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MIKE SINES STANDS behind the bar at Gilligan's, where employees - past and present - have reported hearing a number of strange sounds and seeing some even stranger sights over the years. Members of the South East Michigan Paranormal Society were scheduled to conduct their own investigation at the Cass City business this week.

Who ya gonna call?

"Ghost hunters" slated to investigate haunting reports at Cass City business

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Some people will tell you there's no such thing as a ghost, but don't try to convince Suzette Minder of that.

Or Dee Sines, Susie Dennis, or William and Karen Bulchak, all of whom share at least 2 things in common; they have all worked at the former New Gordon Hotel building in Cass City — known as Gilligan's for the past several years — and all of them have heard some strange sounds and/or seen things they still can't explain while inside the building.

Those experiences have included hearing laughter and seeing body-less shadows and furniture moving on its own.

"I believe it. I really do believe it," Dee Sines said, referring to the paranormal experiences she's seen and heard. "There's no way you could not believe it," added Sines, who has worked at Gilligan's for the past 15 years and met her husband Mike Sines (the current owner) when she was tending bar there.

Whether the New Gordon Hotel is "haunted" or not remains a mystery, but the stories of strange happenings there recently led to a phone call from a staff member of the South East Michigan Paranormal Society (S.E.M.P.S.) to Mike Sines, asking if the organization could have permission to set up shop inside his business in an effort to collect evidence of paranormal activities for a few hours this week.

According to Mike Sines, who bought the building about 12 years ago, the visit by S.E.M.P.S. was precipitated after an acquaintance of the organization's staff stopped to eat at Gilligan's and struck up a conversation with a bartender.

On its website, S.E.M.P.S. describes itself as a paranormal investigation team based in south-east Michigan.

"We're a non-profit organization that investigates all matters of unexplained phenomena in private residences, businesses and historical sites," the

website states. "We are dedicated to investigation, research and documentation of alleged paranormal activity. We are a strongly committed team of researchers who conduct a thorough and professional investigation by obtaining data through the use of client interviews, audio, video, photography and other recording equipment. We present all evidence to the client in a timely manner and assist them to better understand the activity they are experiencing."

THE STORIES

Sines is quick to say he isn't an enthusiast of paranormal investigations.

"I'm not a believer. I'm not, nor have I experienced anything myself," he said. "But, you ask any one of my workers, and they'll tell you they've heard something or felt something."

Suzette Minder, a Caro resident who has worked as a barmaid/waitress for the past couple years, is among them. "One time I was sitting here by myself at night, 11:30 or 12 at night," Minder said, adding she was a new employee at the time and hadn't heard any "spooky" stories about the building. "We had these swinging doors into the kitchen with a small window — you could see into the kitchen — and I kept seeing shadows."

Minder went to investigate, but found nothing, so she headed back to

where she had been and sat down. "The doors opened by themselves and just sort of hung there," she said. "I was out the back door."

Another time, during the holidays, Minder recalled the top of the bar was adorned with 300 strands of Christmas lights, and she was talking to some customers about the basement of the building, which she described as being "creepy" and that she "wouldn't go down there and bother those ghosts". The next thing she knew, a section of those Christmas lights above her customers' heads started flickering on and off.

Dee Sines offered a different story dating back to when she and a co-worker were cleaning dishes as they prepared to open the business' new restaurant.

"All of a sudden, it just sounded like a whole rack of pots and pans hit the floor, and there were not pots and pans hanging up yet," she said. "That was the freakiest thing that has ever happened there. We were out of there."

"I never really heard any voices, but a lot of experiences we've had have been right in the middle of the day," Sines added. "I had my hair touched — that was before the restaurant even opened. It felt like somebody touched my hair, and you'd turn around and no one's there."

Susie Dennis, a Cass City resident who worked nights at Gilligan's for 5 years but now works weekends as a bartender, remembers closing up one night, straightening bar stools and locking up, and being startled after turning out the lights.

"All the bar stools had turned themselves facing outward, and they were pretty new bar stools, so they were pretty hard to turn," she said.

Dennis also felt someone touch her shoulder one night while closing. "I pretty much ran to the back door," she said. "I never really felt threatened. I never felt scared. It just kind of catches you off-guard."

"I've never really had anything scare me," added Stazha Hartsell, Cass City, who works weekend mornings. Please turn to back page.



Veteran treasurer unseated in Uibly

Voters in the village of Uibly unseated a veteran incumbent treasurer in the Sept. 15 village elections.

Challenger Laura Kramer won the 2-year term as treasurer, garnering 91 votes, while incumbent Florence E. Schrader, who has served the village as treasurer for the past 34 years, received 48 votes. In another race, Alger Lemke was elected village clerk with 80 votes. Fellow newcomer Mary Jo Cleary garnered 57 votes. Incumbent Clerk Judy Messing opted not to seek another 2-year term.

Winning 4-year terms as trustees were incumbent Jeremy J. Melnik (123 votes) and newcomer Jeff Maikrzek (104 votes). Both ran unopposed, as did write-in trustee can-

didates Lance Krueger for a 4-year term (39 votes) and Adam Kain for a 2-year term (22 votes). Incumbents Steve Romzek and Jean Grifka did not seek reelection. Also running unopposed was village President Mark A. Brown, who received 129 votes.

Voters also elected Paul J. Kneffel (89 votes) and Doreen K. Zulauf (109 votes) to the library board, and residents overwhelmingly supported a proposal to keep the job of village clerk as an elected position. The vote was 107 "yes" to 26 "no".

OWENDALE

Owendale residents decided a 4-way race for 3 trustee seats in the election, selecting Bryan Baker (28 votes),

Jerry Radabaugh (25 votes) and Steve Story (32 votes) for the 4-year terms. Also running was Richard Glidden, who garnered 22 votes.

Running unopposed were village President Walter Howard (31 votes) and Treasurer Tina M. Smith (31 votes).

CASS CITY

In Cass City, residents cast a total of 61 ballots and elected a new council member — Kevin L. Israelson, who ran unopposed for one of 3 available 4-year terms on the council. He received 53 votes. Also running unopposed were incumbent trustees Marilyn Biefer (60 votes) and Donald B. Richards (53 votes).

Incumbent Trustee Dwight Thabet did not seek reelection.

In addition, voters cast 61 votes for incumbent village President Carl A. Palmateer, who ran for a second 2-year term without opposition.

Biefer was appointed to the council in October 2007 following the resignation of former Trustee Jeff Gillig. Also serving on the council are Jim Heiser, Mick Kim and Jenny Zawilinski, whose terms won't expire until Sept. 30, 2011.

KINGSTON

There were no races in the village of Kingston, where President Robin LaFond was reelected to another 2-year term and trustees Cory J. Skinner and Roger Warrington won 4-year terms. Each of the candidates garnered 16 votes.

United Way campaign underway in Tuscola

These aren't the easiest of times to raise money, even if the cash you're collecting goes back into the community to support a variety of agencies and services local residents have come to depend upon over the years.

Just ask Jim Heiser of Cass City, who serves as director of operations for the United Way of Tuscola County.

While Heiser acknowledges times are tough, however, he was also optimistic he and other United Way of Tuscola County officials kicked off their 2009-10 campaign Thursday at the Tuscola County Technical Center in Caro.

"I'm very pleased and very satisfied," Heiser said later, referring to the total collected — just under \$60,000 — during the 2008-09 campaign. "It just shows that when there's a need, the community steps up and makes it happen. We've been pretty fortunate."

Local United Way officials didn't set a specific fundraising goal for the coming year, but Heiser indicated he hopes the organization won't experience a setback. "I think our goal is, we'd like to do as well in the coming year as we did last year," he said.

United Way officials outlined plans for the coming year and lauded several community members during their fifth annual campaign kick-off breakfast Thursday, which was attended by more than 60 residents representing individual donors, companies that participate in payroll deduction programs, agencies that provide services to county citizens and the United Way of Tuscola County Board of Directors.

"Funding for the breakfast was again provided by Thumb National Bank, and Vicki Hyatt provided the catering," Heiser noted. "The event was

organized by board members, chaired by Sandy Gaudreau, and consisting of Shelli Pohlod, Dawn Prieskorn, Susan Holder and Janet Raleigh."

Jolene Tobey was presented with a special award plaque by the board of directors in recognition of her service to the local United Way agency. Tobey has worked tirelessly in the background for many years, preparing checks, financial reports and keeping the books, Heiser said. "Her volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated."

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ROCKY ALDRICH, the new superintendent of the Uibly Community Schools, spends a few minutes visiting with para-professionals Noreen Donnellon (left) and Clarice Robinson Thursday morning. Aldrich has 28 years of experience as an educator/administrator and most recently served as superintendent in the Arenac Eastern Schools.

Aldrich comfortable as new Uibly School superintendent

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You won't find many administrators whose educational backgrounds are as varied as Rocky Aldrich's experiences during his 28-year career.

Aldrich has taught physical education/health, industrial education, math and driver's education. In addition to time in the classroom, he's served as an elementary principal, middle school principal and assistant principal over the years, working in private school, charter school and public school settings. He even boasts a stint in a one-room school.

Aldrich has spent much of his career in Georgia — at one time serving as principal at a middle school with an enrollment of some 1,300 kids in sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

But he couldn't look more comfortable in the superintendent's office in the Uibly Community Schools, which boasts a K-12 enrollment of about 810 kids.

Aldrich took over the reins as Uibly's superintendent at the beginning of September, filling a vacancy left by the retirement of veteran Uibly administrator Ken Sweeney,

who served the district for 38 years.

"I grew up on a large dairy farm, so the community surrounding (the school in Uibly) immediately got my attention. It felt like home," the Manacelona native commented Thursday morning. "You get to know people (in a small town) — not just their names — and you feel like part of the community."

"Uibly's been very receptive, from the board members to the staff," added Aldrich, who spent the past 4 years serving as superintendent in the Arenac Eastern Schools. "It just seems like a very receptive, friendly community." Aldrich is the first to say he's still getting his feet wet in his new job and has no intention of rushing things. His approach to the first few months will be to "stop, look and listen. I'm not here to make sudden changes," he noted.

Aldrich indicated there are plenty of positive things happening in the Uibly Community Schools. Student achievement for example. "Uibly has excellent test scores," he said. "It's going to be a big challenge to improve those scores, but we're going to try."

Understandably, finances are a major concern for the superintendent. Please turn to page 9.

Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

Wednesday, September 23

Ravenous Readers Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, September 24

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816. Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friday, September 25

Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

Mobile Food Pantry, 5-6 p.m., First Baptist Church, 1535 Gilford Rd., Caro (next to the hospital). Anyone in need of food is welcome. Please bring boxes/bags to put food in. For more information, call the church at (989) 673-3545 or Rick at (989) 912-0271.

Saturday, September 26

Haunted House & Hayride, 8-11 p.m., Evergreen Park (M-53, south of M-81). \$5 per person. For more information, call 989-872-6600. Sponsored by the Friends of Evergreen Park.

Orchard Bazaar, 8:30-4 p.m., Sutton-Sunshine UMC, 2988 Colwood Rd., Caro (corner of Colwood and Dutcher roads). Bake sale, crafts, apples -- cafe opens at 8:30 a.m. By B.A.S.S. Charge. Kingston United Methodist Church Harvest Supper & Auction, 5-6:30 p.m. Auction: 7 p.m.

Thumb Gun & Knife Show, 9-6 p.m. Caro Fairgrounds in the Merchants Building. Admission: \$5. Children 12 and under: free. For more information, call Judy King at (989) 670-5839. **Sunday, September 27, 9-3 p.m.**

Sunday, September 27

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-2361.

Monday, September 28

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

Young Adult Book Club, 6 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m. Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans. Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

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Holbrook Area News



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14 members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy in Bad Axe on Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week. Klyn Puterbaugh, June Samons and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Wednesday lunch guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney visited Frances Tschirhart at Courtney Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Harold Ballagh visited Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

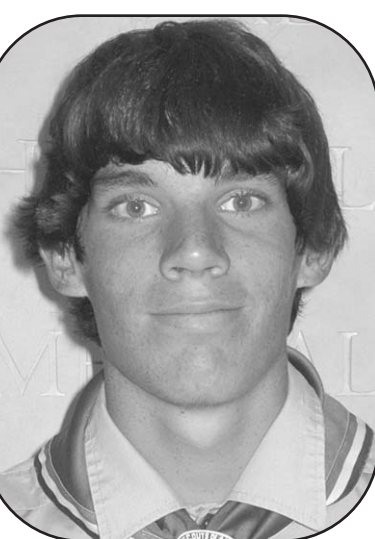
R. Poynter earns highest scouting rank - Eagle

Ryan K. Poynter of Irving, Texas, recently earned Boy Scouting's highest rank - the Eagle.

Poynter is the son of Bob and Nancy (Koeppgen) Poynter. Nancy is originally from Cass City. He is also the grandson of Nelle Maharg of Cass City.


Poynter, whose brothers are also Eagle Scouts (Tommy earned the rank in 2002 and Jon in 2004), is a member of Boy Scout Troop 508. He is also a member of the Plymouth Park United Methodist Church and is a senior at MacArthur High School.

For his Eagle Project, Poynter, 17,



Ryan Poynter

It's a boy!



Oliver Jensen-Craigen

Oliver Larkin Jensen-Craigen was born to Jessie Jensen and Michael Craigen Aug. 5, 2009. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Oliver's grandparents are James and Lori (Little) Jensen and Michael and Rebecca (Warner) Craigen, all of Brown City. Great-grandparents are Tom and Norajean Little of Cass City, Georgine Jensen of Arizona, and the late Ken Jensen.

800,000 visitors attracted

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It's a boy!



Gideon Dorland

David and Kim Dorland announce the birth of their first grandchild, Gideon Lee Dorland.

Gideon was born June 2, 2009 at home with the help of a midwife. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Gideon's parents are Zach and Sarah Dorland of Midland.

His other grandparents are Dan and Alice Bell of South Haven. Great-grandparents are Otis and Donna Dorland of Decker, Linda Noble of Frankenmuth and Sybil Dauer of Midland. Great great-grandparents are Dale and Freda Parrish of Cass City and Maxine Conaway of Bridgeport.

Gideon was named after his late grandfathers, Gideon Bell and Russell Lee Parrish.

Kingston UMC supper and auction scheduled

The Kingston United Methodist Church Supper and Auction will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, starting at 5 p.m.

The menu will include turkey/dressing, roast beef, potatoes, gravy, assorted salads, vegetables, rolls, desserts and drink.

The auction, with many handmade items, will follow at 7 p.m.

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**In Our
OPINION...**

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Hills and Dales should respond to community

The Chronicle recently supported in this space Hills and Dales General Hospital's decision to file suit against a pair of its former physicians for allegedly violating signed contracts by setting up practices in Bad Axe after their employment with the local hospital ended.

We stand behind that endorsement.

But, frankly, we're disappointed with Hills and Dales officials' response, or rather lack of response, to concerns/criticisms voiced by several members of the community.

It's gotten to the point where some residents are actively searching for a list — and without much success — of those serving on the hospital's board of directors in hopes of having their voices heard.

In the way of background, Hills and Dales filed suit against Dr. Liberta J. Pantig and Dr. Avelina M. Oxholm-Dababneh after both physicians left the Cass City hospital and subsequently set up practices under the auspices of Huron Medical Center, which is also named a defendant in the suit.

Hills and Dales officials say that move translated into breach of contract because both doctors had signed agreements in Cass City that included "covenants not to compete". That is, upon their separation of employment with Hills and Dales, they agreed not to practice within 35 miles of Cass City for a period of 2 years after leaving Hills and Dales.

In the days since the lawsuit was reported, several residents have submitted "letters to the editor" voicing their concerns with Hills and Dales' actions, but hospital officials have remained silent.

This isn't the first time officials appear to be stonewalling the media and the community, although we want to make it clear that it was a previous administration and board that declined to comment some years ago when hospital employees — literally dozens of them — were fleeing/being fired in Cass City.

The CEO at that time ignored calls from the media, and individual board members refused to talk, although one of them told a local reporter that the issue "wasn't newsworthy". Yeah, right.

That was then. Today, it's understandable that hospital officials are keeping quiet at the advice of attorneys. And, in all fairness, CEO Mike Falatko has indicated the hospital will respond at some point. But a response now — addressing this lawsuit — would hardly require discussion of sensitive information related to the lawsuit. After all, the attorneys for one of the physicians and Huron Medical Center released a prepared statement early on, and the sky didn't fall.

In the meantime, some residents are translating the hospital's silence as an attitude of not caring. Others say they believe the lack of response is the result of arrogance — that is, "we're not going to respond because we don't have to."

We don't believe that either perception is true. The hospital could remedy the situation by taking advantage of one of several options open to them to get the word out to the community — by issuing a formal statement, submitting a "letter to the editor", etc.

The bottom line is that, while Hills and Dales isn't legally bound to address the community, we believe the administration is obligated to do just that — at some point — given the fact that the hospital owes its very existence to the community.

Hills and Dales' philosophy, as published on the hospital's website, states in part: "We believe that attitude is the significant component in how others perceive our organization and that our response to situations, good and bad, reflects our organizational image within the community, patients and our employees..."

Again, we agree.

Letters to the Editor

Peruski letter filled with a host of inconsistencies

To the editor:
Robert Peruski's "letter to the editor" in the Sept. 16 Chronicle stating plainly that hardcore liberal leaders should be rounded up and shipped off to a reservation in Alaska is a clear example of why America really does need to have the input of persons with more than a high school education, whether Peruski likes it or not.

The obvious logical and rational inconsistencies in Peruski's letter are numerous:

1. He scoffs at those who say that Sarah Palin is uneducated. The truth is that while she does have a B.A. in journalism, she had to go to 5 different universities to get it.

2. Then, last year, during the presidential campaign, she made some serious gaffs that displayed an awesome lack of brilliance, like when she criticized the National Institute of Health for spending money for researching fruit flies, blissfully ignorant of the fact that the scientific study of these insects (drosophila melanogaster) is very crucial to basic medical and biological research.

3. Such examples of Palin's naive ignorance were quite shocking to many knowledgeable persons.

4. He says that in spite of Palin's lack of education, when she left Alaska, the state was in good financial shape. Then he goes on to belittle the education of the Democrat governor of Massachusetts for governing a state "on the verge of bankruptcy."

5. Of course, this is totally unfair criticism, considering the fact that Oxford graduate Bobby Tindal is the Republican governor of Louisiana, while Princeton and Georgetown University graduate Mitchell Daniels, Jr., is the Republican governor of Indiana. Both of these states are considered on the verge of bankruptcy, as well! But, as far as Gov. Palin is concerned, I would venture a good guess that neither her education (or lack thereof) nor her "common sense" had anything to do with Alaska's financial success. Louisiana, after all, had a nasty hurricane a few years back, and Indiana doesn't have Alaska's oil revenue.

6. He claims that President Obama wants to open the door to "pulling the plug on grandma" with a public health care plan. What many opponents of a public plan ignore is the obvious fact that grandma's plug already gets pulled a thousand times a day by private insurance companies and individuals who realize they cannot afford to keep grandma plugged in without going bankrupt. I'd hope healthcare reform will help close the door to this kind of thing and cut insurance costs for all of us.

7. He compares Adolph Hitler's evil annihilation of 6,000,000 Jews to Obama's healthcare plan and says that illegal aliens will be covered by it. Of course, this flies in the face of the fact that 50 million Americans do not have health insurance; that, unless something changes, half of all Americans (150 million) are likely to be without health insurance for at least a year within the next 10 years; and that no serious public health plan could ever possibly pass through Congress if it

included illegal aliens.

8. Even then, the question remains: Do we really want our beloved children going to school, playing with, or being near the sick children of sick illegal aliens who aren't going to leave our country, anyway? Maybe we're conservative, but are we that stupid?

9. He says that no one with anything more than a high school diploma should be allowed to be a congressman, senator, or president so that typical dumb Americans and not-so-well educated members of Congress (like Wayne State University graduate Congressman John Conyers) will be able to read the laws they pass. The fact is that Conyers did read the 1000 page health care reform bill. He just didn't have it all memorized.

10. The writer says that when the government takes over health care it will get all screwed up. What he doesn't know is that while private insurance companies have already screwed up the American health care system, various governments around the world have been quite successfully running health care systems for many years at about half the cost of ours and with better results.

11. Japan, Britain, France, Norway, Denmark and Canada are just 6 such examples of industrialized nations with millions of persons who are very satisfied with what they have. And, believe it or not, the Brits really do love their healthcare system!

12. Finally, Peruski says that all hardcore liberal legislators should be rounded up and sent to reservations in Alaska. He couldn't be serious, right? Or, maybe he is! It's funny how in one sentence he talks about the horrible things Adolph Hitler did to the Jews and then concludes his article by suggesting the same for people who are honestly working hard to solve the difficult problem of the failing American health care system. How many other people, besides liberal legislators, does Peruski want to send to concentration camps?

13. Anti-intellectual attitudes and negative postures towards professionals are danger-warning signs in any society. Following the 1917 popular Bolshevik Revolution in the U.S.S.R., during the popular rise of Hitler in the late 1930s, following the popularly supported Chinese Revolution in 1948, and during Senator Joe McCarthy's House Un-American Activities Hearings in the early 1950s, it was the educated intellectuals and professionals who were rounded up, questioned, imprisoned, blacklisted and/or killed.

14. Anti-intellectualism is neither the sole property of fascists, communists, liberals or conservatives. It's just something people seem to own when they're stupid.

15. Populist movements may seem vogue when people get all fired up. But there may be good reasons so many of the well educated and professionals don't get on board.

16. Maybe it is just because of something they know.

Rev. Paul G. Donelson, B.A., MDiv., OP
Cass City

Time for lawmakers to be real leaders in Michigan

Dear Editor,
Michigan is facing an unprecedented fiscal crisis — the result of more than a decade of job losses, continued erosion of the state's economy, and the failure by policymakers to tailor the state's tax system to new economic realities.

These actions have led to an ongoing structural budget deficit from too few revenues being generated to cover basic services. Now state revenue estimates are well below 1971 levels.

Without action to shore up state revenues, we face the possibility of significant cuts—and even elimination—to early childhood programs, abuse and neglect prevention programs, child and adolescent health

centers, and many other programs and services affecting our children. At a more basic level, major cuts in local services and revenue sharing threaten basic policy and firefighting services to protect vulnerable children.

The Michigan budget is the clearest expression of the state's priorities, and now more than ever is the time for our lawmakers to be real leaders to find solutions that protect children and families and do not balance the state budget on their backs.

Sincerely,
Nancy Dean, executive director
Sanilac County Kids' Connection
Co-Coordinator - SAFE KIDS
Greater Thumb & Saginaw Area
Coalition

The back forty

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by Roger Pond

The science of nutrition has taken a beating. Just when everyone is convinced that coffee gives a person headaches, a new study proves coffee won't hurt you, but the person who brewed it might.

Maybe I should take part of the blame. Every time someone comes out with a nutritional study, the papers report it as if it's the gospel truth.

Then when the whole thing is proven false, I like to repeat the story and try to make folks laugh about it. Everyone knows nutritionists are like kids: If you laugh at them, they act a fool more than ever.

I ran into a good one at a publishers meeting. This fellow wrote a book on nutrition for dogs and claims to have spent more than \$1 million on research for his book.

The guy sitting next to me said, "That's one heck of a bunch of dog food!"

I was talking with the author after the meeting when he said, "Dogs can't have vitamin C. Vitamin C will kill your dog. It destroys their liver and kidneys."

Just as I was about to ask how much vitamin C we were talking about, the conversation turned to the need for different foods for different types of dogs. This author says breeds of dogs developed in China need lots of rice in their food, while those from the Middle East prefer lamb.

This makes sense when you think about it. Everyone knows you can't feed a Chihuahua the same thing you would give a Labrador.

The Lab could easily eat a chicken, for example, whereas a meal like that could kill a Chihuahua. You'd have to kill the chicken before you gave it to a little dog like that.

The vitamin C story rings true, also. I can recall several dogs we had on the farm when I was a kid, and I can see that vitamin C may have done them in.

We could take old Brownie for example. Brownie died when he was about 14. He ate an orange when he was a pup, and it finally got him.

Then, there was Blackie. I always thought Blackie died because we couldn't come up with more creative names for our dogs, but it was probably the vitamin C.

Blackie was a short dog and never ate much fruit, but he consumed lots of chicken liver. That wouldn't have been so bad if he only ate livers from chickens we had slaughtered.

Unfortunately Blackie got to the point where he was getting them for himself. He may have eaten one too many.

Then there was Gus, probably my favorite dog. Gus was the only beagle I've seen who could outrun three teenage boys for half a mile and still flush pheasants 60 yards out. But while Gus was fast, he wasn't very smart. He liked to chase the milk truck.

One day Gus's feet slipped and the silver beast got him. Was it caused by vitamin C? No question about it.

Milk is an excellent source of vitamin C.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

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Cass City resident Mike Kosal stopped in to the Chronicle office last week with a request and a warning.

First the warning. Kosal, a retired school teacher, says he received a phone call from a person who said they were a representative of Visa/Mastercard and could lower his interest rate if he provided them with some information, including his account numbers. Suspicious, he called his credit card provider and was informed it was a scam. Kosal shared that information with former colleagues at a recent union meeting and some in attendance said they received similar requests - only in the form of emails.


Now the request. Kosal wanted to know if the Chronicle, without opinion, could provide him with the names of the Hills and Dales Board of Directors and if they are appointed, who selects them, when they meet, and if the meetings are open to the public? While the Chronicle could provide Kosal with unofficial answers to those questions, we invite him, and all our readers, to check out this week's "In Our Opinion" column.

If you know a Sanilac County resident who is worthy of "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year", "Firefighter of the Year", "E.M.T. of the Year", or "Citizen of the Year", send your nomination letter, by Sept. 30th, to Chief Todd Hillman, Sandusky Fire Department, 161 S. Elk Street, Sandusky, MI 48871.

The winners will be honored Oct. 17th during a Field Day Awards dinner at Benchwarmer's, formerly Maggies Westpark Inn in Sandusky.

The contractors involved with the renovation projects at the Cass City Schools were asked to pitch in to help with the expenses for the Corey Sanders family last week after the tragic passing of the Red Hawk junior. They didn't need much prodding and quickly raised \$3,600.

Our apologies to our Tuscola County subscribers, outside of Cass City, who may have had their Chronicles delivered a day late last week. We can assure you that they were delivered to the Cass City post office Tuesday afternoon. From there the papers advanced, like always, to a Saginaw sorting center for Wednesday's delivery. Our phone calls to post offices throughout Tuscola and Huron counties revealed, however, that only our Tuscola friends were unlucky. Saginaw post office officials said they didn't know why some papers were held up. Nor do we, all the papers are delivered together in one APC cart - the same system in use for several years.



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Several appear on charges

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

•Michael A. Acre, 24, Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to assaulting a police officer and assault on battery May 29 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,421. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•Cory K. Sanborn, 29, Reese, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (90 days deferred) and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to domestic violence March 1 in Denmark Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay \$2,848 in costs and fines.

•Preston T. Berry, 20, Burton, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (137 days deferred) and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon May 6 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was or-

dered to pay costs and fines totaling \$928. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•Mark A. Morrish, 34, Owendale, was sentenced to 2 years and 6 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 17 in Elkland Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay \$128 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$95.

•Jeffery S. Sasser, 51, Mayville, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and possession of a controlled substance June 24 in Vassar.

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,831 plus restitution of \$95. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•William C. Leiner II, 27, Vassar, was sentenced to 15 months to 6 years in prison for his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change in address within 10 days last October-November in Vassar Township.

In addition to prison time, he was or-

dered to pay \$128 in costs and fines.

•Inmate Michael S. Anderson, 33, stood mute to charges of first degree home invasion, larceny in a building, larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000, larceny of firearms, possession of a firearm by a felon, and 5 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony April 10, 2007, in Dayton Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case.

•Jeremy L. Sharp, 27, Vassar, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to assaulting a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor April 5 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 6 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,301.

•David C. Parker, 58, Bath, was sentenced to 60 months probation for his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury May 30, 2008, in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$6,748 in costs and fines.

•Jeremy R. Davidson, 19, Flint, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion Jan. 4-6 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Support meet set

"Living with Parkinson's" is a resource and support meeting for people with Parkinson's, their caregivers, family and friends. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room in Bad Axe.

For more information, call HDC at 1-800-843-6394.



THE CASS CITY HIGH School Class of 1954 recently celebrated its 55th anniversary at Gilligan's, with 50 graduates, classmates and friends attending. Coach Jerry Raymond was the group's guest, and graduates attended from Florida, North Dakota, Tennessee, Arizona, Texas and Michigan.

Pictured above are (front row, from left) Anna Salas Richards, Margit Tordai Thomas, Dwaine Peters, Jean Demo Maksinowicz, Marion Meniniger Weltin, (middle row, left) Janet Patterson Muntz, Duane Lester, Clint Eskilsen, Morris Creason, Dean Hoag, Coach Jerry Raymond, Russ Foy, Joan Demo Smith, Donna O'Dell Hurley, Nancy Paladi Gyomory, (back row, left) Dan Aleksink, Jim Neal, Gerald Auten, Rac Marie Pomeroy Vainavicz, Russ Schneeberger, Keith Brown, Grant McKee, Johanna Crisan McCoon, Jack Militzer, Veras Hill Cipparone and Anne Lorentzen. Missing are Dave and Marie Meiser, Bob Dunn and Duane Chippi.

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Obituaries

Lloyd Montreuil

Lloyd W. Montreuil, 95, of St. Marys, Ga., passed away at his residence Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, surrounded by his family and caregivers. He was born Oct. 29, 1913 in Detroit, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. Montreuil.

He was the husband of the late Marie Elizabeth Montreuil.

Lloyd began his 40-year career with the Uniroyal Corporation as a pipe-

fitter and retired as the managing director of the international division. A well-read man and aficionado of fine cigars and scotch, Mr. Montreuil was a world traveler, whose passion and intellect for sports spanned a century. He was an avid golfer and played minor league baseball in his hometown of Detroit. Lloyd defined second effort.

Lloyd and Marie's 63-year love affair was compassionate, humorous and profoundly respectful. His many

friends will remember him for his charismatic wit, kind generosity and gentle heart. He was a remarkable man.

Mr. Montreuil is survived by 4 children: Linda M. Brooks of St. Marys, Ga., Carole M. Wangrud, of Oklahoma City, Okla., Kathleen M. Olson, of Sacramento, Calif., and Lloyd (Judith) Montreuil, Jr. of Michigan, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday, Sept. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church of St. Marys, Ga., with a close family friend, Lucy Hunter speaking. Arrangements were made by Coastal Camden Funeral Home in Kingsland, Ga.

Robert Smith

Robert Arden Smith, 62, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 in his home.

He was born Jan. 7, 1947 in Pontiac, the son of J.E. and Mildred (Gleasure) Smith.

He never married.

Bob worked as a TV repairman for companies in Royal Oak and surrounding areas and also as an electronic technician. He later worked for Wilson Communications TV 10 in Michigan's Upper Peninsula as an electronic technician. Bob enjoyed deer and pheasant hunting and fishing. He was a ham radio operator and a member of the local amateur Ham Radio Club. He regularly attended Cass City United Methodist Church with his dad.

Bob is survived by his father, J.E. Smith of Cass City; and cousins: Raymond and Ruth Gleasure of Brown City.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Smith.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 21, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul Donelson of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Perry Mount Park Cemetery, Pontiac.

Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Arthur Wass Jr.

Arthur J. Wass, Jr., 71, of Cass City, formerly of Pontiac, died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009.

He was born Aug. 12, 1938 in Pontiac, the son of the late Arthur and Martha (Live) Wass.

Arthur worked for many years as an auto body repairman, working at Triple H Collision in Pontiac, then for Bob's Bump Shop in Cass City, before retiring. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Caro. He loved to hunt, fish, watch Nascar and the Tigers.

Arthur is survived by a daughter, Rebecca Wass of Cass City; siblings: Robert (Janet) Wass of Ypsilanti, and Patricia (Ralph) Hendrie of Redford; and his ex-wife, Jane Wass of Cass City.

A life celebration gathering will be held from noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Caro Moose Lodge, Caro.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Arrangements were made by Cremation Society of Mid-Michigan.

NOTICE

TO USERS OF VILLAGE WATER SERVICE

During the flushing of the hydrants Wednesday & Thursday, September 30 & October 1, starting at 4 a.m. there may be an abundance of crystallized iron (rust) in the water supplied to your area of the village.

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

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Gagetown once a prosperous town in Thumb, Beach recalls

Former area resident and longtime Chronicle reader Ellen Beach, now of Leesburg, Fla., submitted this article in response to a recent Memory Lane column that touched on the history of Gagetown.

Dear Editor,
I thought the article about Gagetown (35 years ago) was interesting. My father-in-law, Leslie Beach (b. 1909 d. 2004), told many stories about the "prosperous" old Gagetown.

One of the stories was about the terrible fire that swept the town. The boys in the Gagetown school were let out of school to help fight the fire. Leslie said that the building he helped try to save was a lost cause. Leslie felt that this devastating fire was a major blow to Gagetown, which as the article stated was once so prosperous.

Pictured are some very early Gagetown residents. Seated in the rocker on the left is Leslie Beach's grandmother, Susan Verrall Wheeler. Susan

moved from Canada to Gagetown after her husband, William Wheeler, died. (Leslie's mother, Hattie Wheeler, taught at the Dillman school west of Cass City).

The Verrall family left Ditchling, England, in 1854 with 13 children. Five of these children settled in Gagetown: Harriet, Louisa, Maria, Susan and Alice. In the picture, brother Bob Verrall is visiting his Gagetown sisters. He is seated between Susan and Louisa. Standing are descendants of his sister Maria, Thirsa Hall Palmer and Helen Palmer.

The Palmers owned the Millinery and Dry Goods store in Gagetown. Louisa was a dressmaker. The house in the picture may be the house later owned by the Downings.

There are so many common names of people in Gagetown and Cass City that are descendants of these Verralls.

Sincerely,

Ellen Beach
Leesburg, Fla.



SEATED (FROM left), Susan Verrall, born 1844; Bob Verrall, born 1841; Louisa Verrall, born 1833; (standing, from left) Thirsa Palmer and Helen Palmer.

Toner: food drive a huge success thanks to community

Mobile Medical Response (MMR), Inc. and the Thumb Volunteer Alliance (TVA) experienced the giving spirit of the community Friday, Sept. 11, when they organized and sponsored a food drive in Caro to honor the victims and those who rose to service in response to the 9/11 attacks on America.

"The community's willingness to give was a remarkable experience," said Sue Toner of the TVA. "Many brought cart loads of items to donate, such as toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner, soap, rice, fruits and vegetables, etc. Due to (their) generosity, the MMR and TVA collected over 497 pounds of non-perishable items and personal care products, plus \$87 in cash donations. All proceeds were given to the Good Samaritan Fund in Caro. The community proved that the spirit of rising to service in response to a need is still alive."

Area residents will have another opportunity to give Saturday, Oct. 24, for "Make a Difference Day". Tuscola County high schools will be organizing their own community service projects and some will be sponsoring food drives.

For additional information regarding the Make a Difference Day projects or how you can be involved, contact Sue Toner, program coordinator, at the Thumb Volunteer Alliance at (989) 672-1709.

Area bank announces several promotions

Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. has announced 5 promotions within the organization.



Those promotions are: Jeanine Comment to executive vice president and systems administrator, Benjamin Schott to executive vice president and trust officer, James McQueen to senior vice president and agricultural lender, Mark Stoeckle to senior vice president and security officer, and John James Hempton II to vice president and commercial lender.

Comment joined Thumb National Bank 23 years ago. She graduated from Davenport University and the University of Wisconsin Graduate School of Banking. She attained a Certified Novell Administrator (CNA) certification in 1997 and Microsoft Certified System Engineer (MCSE) certification in 1999 as well as numerous other technical certifications.

Comment has been a lifelong resident of the Thumb area and has been an active member of the Pigeon Rotary Club, having served as president from 2004-2005.

Schott started his banking career with Thumb National Bank as a co-op student in 1991. After graduating from Cass City High School, he received his BS degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University in 1997. Schott attended the Perry School of Banking, Midwest Trust School and in 2006 became a Certified Financial Planner.

Since 2006, he has taken over the CFO responsibilities in addition to heading the trust department. He is very active in several community organizations and resides in Cass City with his wife, Tonya, and their 3 children.

McQueen joined Thumb National Bank 20 years ago. He graduated from Michigan State University while

growing up on a farm in the St. John's area. He has specialized in serving farm customers over his entire career. Stoeckle has been with Thumb National Bank since 1985. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1979 with a degree in agriculture. In addition to being an agricultural lender, he is head of bank security and specializes in appraisal review. Stoeckle is a lifelong resident of the Thumb area and currently resides in Cass City with his wife and family. He serves as treasurer of the Michigan Farm Produce Insurance Authority.



Mark Stoeckle
Hempton started with Thumb National Bank in August 2001 after graduating from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He has attended the MBA/RMA Graduate School of Commercial Lending and is a 2006 graduate of Leadership Bay County.

Hempton has been a commercial lender in Bay City since 2004. He, his wife, and daughter reside in Essexville.

Benjamin Schott
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Farm income up in 2008

Michigan's net farm income in 2008 rose 67 percent from the previous year to a record high \$2.03 billion, thanks in part to a particularly good year for corn and soybean producers. Michigan ranks eighth among states in the rate of increase.

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

A Snover resident is among those recently honored as a "Citizen of the Year" during the annual Sanilac County Policemen's-Firemen's Field Day awards banquet. Danielle Galbenski was cited for helping to save the life of a man whose clothing was on fire. Joseph Stanczak, 82, of Snover, was burning weeds and brush on his property when Galbenski, who was working for Sanilac Animal Control, saw the man standing in his yard on fire. Galbenski and an identified trucker, used their hands to put out the flames on the man's boots, jeans and jacket. They wrapped him in a heavy blanket and assisted him until Marlette EMS arrived and transported him to Flint's Hurley Hospital for treatment.

Wow! Here it is halfway through the regular Greater Thumb West league season and the Cass City Red Hawks are perched on the top of the league, along with USA Patriots, with a 3-0 record after their first win over the Lakers in 24 years. And it was a decisive win, 30-6, that sets the stage for a showdown battle with the Patriots on the road Friday.

Sarah Reed and Rachel Tanner were the winners of a contest at Rawson Memorial Library that challenged participants to match the library staff with their pets. The winners each received a copy of the book "Animal Antics." The contest was held in conjunction with the "Fines for Fido" program in August in which the library collected a combined \$401.36 in library fines and patron donations. The money was split and donated to the Cass River Pet FriendZ and the Humane Society of Tuscola County.

The father and son team of Al and Dave Eicher spent some time at Rawson Memorial Library Thursday, finalizing the script for the Cass City Historical Society's video history slated to be released in November. Copies of the documentary, in both video and DVD formats cost \$20 and \$25 respectively.

10 YEARS AGO

Kevin D. Smith, a 1990 graduate of Cass City High School, received a Master's Degree in electrical and computer engineering from North Carolina State University May 15. Smith graduated magna cum laude from Central Michigan University in 1996. He is currently employed by SAS Institute, a statistical software development company in Raleigh, N.C. Smith is the son of Russell and Janet Smith and grandson of Ruth Smith and the late Ralph Smith, all of Decker, and the grandson of Roy and Inis Bulgrien of Snover.

The Hawks rolled to a win in a league meet, topping the Lakers at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 162-174.

Nick Chappel was medallist with 39. Other Hawk scores were: Matt Ender, 40; Brent Goslin, 41; Chris Maharg, 42; Joel Brinkman, 44; Derek Bellew, 45. Chris Heron and Josh Rosenthal, each with 43, led the Lakers.

Two-year-old Breanna Frank of Cass City grew a 68 1/2-inch diameter pumpkin that weighed approximately 120 lbs.

A cast of hundreds - literally - put together a production in Cass City last week that would have won rave reviews had it been a play or musical. The players came in droves; young and old, some experienced in construction, others not so experienced. But all shared a common purpose driven by a community spirit that would make many towns envious. In less than 5 days, the volunteer workers transformed a virtually vacant lawn into an impressive 12,000-square foot playground that area children and their families will be enjoying for many years to come.

25 YEARS AGO

Robert McPhail Jr., 7, has had his share of highs and lows during the past two weeks. Saturday, Sept. 8, Robert found a stolen bicycle at a gravel pit at the end of Maple St., a bike that he wanted to keep. But his mother Katherine told him that they would have to report to the Sheriff's Department that they found the bicycle.

That same day, Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson came to Robert's house with the rightful owner of the bicycle. "Robert was a little bit disappointed, but I told him that he had to give the bike back," Katherine said. But Robert's spirits were built up again Friday when Wilson and Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Deputy Ronald Begeman replaced the bike Robert found with a shiny blue bicycle. Robert was also given a Citizen's Award from the Fraternal Order of Police, James J. Epskamp Lodge 148, for returning stolen property. The Cass City Gun Club junior team

took first place honors at the Michigan United Conservation Club state championship last weekend in Walled Lake. The championship team members are: Richard Palmer, Jim Stimpfel, Tom Stimpfel, Virgil Peters and Chuck McPhail.

Rod Anker and Todd Sweeney were defensive standouts for the Cass City Red Hawks Friday against North Branch. Anker blocked an extra point try and was credited with 4 solo tackles and 11 assists. Sweeney recorded 5 individual tackles and 13 assists. The defense played a fine game, but the offense was unable to move the ball consistently against the tough Broncos.

35 YEARS AGO

Three area students have been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students' eighth annual edition, it was announced this week. The three include Sheryll Batts, Julie Bills and Scott Harte.

Private Debra A. Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Francis, has graduated from the training center for women in the Army at Ft. Jackson, S.C. During eight weeks of basic training, Pvt. Francis received instruction in Army history and tradition, administrative procedures, military justice, first aid and field training.

Coach Roland Pakonen announced this week that two senior players have been selected as Red Hawks of the week. Jerry Toner was cited for his work on offense and Mark Phillips was named for his defensive efforts. Phillips playing the middle on defense was credited with seven solo tackles and two assists and played an extra fine game, Pakonen said. On offense, Jerry Toner was the whole show. He scored both of Cass City's touchdowns on runs of nine and 20 yards. He was credited with 55 yards on 16 carries. In addition Toner played all the way on defense. He was the team punter and averaged 38 yards in four attempts.

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Fast start fades for Cass City spikers Saturday in Caro

Coach Vanessa Sutton's Cass City volleyball team started strong Saturday at the Tiger Tournament in Caro, but finished their pool play rounds with 4 straight defeats and failed to advance into the elimination brackets.

The Red Hawks opened the day splitting contests with Saginaw's Michigan Lutheran Seminary, 21-16, 17-21, and then swept Reese, 22-20, 21-18, to improve to 3-1 earlier in the day.

However, Hemlock delivered Cass City a pair of identical 21-9 losses and then after defeating Akron-Fairgrove, 21-19, 21-16, the Red Hawks were

swept by Caro, 21-15, 21-19, and Mayville, 21-17, 22-20, to end the day with a 5-7 record.

"We had a good start to the day. We are still building as a team and overall we continue to improve," Sutton said.

Individually for Cass City, Amanda Clifton recorded 8 kills, 2 blocks, 1 ace and 29 digs; Ashleigh Moore, 7 kills, 26 blocks, 1 ace and 6 digs; Caitlin Reed, 1 kill, 1 block, 1 ace and 7 digs; Carley Hendrick, 8 kills, 2 blocks and 13 digs; Logan Rowell, 8 kills, 3 blocks, 3 aces and 2 digs; Megan Zawilinski, 19 kills, 14 blocks, 2 assists, 1 ace and 40 digs;

Stephanie Leeson, 4 kills, 5 blocks, 48 assists, 1 ace and 22 digs; McKenzie Parrish, 3 kills, 2 assists, 4 aces and 57 digs; Krista Guinther, 12 digs; Haley Peters, 7 digs; and Liz Lintner, 6 digs.

USA MATCH

Cass City played lights out Tuesday at Unionville-Sebewaing - or at least they would have.

After completing the freshman and junior varsity contests, a car struck a pole in the Patriot school parking lot, knocking out the lights in the gym. No make-up date has been set between the 2 schools.

"We have a full week ahead with Bay City All Saints on Tuesday, and Lakers and Reese on Thursday and the Northwood Invitational on Saturday," Sutton said.



HALEY PETERS stretches for a shot Saturday at the Tiger Tournament in Caro. Peters recorded 7 digs for Cass City, which finished with a 5-7 record in pool play.

Hawk soccer team grabs win on road

The Cass City Red Hawk soccer team upped its record to 2-2-1 Friday with a hard-fought victory over host Sandusky.

The visitors emerged victorious during a defensive battle with the Redskins as Jalen Ferris and Robby Simpson each found the net, resulting in a 2-0 decision.

With the win, Cass City (0-1 GTW) gained some much needed confidence entering into the heart of their Greater Thumb West schedule that included a road trip to face perennial power Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Tuesday, and next Tuesday's home match against Bad Axe.

Cass City assistant coach Ray Ferris says the Red Hawks are eager for the challenge.

"Expectations are high for the Hawks' soccer season this year. Although the talent of the area teams is quite good, the team has improved to a point of contention," Ferris said.

Part of the Red Hawks' enthusiasm can be linked to its senior leadership. "Jalen Ferris, a 4-year starter and co-captain, Andy Knight, co-captain, Andy Vogelpole, Zach McCreedy and Kyle Weidman are all an integral part of the team," Ferris said.

In spite of the Red Hawks' senior laden squad, several underclassmen have contributed to the team's success.

"Much of the reason for the improvement of this year's team is due to the drive of the underclassmen. Robby Simpson, Junior and co-captain, has been a huge part of the offensive attack, as Nick Brown, junior, and Chris Hool, junior, anchor the defense," Ferris said.

USA MATCH

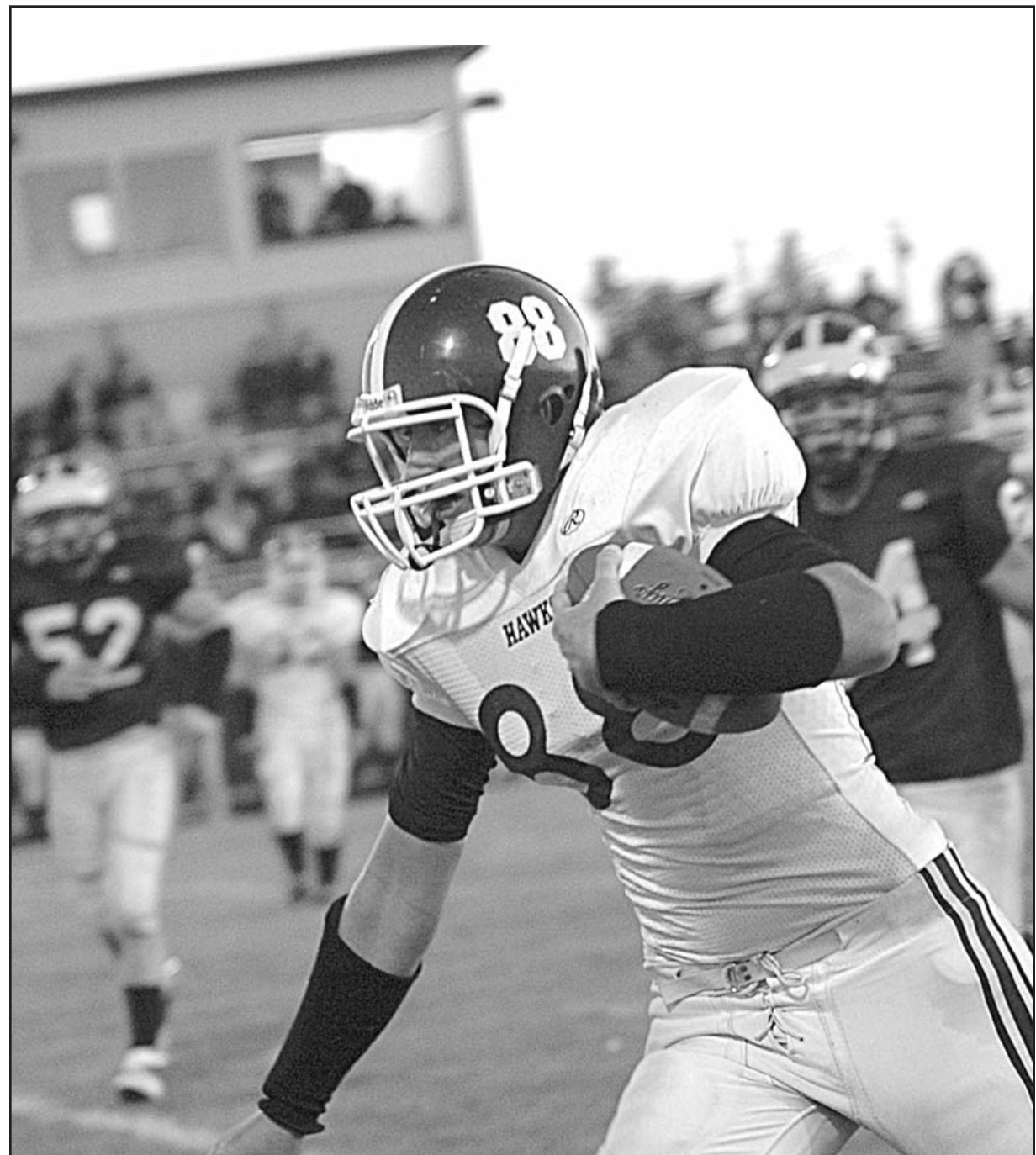
Earlier last week, on Tuesday, Cass City traveled to face Unionville-Sebewaing and returned home suffering a 7-1 defeat.

Ferris called the game very physical, but was pleased the Red Hawks played hard until the final whistle.

"Simpson recorded the Hawks' lone goal on an assist from Ferris with about 5 minutes remaining to avoid the shutout.

"USA's team is led by 2 foreign exchange students who controlled the game," Ferris said.

The Patriots also had keeper Clinton Krueger with 7 saves.



CASS CITY'S Cameron Dunnuck races down the sideline Friday in Greater Thumb West action at Bad Axe. The junior end spearheaded a new found passing attack for the Red Hawks, which improved to 2-2 on the season with a 42-16 victory.

Cass City rolls over Bad Axe on Ketterer's 5 TD passes

Everyone familiar with Scott Cuthrell knows the Cass City football coach believes in running the ball as his first offensive option. It's often his second and third choice as well.

And while that's not likely to change, his junior quarterback Justin Ketterer's performance Friday against hosts Bad Axe may give the veteran coach reason to pause.

Ketterer completed 8 of 9 passes against the Hatchets for 139 yards and 5 touchdowns as the visitors rolled to their first Greater Thumb West victory 42-16 in convincing fashion.

After a pair of losses to open the season, Cass City has now won 2 straight and will be heavy favorites this Friday during their home opener against winless Unionville-Sebewaing. Especially if Ketterer can continue to show improvement as he has since week one.

Calm and collective in the pocket, Ketterer hit 3 different receivers to register scores against the Hatchets, who had little success in slowing down Cass City's rushing attack led by Austin Osenotski with 86 yards on 23 totes, and Josh Jensen who chipped in 84 yards on 15 carries.

The Red Hawks struck first on a 2-yard pass to Cameron Dunnuck in the opening quarter. Ketterer then found Alex Varney in the end zone on the

first play of the second frame from the 3-yard line to build a 13-0 advantage. Both scores came on 4th down plays as the Red Hawks were stuffed near the line of scrimmage on 3 consecutive running plays after the winners had collected a first down inside the 10-yard line.

"It is nice to use another weapon in our offense when the defenses come up and attempt to shut down our running game," Cuthrell said.

The Red Hawks' new found passing attack also accounted for the team's next marker as they moved 70 yards for a 20-0 margin, capped on a pass from Ketterer to Varney that sailed just out of reach of the Bad Axe secondary and covered 29 yards. The Red Hawks' third scoring drive of the night, in as many attempts, used a pair of tosses to Dunnuck to record first downs, keeping the Red Hawks' drive alive in route to a 3 score gap.

The Hatchets got on the scoreboard before the break when Steve Salens hauled in a Mitch Roth pass and cruised 44 yards to pay dirt with 4:34 on the clock. Derek Susalla added the 2-point conversion and despite trailing 20-8, the Hatchets took some much needed momentum into the intermission.

Cass City, however, removed any

comeback hopes the hosts were entertaining with an interception and fumble recovery to start the final half.

Jordan Papp foiled the Hatchets' opening drive of the last half when he picked off an errant Roth pass. Osenotski made the Hatchets pay moments later when he plunged over the goal line from one-yard out and when Jensen added the 2-point conversion, the Red Hawks had regained their 3 score cushion.

Cass City's next score was set up by a Varney fumble recovery that led to a 12-yard screen pass to Osenotski that put the game on ice with just over 4 minutes remaining in the third, and the Red Hawks in front 35-8 entering the final 12 minutes.

After allowing 32, 26 and 42 points in their first 3 contests, Cass City's defense rose to the occasion Friday. "Our defense really stepped up. Our tackling is really getting better and that was our goal for the week," Cuthrell said.

Mitch O'Dell paced the Cass City defense with 6 stops which surrendered a late fourth quarter score on a pass that was tipped by Varney and slipped through the hands of Kyle Pine before Susalla raced 35 yards for the Hatchets' final TD. Dillon Newell added the 2-point conversion run.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK



Justin Ketterer

Junior quarterback Justin Ketterer enjoyed a career night against the Bad Axe Hatchets Friday, leading Cass City to a 42-16 win.

Ketterer, this week's Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week recipient, completed 8 of 9 passes for 139 yards with 5 of those tosses finding their way into the endzone.

Ketterer also directed the Red Hawk offense to near perfection as they evened their record at 2-2, following a pair of losses to open the season.

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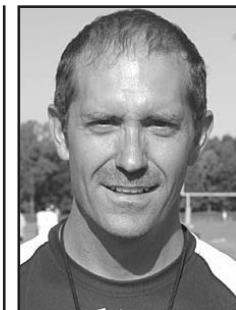
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USA at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Reese at Vassar	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Harbor Beach at Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Mayville at Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Mayville
Sandusky at Marlette	Sandusky	Marlette	Sandusky	Marlette	Sandusky
North Huron at Peck	Peck	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	Peck
Deckerville at Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Big Rapids at Kingston	Big Rapids	Big Rapids	Big Rapids	Big Rapids	Big Rapids
A-Fairgrove at Flint MSD	Flint MSD	Flint MSD	Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove
CPS at Owen-Gage	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	Owen-Gage
Caro at North Branch	Caro	Caro	North Branch	North Branch	Caro

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS	8-3	7-4	8-3	7-4	8-3
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Potter and Mulrath earn gold medals

Cass City tennis program in full swing; Harbor Beach visits tonight



RED HAWK NICOLE Kelley returns a shot against visiting Sandusky at the Recreational Park courts. Kelley teamed with doubles partner Lindsay Jamieson to capture the #1 doubles match.

Coach Bill Potter is feeling the pains associated with building a tennis program at Cass City.

And the highs. Saturday provided Potter with the latter, as Morgan Potter and JJ Mulrath teamed together to capture the gold medal at the Yale Invitational. The twosome emerged from a field of 4 schools, each with 6 doubles teams, playing in a double elimination format.

Also Saturday, Potter was delighted with the play of Red Hawk partners Kyle Hanby and Derek Mozden who were awarded a silver medal for their efforts.

"We were the underdogs at this tournament with the other schools having only boys with many more years of experience. We struggle due to lack of experience. Our players fought hard, but came up losing in the end," Potter said.

SANDUSKY MATCH

Despite winning 3 doubles matches,

Bulldogs bow in NCTL volleyball

The Owen-Gage Bulldog volleyball team suffered their second straight North Central Thumb League defeat Thursday in Caseville, bowing in straight games by the scores of 25-16, 25-10, and 25-17.

The Bulldogs, who lost earlier in the week also in straight games to guests Akron-Fairgrove on Tuesday, will look to this Thursday's outing against guest North Huron to return to the win column in conference play.

Individually for the Bulldogs against the Eagles, Erica Mroz had 5 aces and 8 digs; Shonna Elliott, 5 digs, 3 aces; Amanda Muntz, 7 kills, 3 aces; Lauren Mandich, 2 kills, 4 digs; Christy Schmidt, 6 kills, one block; and Kayla Montreuil, 8 assists.

Against the Vikings, who recorded decisions of 25-18, 25-12 and 25-8, the Bulldogs had Amanda Woodruff with 2 aces, 6 digs; Mandich, 6 digs, 4 assists; Montreuil, 8 digs, 4 assists; Schmidt, 9 kills, 2 blocks; and Muntz, 5 kills, one block, one ace.

O-G rallies to defeat Vikings

Owen-Gage scored 18 unanswered points in the final 12 minutes Friday to record their first victory in 8-player football as they cruised to a 62-36 decision over host Akron-Fairgrove.

The Vikings led 14-8 after one, but the visitors rallied behind 28 second quarter points and never looked back.

Individually, the winners had Nick Zaleski with 261 yards rushing and 4 touchdowns, while Hunter Champagne scored 3 markers and Andrew Fahrner, one.

Leading the Bulldog defense was Jordan Kain with 7 tackles, while Zaleski and Tom Kennedy each added an interception.

The Bulldogs will entertain Carsonville-Port Sanilac on Friday.



CASS CITY'S Derek Mozden returns a serve in singles action with Sandusky.



A JOINT EFFORT between Cass City's youth football program, the Gavel Club and the Pinney Foundation led to building a 12' x 18' shed at the Red Hawk practice field used to house equipment for the football program. Pictured are representatives, from the left, Don Markel - Cass City Athletic Director, Ben Varney - Pinney Foundation, Joe Leeson - Gavel Club, and Chuck Erla - Youth Football.

Cass City was on the wrong end of a 5-3 decision Wednesday against visiting Sandusky.

Winners for Cass City were Nicole Kelley and Lindsay Jamieson, TJ Marker and Rob VanAuken, and Brandon Green and Cody Orban.

HARBOR BEACH

In Harbor Beach, Monday, Cass City posted a 5-3 victory with Derek Mozden the lone Red Hawk winner in singles.

But in doubles the Hawks won all 4

matches to steal victory. Earning points for the visitors were playing partners Tommy Brinkman and Matt Goniwicha, Lindsay Jamieson and Nicole Kelley, Rob VanAuken and TJ Marker, Brandon Green and Cody Orban.

"I look forward to the upcoming years when our players will have a few years behind them, and with that, much more game experience. Our biggest issue is kids that come out in their junior and senior year. Many are good athletes that pick up tennis fast, but sometimes without the game time

experience they are spinning their wheels. They can compete in our league and sometimes win, but that's not always the case. I think it's great they do come out and I encourage it, but by the time they get it figured out they are graduating. Now in our 4th year of having tennis we are getting more freshmen and sophomores, which will have high paybacks in the future," Potter said.

Cass City will swing back into action tonight (Wednesday) in a rematch with Harbor Beach.

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LET'S GO RED HAWKS!!! Cass City High School advertisement.

Aldrich comfortable as new Ubly superintendent

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perintendent, who like his counterparts across the state is working to sort out projections out of Lansing that change on a daily basis regarding funding for schools in the coming year and beyond. Those projections have included expected cuts of \$110 or more per student this year, and another hit of \$500 to \$800 per pupil next year.

"The school board (here) has done an excellent job of maintaining stability in finances," Aldrich said. "They have a solid fund balance, but that can be easily swept away."

"That's my biggest...concern," he added. "I want to be very financially responsible. You owe that to your board, you owe that to your community. But, the bottom line is, you do it for your kids. They count on us."

Safety is another priority for Aldrich,

who said he was pleased with a recent gathering of officials representing the school district and area police, fire department and ambulance personnel. The focus of the meeting was on safety and being prepared to respond to a variety of emergencies. That's important, Aldrich continued, because parents, especially in today's society, place the well-being of their kids at the top of their priority list.

Although Aldrich is the top administrator in Ubly, he doesn't see himself as the "boss" or look at those he works with as being less than equals. In fact, he says past staff members he's worked with in other school districts will tell you they worked "with" him, not "for" him.

"And I think I've already started to create that environment here," Aldrich said, adding, "The higher you go, the lower you become. In other words, I'm here to serve and to be an

educational leader. "I understand the responsibilities of this office. I don't shirk that," he said.

U-W campaign underway

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Heiser announced that the United Way of Tuscola County recently entered into a partnership with Pat Curtis to allow for donations of vehicles in the coming year.

"The vehicles will be appraised and sold by the Curtis dealerships in Caro and Cass City, with all funds received forwarded to U-W of Tuscola County," he explained. "There is currently one vehicle proceeding through this process. Those wishing to participate can contact U-W of Tuscola County either by phone or e-mail."

Last year's campaign co-chairs, Carol Socha (superintendent of the Tuscola Intermediate School District) and Larry Kroswek (superintendent of the Millington Schools) were also recognized Thursday and presented with United Way lapel pins.

This year's honorary chairman is Margot Roedel, administrator of the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

"Mrs. Roedel strongly supports U-W both in the workplace and personally," Heiser said. "She spoke about her long association with United Way, the value of teamwork and the need for everyone to work together in support of agencies that help those in need."

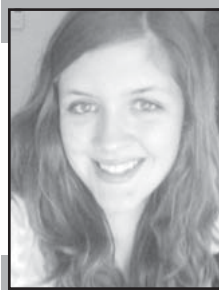
Sean Smith of the Human Development Commission's (HDC) Generations Program was the keynote

speaker. He talked about the Generations Program and others, including Big Brothers-Big Sisters and the Volunteer Alliance, and "stressed the need for involvement and working together to support U-W and the programs that they support," Heiser said.

In addition, Prieskorn recognized the following:
• In-kind donors — Thumb National Bank, Thumb Cellular and AVCI.
• 2008-09 mail-in campaign donors (the year's mail-in campaign marked a new record, with some \$10,402 collected, according to Heiser).
• 2008-09 corporate donors — corporations that provide payroll deductions and foundation grants. The newest payroll deduction partner, VG's, represented by Hazel Briggs, was introduced and recognized.
• 2008-09 mail-in campaign donors that have contributed every year for the past 6 years.

Finally, Heiser reported, "In accordance with United Way of America's (UWA) policy, local United Ways are required to complete a self-assessment every 3 years. The purpose is to measure local perceptions of our performance in a variety of areas outlined in the UWA Standards of excellence," he said.

Residents can volunteer for the assessment by contact the United Way of Tuscola County either by phone (989-325-1980) or at info@unitedwaytuscola.org.



Red Hawk News & Views

Cass City Public Schools
by Paige Lester

"Rain, sleet, snow, 20-below, perfect day to run," reads the sweatshirt of many cross country runners. And though these conditions are evidently perfect for them, many people are not thrilled about running, period.

Yet, to a handful of Cass City High School students, running is somewhat of a fulfilling and enjoyable sport for them. These students are part of the high school's cross country team, a sport that challenges those involved to run 3.1 miles throughout various towns during meets.

As I began to ask around the school and find out more about this difficult sport, it seemed that no matter who I asked, as soon as I mentioned cross country, I was told to "ask Jessa and Ashley." After getting this response numerous times, I took their advice; I asked Jessa Prieskorn and Ashley Potts, 2 sophomores.

Jessa and Ashley first joined cross country after encouragement from their track coach, Mrs. Cuthrell, while in seventh grade. Since then things have really taken off for them as they have enjoyed finishing near the top in almost every meet in which they compete.

Ashley mentioned that it was these finishes that keep her going at cross country, and Jessa agreed, adding that it really gave her a sense of accomplishment.

Though their names have already ap-

peared on the school's record board, they still are nowhere near finished with running. "We are always trying to get better times," Ashley commented. Jessa agreed, "I want to get on the record board again," she said.

The 2 friends are often together during the 30 or so miles they run throughout a week. Their closeness is also reflected in their times. Just a couple weeks ago, Ashley edged out Jessa for first place by a margin of just 2 milliseconds.

Jessa and Ashley, as well as the other girls on the team, including Jordyn Heredia, Shelby Abell and Becca Leslie, have received their guidance this year from experienced coach Dennis Meck (who also coaches the boys' team). Meck brings to the table 12 years of coaching wisdom as well as 4 years of his personal knowledge from running cross country during his high school years.

When asked about cross country, Meck pointed out that, unlike track, cross country runners traverse all types of terrain, including fields, sidewalks, gravel roads and dirt paths.

While Ashley Potts mentioned that, as she is running, she mostly thinks about how hard it is, both she and Jessa stated that it is a very social sport and you can have a lot of fun with friends.

Jordan Hendrian, a sophomore, said that when he thinks of the cross country team, he thinks that the students on it are "crazy runners". Yet while they may be seen as "crazy", what they do is challenging, is good for the body.

Alex Zaleski, a sophomore, said he occasionally runs with the team for exercise and to keep in shape.

With many teens mostly interested in video games and TV, the dedication of Ashley and Jessa, as well as Becca, Shelby and Jordyn, to their fitness, should be an inspiration to everyone. Why not do as they do; get a friend and run.

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Some of the exercises will be seated and others will be designed for standing, using a chair for balance. Caregivers are encouraged to attend. Individuals with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's or related dementias who are able to participate in a group exercise are also encouraged to attend. Exercises will be tailored to accommodate special needs.

Classes will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Caro Senior Dining Center, located in the LeeRoy Clark building on Green Street. Participants are invited to stay for lunch for a suggested donation of \$2.50.

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The Humane Society of Tuscola County will be hosting its fourth annual Dog Day - Pet Expo event Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the 4-H exhibit buildings at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds. Many animal welfare vendors will be joining the society in promoting responsible pet ownership. Dr. Mark from the Caro Vet Clinic will provide information about the Home Again micro-chipping program and will offer micro-chip implants for a reduced fee. Maple Grove Vet Clinic/Dog Boarding will feature Dr. Michelle Anthony providing information about heartworm testing/prevention for dogs and cats.

Insure fall planted crops by Sept. 30

For farms to be eligible for disaster payment in 2010, all fall planted crops must be insured by Sept. 30. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, there has been a change in the way USDA will be approaching farm disaster relief. The Supplemental Revenue Program (SURE) has been created to provide crop disaster relief to farmers. The previous crop disaster programs have been discontinued. SURE payment is available to producers that are located in a county covered by a qualifying natural disaster declaration or a contiguous county, or the actual production is less than 50 percent of the normal production.

Night to Indulge scheduled Sept. 24

The third annual Night to Indulge, supporting Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters, Foster Grandparents and the Sanilac County Kids' Connection, will be Thursday, Sept. 24, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Countryside Free Methodist Church. Residents are invited to enjoy an evening of shopping, pampering and indulgence. You can kick off the holiday shopping with great discounts and vendors ready and willing to help you plan for the perfect gift for that hard to buy for person. Some vendors include Tupperware, Avon, Scrapbooking, home décor, purses, jewelry and much more. Many prizes will be given away. Silent auction items will also be available to the highest bidder. This year's event is being sponsored by Citizen's First Foundation and Eastern Michigan Bank. A massage therapist and Reiki specialist will provide a free 5-minute session of relaxation with additional minutes available for \$1 each minute. Tuxedo gentlemen will be assisting in the evenings pampering as well. Tickets are available for \$10 each in advance and \$12 at the door. For tickets, contact the Sanilac County Kids' Connection at 888-580-5437.

To receive payments, the farm must experience at least a 10 percent eligible production loss on at least one crop of economic significance. SURE, unlike DCP, ACRE, and other FSA programs, is not a program that participating farmers must sign up for. For a producer to be eligible for the SURE program, all of the operation's crops (planted or intended) that are of economic significance must be covered by either federal Crop Insurance or FSA's Non-insurable Crop Disaster Program.

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U-M Women air meeting

Nineteen members and guests, Chris Allen and Barb Kim, attended the United Methodist Women meeting Sept. 14. Melody Frankowski and Judy Wallace along with group 2 and Edna McLachlan prepared and served the meal. The meeting was led by past President Joan Merchant, who announced the Port Huron District Annual meeting will be held in Sandusky Saturday, Oct. 3. The Mystery Trip was held in August. Twelve members and guests participated, visiting the Amish and Menonite stores in the area and eating lunch at the stockyards.

Amy Cuthrell from the Tuscola County Health Department gave an informational program on colon cancer.

Many other animal-related service providers will be on hand to offer information and display their materials and products. A new guest this year will be "Marco Bravo," a miniature llama owned by Penny Magraw, owner of the Ravenwood Pet Grooming Service. The day also offers activities for kids in a Kidz Korner, joined by balloon twisting artist Cindy from Cindy's Creations. Kids can enjoy face tattoos and other activities. Another highlight of the day is an event, which will offer dog owners a chance to dress their "pooch" up in a costume and compete in a contest. Prizes will be given for the winner in both a small and large dog category. The judging will take place at noon.

The 4-H Thumb Area Tailwaggers will be presenting a day-long Fun Match and Adult Show and Go event involving competition in dog obedience, rally obedience, showmanship, agility and freestyle. Registration for this event will start at 9 a.m., with judging starting at 10 a.m. According to Connie Sutter, 4-H membership is not required to participate in the event. For more information, contact Sutter at (989) 673-5586.

The 4-H Diner will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to offer food and beverages, with proceeds providing resources for 4-H activities. This event is made possible in part from co-sponsor Modern Woodmen of America, Camp 8983, which is offering a fund match of up to \$750 to assist the Human Society's pet sterilization program. Judy Murphy, president of the Humane Society of Tuscola County, is extending an invitation to everyone to come and have a fun and informative day. Dogs or other animals are welcome to come as long as they are people and animal friendly and are on a leash or in a carrier.

There is no admission fee for the event, however, a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle will be held during the day to raise money for the spay/neuter assistance program. For more information, call (989) 672-PETS (7387).

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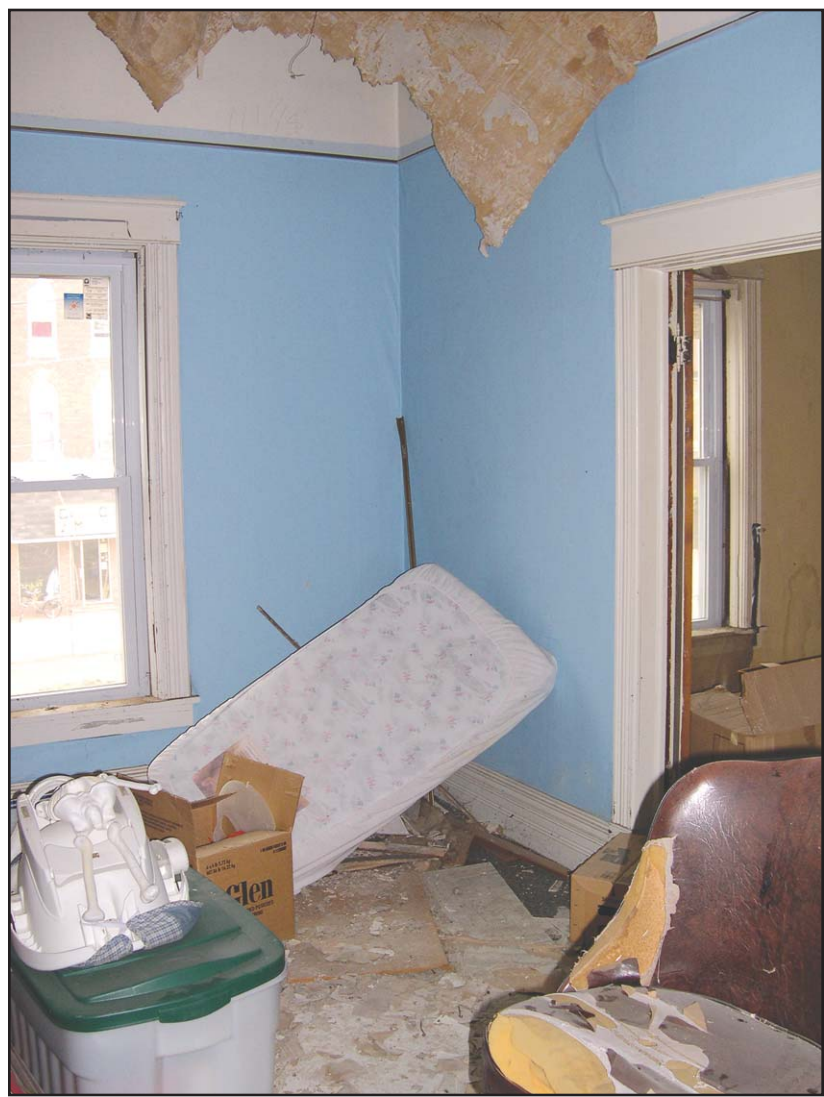
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Ghost hunters set to visit Cass City this week



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ings at Gilligan's. Still, Hartsell has experienced some things she can't explain.

"I've had a very few instances when I could see shadows go through the kitchen," she said, adding she's also seen what appears to be a man wearing a blue shirt at the end of the bar early in the morning, although she isn't able to make out his face. "I can tell it's a man and he's wearing a blue shirt."

THE HISTORY

The Cass City Area Historical Society provided some background on the building in a newsletter published back in 2005. Officials noted that during reconstruction of the facade of the building, an old sign was uncovered that reads, "The Cass City House - J.F. Emmons, Proprietor-1883."

"This is the same year the railroad came to town, which means it was one of the very early hotels of the area. As we delved into old Cass City Chronicles, we discovered that, for some reason, this hotel changed hands many, many times through the years," society members reported.

Over the years, the business has been known by various names, including The Cass City House, The Gordon House, The Cumper Hotel and the New Gordon Hotel.

Various reports state the business was the center of Cass City social activities for a number of years. During the Depression era, records indicate that the coming of the automobile took its toll on the use of hotels by traveling salesmen. Since they no longer had to depend on the railroad or horse and buggy to do their business, the need for overnight stays was eliminated. Permanent residents then

began to occupy the hotels.

The hotel operated like a boarding house in those days, with people having their own rooms along with easy access to the dining room. The hotel also had a "sample" room where salesmen could display their wares.

The historical accounts include notes about extensive renovations completed in 1946, and a fire that caused significant damage to the structure in 1948. However, the historical society uncovered no confirmed accounts of deaths at the hotel during its early years of existence.

Sines, however, says the building has had its macabre moments in time. "I know there were some people who died in the hotel," he added, noting the most recent death occurred back in the 1990s, when an area resident shot himself to death in a restroom at the bar.

FINDING A GHOST

The South East Michigan Paranormal Society was established in 2008 and is composed of a staff of 4 full-time and 4 part-time members, all volunteers, who share an interest and first-hand experience with paranormal activity, according to society Director Scott Morgan, whose group does not charge for its services.

Morgan noted the society has investigated strange happenings in homes and businesses — restaurants, hotels, theatres, museums, etc. — throughout southeast Michigan, including the Thumb area.

Two of the society's members have lived in haunted homes, and "we've all had experiences somewhere down the line," he said, adding their investigations in the past have yielded evidence of paranormal activity.

"We've documented 'shadow people' on video, obviously many EVP (electronic voice phenomenon), photos," Morgan said.

He explained that EVP are electronically recorded sounds — a word or brief phrase — that aren't heard by the human ear when they are made, but can be heard after being recorded and played back. He said the investigation in Cass City will include the use of equipment to record such sounds. The staff will also utilize EMF (electromagnetic field) detectors, which measure changes in the electromagnetic field. The belief is that in order to communicate or manifest, spirits must gather energy from their surroundings. If that theory is possible, then the energy waves that are altered during the process can be measured.

Multiple camcorders with night vision capability, along with digital cameras, are also part of the society's arsenal.

WHAT'S NEXT

Sines indicated he's looking forward to seeing the results of the S.E.M.P.S. investigation, and he plans to share those results with the Chronicle.

According to Morgan, it can take up to 2 weeks to compile a report following an investigation, largely because of the time it takes to pour through hours of camcorder/audio recordings from multiple pieces of equipment that are set up at an investigation site.

Regardless of whether or not the society is able to provide evidence of paranormal activity, however, there are a host of employees — present and past — who will always wonder if what they've seen or heard over the years was real.

Take William and Karen Bulchak of Deford, for example. The pair handled maintenance and cleaning duties

in the building for a couple of years.

"We went in after the bar closed — usually 2:30 (a.m.) or 3 o'clock. It's a pretty huge building, and when we were working there, we heard all kinds of things," commented William Bulchak, who recalled cleaning around the band stage when no one

else was in the building. "Things were moving around — noises coming from the stage," he said.

He also heard footsteps on a rear stairwell on different occasions. "And there's no way people could get up there," he said, "because the doors were boarded shut."



THIS STAIRWELL leads to the second floor and several old hotel rooms in the Gilligan's building, which was constructed in the 1880s.

Haunted rooms?

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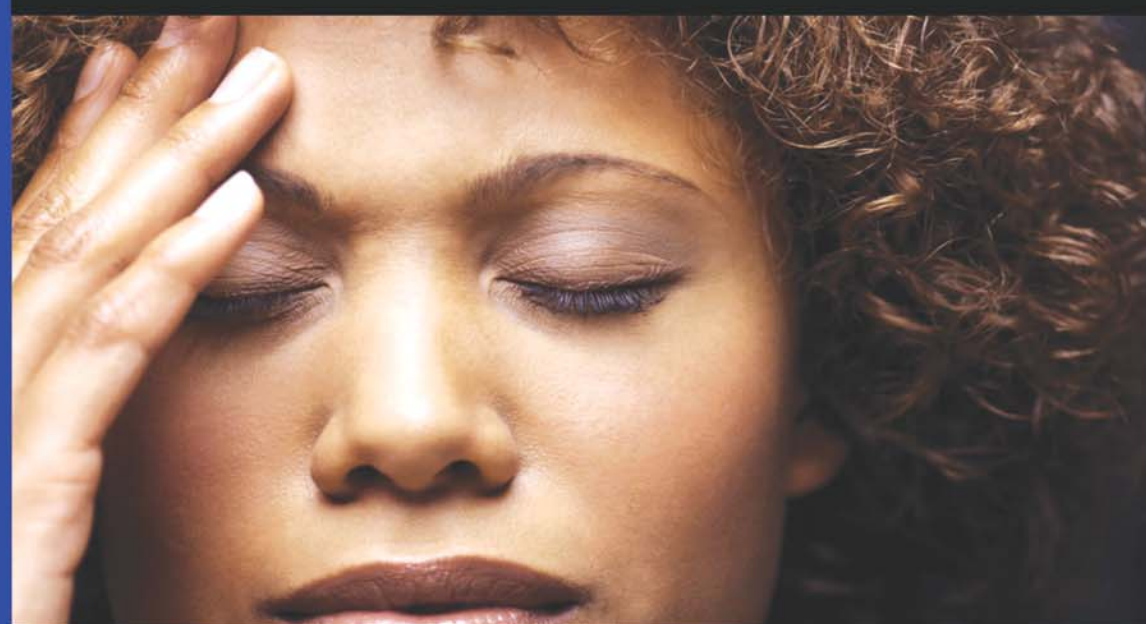
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