases per million people, and positivity of tests has increased from about two percent to 5.5 percent — both indicators have been increasing for over four weeks. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 have doubled over the last three weeks, while the state death rate has increased for five consecutive weeks.

“The only way to beat COVID-19 is to act on what we’ve learned since March,” said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. “Wear masks. Keep six feet of distance. Wash hands. And avoid the indoor get-togethers where we have seen COVID-19 explode.”

As part of the newly-extended orders, MDHHS reduced from 500 persons to 50 persons the maximum gathering size for indoor gatherings such as weddings, parties and banquets in non-residential settings without fixed seating.

The change is in response to global evidence that Covid’s explosive growth is powered by events where large-scale outbreaks have occurred, and that indoor settings are as much as 20 times likelier to drive outbreaks than outdoor settings.

Currently Michigan counts 34 outbreaks related to social events such as trips involving families/friends, bridal showers and weddings (three-10 cases), funerals (nine to 22 cases), and outings at social clubs and bowling parties (six to 19 cases). An additional 19 outbreaks of up to 52 cases are linked to church services, which are exempt from enforcement under the order.

For bars, restaurants and social events outside private homes, indoor party sizes at a single table are now restricted to six people.

## Ubyly couple, schools winners

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executive director of marketing and communications for the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM).

Contest officials recently named the Lamings winners, and thanks to their “forward pass” idea, both the Cass City Public Schools and Highland Pines School in Caro are benefiting as well.

Rickel shared Louis’s story, including his long-term battle with cancer. Over the past five years, he has endured multiple cancer diagnoses and related treatments, creating worry and financial pressure on the Laming household.

On top of that, the Laming’s refrigerator started making loud noises, and a repair technician informed the couple that the refrigerator’s condenser is failing.

As winners of the contest, the Lamings completing their “forward pass” to the Cass City Schools, which is receiving a new milk crate cooler.

The news left Shari Bock, food service director for the local school district, a bit shocked and overwhelmed, especially after contest officials agreed to increase the school’s grant from \$2,000 to \$3,700 so officials could purchase a larger, 16-crate milk cooler.

“Our milk cooler worked overtime this past nine months during the (school) shutdown and unanticipated closure (student) feeding program,” Bock said. “We drug them in and out of our faculties to the curbs for food pickup. Now we have one that has had some serious issues since we started back to in-person learning.

The Lamings also made a second forward pass, nominating Highland Pines school, which will receive a \$2,000 grant.

Michigan’s dairy farmers will be awarding six more people an “advantage” by surprising them with a new refrigerator stocked with dairy and other nutrient-rich foods. Residents are encouraged to nominate individuals, such as someone who is recovering from an illness or who lost their job, or someone who has made a difference in their community.

Nominations are being accepted through Friday, Dec. 18, by filling out a nomination online at [www.milkmeansmore.org/home-fridge/](http://www.milkmeansmore.org/home-fridge/) and explain why the nominee is deserving.

The UDIM is dedicated to serving Michigan’s hard-working dairy farm families and promoting Michigan’s locally produced dairy products.

UDIM is the umbrella organization for the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council of Michigan, both non-profit organizations that provide dairy product promotion and nutrition education services on behalf of their funding members.



## My Corner

A life well written

by Ty Perry

In February of this year, I was given a difficult writing assignment. It wasn’t that I knew nothing about the topic; rather, it was that I knew too much about it.

I was tasked with writing my grandmother’s obituary.

It was in the process of writing it that I realized not only is an obituary a sacred document, it’s also a surprisingly difficult thing to put together. A writing prompt in high school or college is challenging enough. We are given something like, In 600 words, tell about a moment that changed your life. Or, Write 1,000 words on why you are most qualified for an internship with our organization.

It’s altogether different and far more solemn when the prompt is: In 500 words or less, write a biographical sketch of a 90-year-old woman whose life touched all who knew her. Make sure to include not only her work history and hobbies, but also the principles that guided her life, the love she showered on her grandkids, and the memorable aroma of her house after she baked chocolate chip cookies.

Oh, and don’t forget to make it clear and concise, while capturing the essence of who this lady was, what made her tick, and what she lived for. And can you have it to us by 3 p.m.?

That’s a tall order. It’s also a necessary one.

Although incredibly brief — relative to a human lifespan — an obituary is, literarily speaking, a capstone to a person’s earthly life. While family members and close friends will undoubtedly remember their loved ones in innumerable, intimate ways, an obituary, in most cases, is a person’s last public testament to their temporal life and labors. It is a reminder to the community-at-large that this person lived and made their mark, no matter how grand or humble that mark may have been.

What a shame, then, it is to read the obituary that simply reads: John Smith was born in 1942. He died on Sunday. Cremation has taken place.

While I realize that some folks are very private, in my opinion, Mr. Smith and those who knew him deserve more than that kind of a tribute. He was a man made in the image of God, a man who was loved. He made a living. His life touched others in various ways. He had a personality. People remember him.

Surely that life is worth putting down in print.

Poet Linda Ellis in her oft-used poem “The Dash” writes:

“I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

“For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.”

The obituary is an opportunity to say, “This is what Mr. Smith did with his dash. This is who Mr. Smith was.”

While Socrates may have been right when he said that “the unexamined life is not worth living,” I also think it axiomatic that the well-lived life is a story worth telling and telling well.

In journalism school, we are taught that everything is a potential story, because everyone, no matter their station in life, has a story to tell. An obituarist, then, ought to strive, as feeble as their attempt may seem, to write well the story the person left behind.

Yes, tell us when they were born and when they died. Tell us to whom they were related. Let us know where we can send flowers or a gift in their memory. But don’t stop there.

Who was this person, really? Tell the truth. Did they have struggles in their life? If so, how did they handle them? We know where they worked; but did they enjoy the work they did? Who did they love? How did they demonstrate their love to those people? Who loved them?

The person charged with writing another’s obituary ought to approach their task with some sense of trepidation — I know I did. After all, they have the job of reducing a lifetime into just one, maybe two column inches.

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## STAGE IS SET

### Undefeated teams clash Friday in Cass City

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Cass City did its part with a 36-26 win over Reese, and Sandusky did theirs with a 54-0 thumping of St. Charles. And now the two unblemished Greater Thumb Conference football champions will square off Friday in a showdown of Thumb area powers during a Division 7 District semifinal contest.

Both teams enter the MHSAA playoff affair with perfect 7-0 records and the game is considered a toss-up. If Cass City hopes to advance, they most likely will need a better effort than the team's showing last week against visiting Reese. Once again, Cass City will have home field advantage in district play.

"Week two of playoffs is home due to Cass City being the 2 seed and Sandusky being the 3 seed. Cass City has 36.333 playoff points and Sandusky had 35. Those are calculated by the MHSAA based on wins and strength of schedule," reported Cass City Athletic Director Justin Ketterer.

To get past the senior-laden Redskins for a third straight year, Cass

City will need to reduce the number of big plays allowed. The Red Hawks have allowed scoring plays of 50+ yards in two of the past three weeks.

After jumping out to a 14-0 first quarter lead in the Pre District game against Reese, the visitors used two second quarter markers to draw within one score at the intermission.

Jordan Mester scored first for the Red Hawks on a 4-yard run, followed by quarterback Bryce Fernald's touchdown jaunt from the 15-yard line in the closing moments of the initial quarter.

Leading 14-0, Reese got on the scoreboard when Tanner TerBush found pay dirt with a one-yard dive early in the second frame.

Cass City would answer with an Alex Perry marker with 7:35 showing on the clock, only to see Reese score with no time on the clock when quarterback TerBush connected with DaMarquiss Palmreuter for a 10 yard scoring strike on the final play of the half.

Still, Cass City led 22-14 entering the third quarter. The margin could have been reduced, or eliminated, if not for touchdown saving tackles by Fernald and Perry who ran down Reese ball carriers who had broken free for huge gains before the break.

It didn't take long for Reese to

close the gap in the third quarter as another TerBush to Palmreuter pass play covered 52 yards and with less than a minute off the clock, suddenly Reese was trailing just 22-20 with momentum on their side.

But to their credit, Cass City scored the next two touchdowns to take control. Fernald connected with Noah Zaleski, followed by his 2-point conversion pass to Matt Mihalic to end the scoring in the third quarter.

Leading 30-20, neither team threatened for most of the final quarter before Perry cruised 74 yards to the house and put Cass City up 36-20 with just over 2 minutes remaining.

Reese added a meaningless TD in the closing seconds when TerBush found Levi Foco open for a 32-yard scoring pass.

Perry was the workhorse for the winners on the night and rushed for 202 yards on 26 carries while Zaleski chipped in 92 rushing yards on 13 tries. Fernald, meanwhile, completed 2-of-5 tosses for 26 yards, including one TD and a pair of 2-point conversions.

Defensively, Perry had 4 solo tackles and an interception in a total showing for Cass City, while Jeremy Velasquez, Mester and Mihalic had 3 solo stops each. Mihalic also had an interception.



CASS CITY'S Connor Herford, left, slips a block during Friday's playoff contest against visiting Reese. The Red Hawks advanced with a 36-26 victory in Division 7 Pre District action.

## McArdle repeats as regional champ

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

For a pair of Cass City seniors, the road continues.

Red Hawks Nick McArdle and Brandon Witherspoon advanced to the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals Saturday with impressive showings at the Division 3 Regional in Saginaw.

"We ran on a very flat double loop course with temperatures in the low 40's. It was very windy Saturday for our Regional race held at White Pine Middle

School," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski, who explained the top 3 teams qualify, and the top 7 athletes not on a qualifying team, earn the privilege to compete at the State Finals held on Nov. 7 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, MI.

Team qualifiers over the weekend for the men were champion Caro with a score of 31, runner-up Clare with a score of 58 and Reese with a team score of 94. The Cass City men's team came up short of qualifying as a team by finishing in 4th place, 13 points behind

Reese.

Nonetheless, Cass City will be well represented at the State Finals by McArdle and Witherspoon.

"Nick finished in first place and is once again an Individual Regional Champion. He completed the race in a time of 16:39, 27 seconds faster than the runner up. He will enter the State Finals with the 4th fastest time posted in Division 3 this season. This year will also mark his 4th appearance at the elite State Final race for his high school career that puts him in an elite status," according to Zdrojewski, adding, "Brandon also qualified as an individual with a time of 18:59, finishing as the 7th, and final, individual finisher to be able to compete. This will be Brandon's second trip to MIS, as he competed as a team qualifier his freshman year. Brandon has worked very hard this year and I am glad to see him qualify to extend his season."

Rounding out the Cass City men's scorers from the weekend were Gabe Schwendinger, Trenton Bruno and Vaughn Severance. Schwendinger was 3rd to the tape for the Red Hawks taking 35th overall but setting a new personal best time of 19:41. Bruno, with a time of 20 minutes flat, was next for the team in 37th and Severance - he was timed in 20:03 - rounded out the scorers for the team taking 38th.

Turning to the women's regional, Reese, Clare and Sandusky all advanced with team scores of 31, 51 and 78, respectively.

For Cass City, they finished in 6th place with a team score of 167, Riley Copeland (21:59) was the lead runner for the Lady Red Hawks in her final race, taking 21st overall. Diana Cortes (23:22) finished her strong season being the second runner for the team to the end line, taking 39th place in the race. Madison Ware (23:58) took 46th and was closely followed by Paula Learman (24:30) finishing in 48th. The final scorer for the team was Amelia Weiler (25:22) taking 53rd, but finishing her season with a lingering injury for the last several races and running with lots of heart to help the team.

"I am very proud of how our teams competed this season and look forward to seeing how these athletes mature into leaders of our community," said Zdrojewski.

Reese freshman Jenna Sweeney was the medalist with a winning time of 20:12.

## Hawk spikers shine in final outing before district play

Cass City will enter district play on a high note after sweeping teams Saturday at the Armada Quad. There, Coach Amy Cuthrell's Red Hawk spikers defeated the hosts 25-18, 25-22, 15-12 and Richmond 25-22, 25-12, 25-18.

"We wrapped up our regular season this weekend and ended the season 18-7. Although we did not finish in the league like we had hoped, we had a very successful season. We had players make significant gains and we are excited to enter the district tournament," said Cuthrell.

Cass City, who defeated the host Lakers Monday night to open district play at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School, will take on Bad Axe tonight (Wednesday) in a district semifinal matchup.

Individual leaders over the weekend for Cass City had Sierra Spry with 20 kills and Kalee Gray with 19 kills, while Saylor Cuthrell recorded 30 assists and Abbey Phillips 25 assists.

At the service line, Haven Bouverette was credited with 29 points, including six aces. Madison Cumper came up with 47 digs.

### GREATER THUMB WEST MATCHES

In a preview of tonight's district contest, visiting Bad Axe spoiled Cass City's Senior Night contest Thursday with victory in four set. The scores on the night were 27-25, 21-25, 25-14 and 25-22.

"It was the final match for league play and we will now head into districts. These girls have worked hard and when they play with all systems working they can do great things. Our seniors are pivotal to our success and it is my hope they end on a very high note," said Cuthrell.

Gray and Bouverette split 34 kills against the Hatchets, while Phillips and Cuthrell had 25 and 21 assists, respectively.

Defensively, Spry posted a pair of blocks and Cumper had 16 digs.

Cass City opened last week with an easy win over guest Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port on Tuesday. The straight games decision included wins of 25-11, 25-11 and 25-16.

Gray pounded 10 kills against the Lakers, one more than teammate Bouverette. Phillips added 17 assists and three ace serves for the winners, who also had Cuthrell with 11 assists and Cumper with 11 digs.

## Cards hosting own district

Kingston traveled to Genesee for their regular season finale and returned home with victory to improve to 11-3 overall. The one-sided affair included scores of 25-4, 25-12 and 25-9.

"Kingston was able to get the win in their final regular season match of the season Thursday night. It was a great night from the service line for the Cardinals and a strong night offensively," Kingston Coach Beth Hunter said.

For the winners, Isabel Hurd had 17 kills, 7 service points, 3 digs, one ace, one assist, Hannah James 22 assists, 8 service points, 2 aces, one dig, Ella Retan 17 service points, 6 aces, 5 kills, 3 digs, Delaney St. George 17 service points, 5 aces, 5 kills, Olivia Ulewicz 10 service points, 5 aces, 2 kills and 2 assists.

Also last week, Kingston hit the road to face North Central Thumb League Stars leader Dryden, who cruised to victories of 25-16, 25-22 and 25-16.

Coach Hunter was impressed with the host team.

"Kingston never could get themselves in rhythm Tuesday night. Dryden was able to dictate the pace most of the evening. In the second set Kingston gained some momentum, but Dryden sealed the set late and carried that momentum into the final set," she said.

James with 16 assists, 6 digs, 3 kills and 2 service points led Kingston, while Retan had 9 kills, 6 service points, 3 digs, 2 assists, Hurd 8 kills, 3 digs, 3 service points, 1 block, St. George 5 service points, 4 kills, 4 digs, Ulewicz 5 assists, 3 block, St. George 5 service points, 4 kills, 4 digs.

Kingston will face Dryden again tonight (Wednesday) when they begin district play at home.

## Cass City Red Hawk ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Knights Insurance Agency selects senior Haven Bouverette as their Cass City Red Hawk Athlete of the Week.

Haven has come on strong as of late for the Cass City volleyball team and will need to continue playing at a high level during this week's district tournament at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School for Cass City to advance.

Over the weekend at the Armada Quad, Haven was on fire at the service line, recording 29 points and 6 aces. Earlier last week, she was a force against visiting Bad Axe on the front row and posted a team-high 17 kills.

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**THE KINGSTON men's cross country team members are, from the left, Ethan Green, Dustin Peter, Trayton Wenzlaff, Morgan Green and Jacob Ray.**

## Area runners shine at Division 4 Regional

The Ubyly women's and Deckerville men's cross country teams won Division 4 Regional cross country championships Saturday in Harbor Beach.

The Bearcats had the women's race winner in sophomore Maze Gusa with a time of 19:38, but she had plenty of help from sisters Josie Gusa and Abigail Guza who finished in 3rd and 8th place, respectively, with times of 20:10 and 21:07.

Rounding out the scorers for the champions were Erica Klee and Emily Greyerbiehl. Klee was the 14th runner to finish with a time of 22:00 and Greyerbiehl finished 3 spots back with a time of 22:19.

Following Ubyly in the women's standings was host Harbor Beach

with 99 points, while Saginaw MLS was third with 99 points to complete the list of qualifiers for the MHSAA State Finals. Owen-Gage, who had the individual runner-up in Libby Ondrajka – she ran a 19:56 – placed 4th in the team standings with 100 points and barely missed qualifying for the elite meet by a solo point.

For Kingston, 3 Lady Cardinals turned in season best times. State Finals qualifier Gracy Walker earned 5th place with a time of 20:39, Zoe VanRijn, with a time of 22:45, was 20th to the tape and Brooklyn Walker was 39th with a time of 24:04.

Turning to the men's field, Deckerville won easily with a score of 38, while USA held off Mayville

61-69 to round out the top 3 spots in the team standings.

For the champ Eagles, Trevor Barker and Brett Dumaw led the way with times of 17:06 and 17:25, respectively. They were bettered only by race winner Wyatt Emmons, Mayville, who ran the 5,000 meters in 16:43.

For the Kingston men's team sophomore Ethan Green was fastest, finishing 6th with a time of 17:41 while establishing a new Cardinal school record.



**ETHAN GREEN**  
Kingston Schools

Kingston also had Dustin Peter with a time of 18:21. He placed 16th and will join Green at the MHSAA State Finals.

Other Cardinal scorers were Morgan Green with a season best time of 18:56 to place 24th and Trayton Wenzlaff who was 34th to the end line with a time of 19:47, his season best effort.



**THE KINGSTON women's cross country team members are, from the left, Zoe VanRijn, Gracy Walker, Brooklyn Walker and Coach Melinda Freeland.**

# Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

**2020  
Football  
Season  
Pre Districts**



Clarke Haire



Ray Maurer



Geoff Morgan



Doug Hyatt

	Clarke Haire	Ray Maurer	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
<b>Nov. 6 Weekend</b> (11-player games)				
Cass City -vs- Sandusky	Sandusky	Cass City	Sandusky	Cass City
Hemlock-vs- Bad Axe	Hemlock	Hemlock	Hemlock	Hemlock
Ubyly -vs- USA	USA	USA	Ubyly	USA
Harbor Beach -vs- Beecher	Beecher	Beecher	Harbor Beach	Beecher
(8-man games)				
Mayville -vs- Lenawee	Mayville	Lenawee	Lenawee	Mayville
Merrill-vs- Morrice	Morrice	Merrill	Morrice	Morrice
(College games)				
MSU @ Iowa	MSU	MSU	MSU	MSU
UofM @ Indiana	Indiana	UofM	UofM	UofM
(Pro game)				
Lions @ Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	6-3	6-3	7-2	6-3
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# 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	CC 50, Marlette 0

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

~ Home games are located at USA ~

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# Sky's the limit

## CAP connection gives Cass City students a fun morning of launching model rockets

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A veteran Cass City teacher's association with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) helped to provide dozens of local students with a fun and hands-on lesson in model rocketry last week.

About 70 Cass City sixth graders, accompanied by teachers Robin Keine, Matthew Sweeney and Ron Woloshen, gathered near the village's sledding hill Thursday morning to launch their model rockets, which were provided free by the CAP Aerospace Education program.

"Matt Sweeney is the science teacher, and students built rockets in his science classes. I believe they just did a short unit on rockets...and students paired up to build the rockets," said Woloshen, who is a certified aerospace educator (AE) through the CAP.

"CAP provides STEM materials to AE teachers to use in classes. They offer a range of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) items for classrooms, such things as rockets, hydraulic kits, drones, astronomy kits, electricity and much more," Woloshen explained.

These rockets were from a grant I received last year and we were unable to use due to the (school) shutdown in March."

Once a grant recipient has used STEM items provided by the CAP, they submit a report on their use of the donation and can then request other STEM kits, according to Woloshen, who credits the CAP with making Thursday's rocket launches a reality. "Their donations make everything possible," he added.

The CAP's STEM Kit program has been providing a selection of STEM Kits to CAP Unit Aerospace Education Officers (AEOs) and CAP educator members since January 2013 in an effort to educate the next generation STEM workforce. The kits come at no cost to recipients and are designed to enhance current CAP educational curriculum and programs.

"Because I will be retiring in the next year or two, I am hoping to pass this information on Civil Air Patrol on to Matt so he can continue to get these items for students at no cost to him or the school. It is a great opportunity to introduce students to many STEM topics," Woloshen noted.

"I've been doing this on and off for 25 years. Part of this is the Civil Air Patrol airplane flights that many Cass City students have been able to do over the years."

The CAP is a congressionally chartered, federally supported non-profit corporation that serves as the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

In a nutshell, the CAP is a volunteer organization with an aviation-minded membership that includes people from all backgrounds, lifestyles, and occupations. It performs three congressionally-assigned key missions: emergency services, which includes search and rescue (by air and ground) and disaster relief operations; aerospace education for youth and the general public; and cadet programs for teenage youth.

In addition, the CAP has been tasked with homeland security and courier service missions. CAP also performs non-auxiliary missions for various governmental and private agencies, such as local law enforcement and the American Red Cross.



WOLOSHEN, who was busy cutting and inserting fuses into the model rockets, is pictured above with sixth grade students (from left) Justin Murdoch, Brody Schefka and Milo Schwendinger.

## Sanilac Co. acquires Humvee

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

An iconic piece of equipment used in foreign wars will be unveiled on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, in Sanilac County.

The city of Sandusky acquired a 1989 Humvee, a military vehicle that was used in Operation Desert Storm and in Iraq Enduring Freedom.

Also known as the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, the Humvee is a family of light, four-wheel drive, military trucks and utility vehicles, primarily used by the U.S. military, that saw widespread use during the Gulf War, where it navigated treacherous desert terrain.

Sandusky's Humvee will be rolled out at public events such as parades, that honor those who have served in the armed forces, and for community outreach.

The vehicle was acquired from a neighboring school district that received it under the Federal Government Procurement Program, which allows local government agencies to acquire used military equipment.

Sandusky was able to acquire the vehicle at no cost.

The Humvee is in the process of getting spruced up so it is ready to roll out this month.

Veterans Day honors all of those who have served their country in war or peace — dead or alive. However, it is largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

The day was originally called Armistice Day in commemoration of the end of World War I, which officially took place Nov. 11, 1918.

Also planned Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., is a color guard consisting of members of every branch of the military, honoring America's war dead at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

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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.

Date of notice: October 21, 2020  
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either of which may charge a fee for this information.

**MORTGAGE:** Mortgagor(s): Marianne L. Lampela and Michael A. Lampela, Husband and Wife Original Mortgagee: Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation Date of mortgage: February 21, 1998 Recorded on March 12, 1998, Liber 732, on Page 400, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1998-3 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Sixty-Six Thousand Fifty-Three and 52/100 Dollars (\$66,053.52) Mortgaged premises:

Situated in Tuscola County, and described as: That part of the Southwest quarter of section 5, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said section 5; thence North 88 degrees 05 minutes 17 seconds East along the South line of said section, 1328.78 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 51 minutes 49 seconds West, 1321.76 feet to the South 1/8 line of said section: Thence North 88 degrees 06 minutes 53 seconds East along said South 1/8 line 330.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 51 minutes 49 seconds East, 1321.61 feet to said South Section Line; thence south 88 degrees 05 minutes 17 seconds west, along said south section line 330.00 feet to the point beginning. Commonly known as 5655 Denhoff, Kingston, MI 48741 The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale

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U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1998-3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

KEITH G. JAYNE died May 4, 2020 and was the Settlor of the Jayne Family Living Trust, Restated June 24, 2011. Dean A. Tomlinson, 2172 Wagner Dr., Caro, MI 48723 is the Successor Trustee of this Trust. Creditors are notified that all claims against Keith G. Jayne or the Jayne Family Living Trust, Restated June 24, 2011 will be forever barred unless presented to the Successor Trustee in writing within four months after the date of publication of this Notice.

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been made for the Operation and Maintenance Account and the current requirements of the Bond and Interest Redemption Account: the sum of \$1,146.25 each quarter (\$4,585 annually) until there is accumulated in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account the Bond Reserve Amount of \$45,850 (in addition to the \$95,600 deposited as a condition for sale of the Series 2006 Bonds for a total of \$141,450). Except as hereinafter provided, no further deposits shall be made into the Bond and Interest Redemption Account for the purposes of the Bond Reserve Account once the sum on deposit therein is equal to the lesser of \$141,450 or the Reserve Amount. The moneys in the Bond Reserve Account shall be used solely for the payment of the principal installments of and interest on the Bonds as to which there would otherwise be default; provided however, that in the event the amount on deposit in the Bond Reserve Account exceeds the Reserve Amount, the moneys in the Bond Reserve Account in excess of the Reserve Amount shall be used to pay principal installment(s) of and interest on the Bonds on the next payment date(s). If at any time it shall be necessary to use moneys in the Bond Reserve Account for payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds (other than in the event the amount on deposit in the Bond Reserve Account exceeds the Reserve Amount as provided in the preceding paragraph), then the moneys so used shall be replaced from the Net Revenues first received thereafter which are not required by Ordinance No. 163 and this Ordinance to be used for operation and maintenance or for current principal and interest requirements for the Bonds.

No further payments need be made into the Bond and Interest Redemption Account after enough of the principal installments of the Bonds have been retired so that the amount then held in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account (including the Bond Reserve Account), is equal to the entire amount of principal and interest which will be payable at the time of maturity of all the principal installments of the Bonds then remaining outstanding.

The moneys in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account and the Bond Reserve Account shall be invested in accordance with Section 13 of Ordinance No. 163, and profit realized or income earned on such investment shall be used or transferred as provided in Section 13 of Ordinance No. 163.

(3) Repair, Replacement and Improvement Account. There is hereby continued a separate account designated REPAIR, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT (the "RRI Account"). After the transfers required in (1) and (2) above, as long as the Government is the holder of any of the Series 2020 Bond, revenues shall continue to be transferred each Fiscal Quarter from the Receiving Account and deposited in the RRI Account in an amount as follows: the Village will transfer \$3,140 each quarter (\$12,560 annually); after the balance of the Bond Reserve Account reaches the Bond Reserve Amount, the Village will transfer \$4,286.25 each quarter (\$17,145 annually). The reserve requirement amounts shown in this section may be reduced only with consent of the Government. Moneys in the RRI Account shall be used and disbursed only for the purpose of paying the cost of (a) repairing or replacing obsolete, deteriorating, deteriorated or worn out equipment or other portions of the System, (b) repairing any damage to and emergency maintenance of the System, (c) acquiring and constructing extensions and improvements to the System, and, when necessary, for the purpose of making payments of principal and interest on the Bonds. If the amount in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account and the Bond Reserve Account is not sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, the moneys in the RRI Account shall be transferred to the Bond and Interest Redemption Account and used for that purpose. Moneys in the RRI Account may be invested in accordance with Section 13 of Ordinance No. 163.

(4) REVERSE FLOW OF ACCOUNTS; SURPLUS MONEY. In the event the moneys in the Receiving Account are insufficient to provide for the current requirements of the Operation and Maintenance Account, the Bond and Interest Redemption Account (including the Bond Reserve Account) or the RRI Account, any moneys and/or securities in the accounts of the System described by Ordinance No. 163 and this Ordinance shall be transferred, first, to the Operation and Maintenance Account, second, the Bond and Interest Redemption Account, and third, to the RRI Account.

All moneys remaining in the Receiving Account at the end of any Fiscal Year after satisfying the above requirements for the deposit of moneys into the Operation and Maintenance Account, the Bond and Interest Redemption Account and the RRI Account may be transferred to the Bond and Interest Redemption Account and used to call Bonds or portions thereof for redemption, or at the option of the Village, transferred to the RRI Account and used for the purpose for which the account was established; provided, however, that if there should be a deficit in the Operation and Maintenance Account, the Bond and Interest Redemption Account, the Bond Reserve Account or the RRI Account, on account of defaults in setting aside therein the amounts hereinbefore required, then transfers shall be made from such moneys remaining in the Receiving Account to such accounts in the priority and order named in this Section, to the extent of such deficits.

Section 10. Applicability of Ordinance No. 163. Except to the extent supplemented or otherwise provided in this ordinance, all of the provisions and covenants provided in Ordinance No. 163 shall apply to the Series 2020 Bond issued pursuant to provisions of this ordinance, such provisions of the Ordinance being made applicable to the Series 2020 Bond herein authorized, the same as though the Series 2020 Bond was originally authorized and issued as a part of the Outstanding Bonds issued pursuant to Ordinance No. 163.

Section 11. Ordinance Shall Constitute Contract. The provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a contract between the Village and the bondholders and after the issuance of the Bonds this Ordinance shall not be repealed or amended in any respect which will adversely affect the rights and interests of the holders nor shall the Village adopt any law, ordinance or resolution in any way adversely affecting the rights or the holders so long as the Series 2020 Bonds or interest thereon remains unpaid.

Section 12. Refunding of Bonds. If at any time it shall appear to the Government that the Village is able to refund any of the then outstanding Bonds held by the Government by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private credit sources at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, the Village will, upon request of the Government, apply for and accept such loan in sufficient amount to repay the Government, and will take all such actions as may be required in connection with such loans to the extent permitted by law.

Section 13. Default of Village. If there shall be default in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account provisions of this Ordinance or in the payment of principal of or interest on any of the Bonds, upon the filing of a suit by 20 percent of the holders of the then Outstanding Bonds, any court having jurisdiction of the action may appoint a receiver to administer the System on behalf of the Village with power to charge and collect rates sufficient to provide for the payment of the Bonds and for the payment of operation, maintenance and administrative expenses and to apply Revenues in accordance with this Ordinance and the laws of the State of Michigan.

The Village hereby agrees to transfer to any bona fide receiver or other subsequent operator of the System, pursuant to any valid court order in a proceeding brought to enforce collection or payment of the Village's obligations, all contracts and other rights of the Village, conditionally, for such time only as such receiver or operation shall operate by authority of the court.

The holders of 20 percent of the then Outstanding Bonds may protect and enforce the statutory lien on the Net Revenues and compel the performance of all duties of the officials of the Village including the fixing of rates, the collection of revenues, the proper segregation of revenues and the proper allocation of revenues.

Section 14. Ordinance Subject to Michigan Law and Government Regulations. The provisions of this Ordinance are subject to the laws of the State of Michigan and to the present and future regulations of the Government not inconsistent with the express provisions hereof and Michigan law.

Section 15. Village Subject to Loan Resolution. As long as the Government is holder of the Series 2020 Bond, the Village shall be subject to the loan resolution (RUS Bulletin 1780 27) and shall comply with all provisions thereof.

Section 16. Covenant Not to Defeas. As long as the Government is the holder of any of the Series 2020 Bonds the Village covenants that it will not defeas any of the Series 2020 Bonds held by the Government.

Section 17. Conflict and Severability. All ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and each section of this Ordinance and each subdivision of any section hereof is hereby declared to be independent, and the finding or holding of any section or subdivision thereof to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section or subdivision of this Ordinance.

Section 18. Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of this Ordinance.

Section 19. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in the Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in the Village, qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and the same shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Village and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the President and Village Clerk.

Section 20. Effective Date. This Ordinance is hereby determined by the Village Council to be immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the Village and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law. Passed and adopted by the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on October 26, 2020.

Dan Delamarter  
Village President

Attest:  
Nanette Walsh  
Village Clerk

*I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, at a Regular meeting held on October 26, 2020, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Open Meetings Act. I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: President Delamarter, Trustees: Ball, Herron, Kirn, Leeson, Piaskowski and Zawilinski, and that the following Members were absent: None. I further certify that Trustee Piaskowski moved adoption of said Ordinance, and that said motion was supported by Trustee Leeson. I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: President Delamarter, Trustees: Ball, Herron, Kirn, Leeson, Piaskowski and Zawilinski and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: None. I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the President and the Village Clerk.*

Nanette Walsh  
Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF CASS CITY  
6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726 (989) 872-2911  
ORDINANCE NO. 188  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VILLAGE OF CASS CITY MUNICIPAL CODE  
CHAPTER 38, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES,  
ARTICLE IV (4), OFF ROAD VEHICLES (ORV)**

*for the purpose of authorizing and regulating the operation of Off-Road Vehicles on the streets in the Village of Cass City and for the purpose of providing penalties for the violation.*

**THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:  
Chapter 38: TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES  
ARTICLE IV (4): OFF-ROAD VEHICLES (ORVs)**

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

- A. "Driver's license" means an operator's or chauffeur's license or permit issued to an individual by the Secretary of State under Chapter III of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.301 to 257.329, for that individual to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit.
- B. "Far Right of the Maintained portion of the road" means the shoulder of the portion of the road improved, designated, or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic and does not include within its meaning the shoulder or right-of-way.
- C. "Operate" means to ride in or on, and to be in actual physical control of the operation of an Off-Road Vehicle.
- D. "Operator" means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of an Off-Road Vehicle.
- E. "Off-Road Vehicle" means a motor-driven off-road recreation vehicle capable of cross-country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. Off-Road Vehicles include, but are not limited to, a multi-track or multi-wheeled drive vehicle, an ATV, a motorcycle or related two-wheel, three-wheel, or four-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. Off-Road Vehicle does not include a registered snowmobile, a farm vehicle being used for farming, a vehicle used for military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, a vehicle owned and operated by a utility company or an oil or gas company when performing maintenance on its facilities or on property over which it has an easement, a construction or logging vehicle used in performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft.
- F. "Road" means a county primary road or county local road as described in Section 5 of 1951 PA 1951, MCL 247.655.
- G. "Road Commission" means the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Tuscola.
- H. "Safety certificate" means a certificate issued pursuant to 1994 PA 451 as amended, MCL 324.81129, or comparable Off-Road Vehicle safety certificate issued under the authority of another state or a province of Canada.
- I. "Street" means a city or village major street, or village local street as described in Section 9 of 1951 PA 1951, MCL 247.659.
- J. "Sunrise" and "Sunset" mean that time determined by the National Weather Service on any given day.
- K. "Village" means the Village of Cass City.

Section 2: An Off-Road Vehicle may be operated on the far right of the maintained portion of a road or street within the Village with these exceptions:

- A. In the event that either the Road Commission has closed or in the event the Village has adopted an ordinance or resolution that closed certain roads to Off-Road Vehicle pursuant to MCL 324.81131(4), operation otherwise permitted under this ordinance shall not be considered authorized with respect to such closed road(s).
- B. This ordinance does not authorize the operation of an off-road vehicle on a road, street, or highway which is under jurisdiction of a government entity other than the Village.

Section 3: An Off-Road Vehicle shall not be operated on the road surface, roadway, shoulder, or right-of-way of any State or Federal highway, including but not limited to M-81, or any other State or Federal highway in the Village.

- A. The Off-Road Vehicle shall not be operated on a road or street in a negligent manner, endangering any person or property, or obstructing, hindering, or impeding the lawful course of travel of any motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways, or parks.
- B. The Off-Road Vehicle shall not be operated on any sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways, or parks.
- C. The Off-Road Vehicle shall not be operated on private property without the property owner's permission.

Section 4: Except as set forth herein or otherwise provided by law, an Off-Road Vehicle meeting all of the following conditions may be operated on a street in the Village:

- A. At a speed of no more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour or a lower posted Off-Road Vehicle speed limit.
- B. By a person not less than sixteen (16) years of age.
- C. With the flow of traffic and traveling single file, except when overtaking or passing an other Off-Road Vehicle.
- D. In a manner which does not interfere with traffic on the road or street.
- E. Between one-half hour after sunrise and one-half hour before sunset.
- F. When visibility is not substantially reduced due to weather conditions, unless displaying a lighted headlight and lighted taillight.
- G. While displaying a lighted headlight and lighted taillight at all hours.
- H. While the operator and each passenger is wearing a crash helmet and protective eyewear approved by the United States Department of Transportation unless the vehicle is equipped with a roof that meets or exceeds standards for a crash helmet and the operator and each passenger is wearing a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt.
- I. With a throttle so designated that when the pressure used to advance the throttle is removed, the engine speed will immediately and automatically return to idle.
- J. While the Off-Road Vehicle is equipped with a spark arrester type United States Forest Service approved muffler in good working order and in constant operation.
- K. Pursuant to noise emission standards defined by law.

Section 5: A person less than sixteen (16) years of age shall not operate an Off-Road Vehicle on a road or street in the Village unless the person is in possession of a valid driver's license.

Section 6: Unless a person possesses a valid driver's license, a person shall not operate an Off-Road Vehicle on a street in the Village if the Off-Road Vehicle is registered as a motor vehicle and is either more than sixty (60) inches wide or has three wheels.

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

Section 8: In a court action in this state, if competent evidence demonstrates that a vehicle that is permitted to operate on a street pursuant to the code was in a collision with an Off-Road Vehicle required to be operated on the far right of the maintained portion of a road or street pursuant to this ordinance, the operator of the Off-Road Vehicle shall be considered prima facie negligent.

Section 9: Any person who violates this ordinance is guilty of a municipal civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Section 10: In addition to the penalties under Section 9 of this ordinance, a court may order a person who causes damage to the environment, a street, or other property as a result of the operation of an Off-Road Vehicle to pay full restitution for that damage above and beyond the penalties paid for civil fines.

Section 11: The operation of an Off-Road Vehicle must be in compliance with the Village of Cass City Noise Ordinance No. 167, Article IX, "Unnecessary Noise."

Section 12: Should a portion of this ordinance be found invalid for any reason; such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 13: This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation, by the Village of Cass City.

**At a Regular Meeting of the Village of Cass City Council on the 26th day of October 2020,  
A MOTION TO ADOPT VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, MI PROPOSED ORDINANCE #188,  
"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VILLAGE OF CASS CITY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 38,  
TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE IV (4) TO BE AMENDED TO READ  
"OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) ORDINANCE,**

Was offered by Trustee Herron and supported by Trustee Leeson  
Ayes: Ball, Herron, Kirn, Leeson, Piaskowski, Delamarter  
Nays: Zawilinski  
Resolution: Approved

Dan Delamarter, President, Village of Cass City

Nanette Walsh, Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Cass City



CASS CITY officials have been working diligently to promote the village, its downtown area and the community's many attractions. Examples include a new sign (pictured above) erected near the corner of M-81 and M-53, encouraging motorists to visit and check out a new video website — [casscityfun.org](http://casscityfun.org) — to learn more about Cass City and what it has to offer.

## “Cass City Fun” a new effort to promote town

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Cass City officials have launched a new approach to developing the village's downtown area and drawing more interest to the community. A new sign was recently placed on M-53 near the M-81 intersection to promote all the community has to offer.

There is also a video website — [casscityfun.org](http://casscityfun.org) — that showcases many of the attractions the town has to offer, including the village's pool and a splash pad, a theatre, an expansive recreational park with walking trails and an 18-hole disc golf course, pavilions, ball fields, Hills and Dales General Hospital, a fitness gym, golf course, and Rawson Memorial District Library.

Along with shining the spotlight on the downtown area, officials are working to make the heart of the community more attractive. Both the village's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Cass City Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) are driving the effort.

DDA members are working on a proposed “downtown vibrancy program” that outlines a multi-layered improvement program focusing on projects such as financing for facade upgrades.

And, there are a number of attractions already in place that have proven popular and effective in drawing people to the downtown. Cass City Chamber of Commerce Administrator Judy Keller cited the village's farmers market as an example, saying the weekly market “did very well” this year, and there are plans to expand next year.


In addition, Keller noted, the community's new information kiosk has arrived and is being stored in the department of public works (DPW) building while officials await a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) permit to install the kiosk on a site along M-81.

All of that doesn't happen without support and guidance. Ever since Debbie Powell was hired in September 2017 as Cass City's new village manager, she has earned a reputation as being a hands-on manager — literally.


Powell doesn't just sit behind her desk overseeing village operations; she has rolled up her sleeves more than once to pitch in, making her adoptive community better.

Examples include wading the Cass River twice to participate in clean-up projects, and this summer she helped clean park trails and worked beside other volunteers in completing enhancement projects in the park.


Powell has also been doing her homework, attending a virtual conference recently through the Michigan Economic Development Association (MEDA), which offers classes on topics that include supporting start-up businesses, entrepreneurs, small business, niche businesses in the arts, entertainment, and the draw of gathering areas in downtowns, such as fire pits and coffee shops.



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