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CHRISTIAN Comedian and Ventriloquist Ryan Bomgardner of Ephrata, Penn., performed for a crowd of about 300 people Friday night at the Cass City VFW Hall in Cass City. The Cass City Missionary Church sponsored the free event featuring “Ryan and Friends”, an act that appears at 140 venues across the United States and Canada each year. Above, Bomgardner invited Cass City’s Steve and Georgia Hammett on stage for some laughs. (Related photos, page 10)



Healthy kids

Local students “fuel up to play”

by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer

The positive contributions that physical exercise can provide for those who take part in it are well documented. Experts say good nutrition and healthy eating habits help children function at their peak efficiency during school.

Proper nutrition and exercise were the focus of the “Fuel Up to Play 60 Kickoff to School Health” event held recently at Ford Field in Detroit. In all, representatives of 33 Michigan elementary and middle schools participated in the fourth annual event.

Among the schools represented was Cass City Elementary School. Cass City students Dylan Crase, Bryce Fernald, Brianna Mester, Abigail Phillips, Landon Schenk and Madilyn Tschirhart were able to learn new physical activities and tasty recipes to help enhance their school lunch menus. The recipes correlate with the new United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) school menu standards that took effect at the beginning of this school year. The group of young Red Hawks was accompanied on their adventure by Cass City Elementary School Principal Aaron Fernald, Physical education/health teacher Kelli McIntyre and Shari Bock, who serves as the district’s food service director.

The Fuel Up to Play 60 program was developed 4 years ago through a collaborative effort involving the National Football League, National Dairy Council and the USDA. The program teaches students and school decision-makers how to put strategies in place to increase the number of healthy food choices available in school. The participants also work on physical activity options to take back to their schools.

Fuel Up to Play 60 encourages the consumption of low-fat and fat-free dairy foods, fruits, vegetables, wheat grains and lean protein. The program also promotes at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. This

year’s Fuel Up to Play 60 Kickoff to School Health event was presented by the Detroit Lions, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM).

The day’s agenda included music, motivational speeches, practicing football training camp-style skills, and tasting nutritious foods. All the

participants tried a number of new items that can be placed on school menus easily and without costing a lot of money. During the “halftime” lunch, students sampled 3 different types of healthy option pizzas, salad on a stick, kale chips, pita chips, apple berry salsa and other dishes. They then voted on their favorite new food. The winning entrée was the Hawaiian pizza made with mari-

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State: Cass City Schools beating odds

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Local junior-senior high school students are continuing to achieve academically at levels above state education officials’ expectations, members of the Cass City Board Education learned during a regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel announced that Michigan Department of Education (MDE) officials recently notified school officials that the local junior-senior high building is among the Michigan schools “Beating the Odds” by successfully helping students to make progress and finding ways to overcome traditional barriers to academic achievement.

State education officials previously recognized Cass City Middle School as a “Beating the Odds” building.

Schools are recognized based on a pair of studies, including one that focuses on students who are per-

forming above their predicted levels based on risk factors such as percent of economically disadvantaged students and percent of students with disabilities. The MDE also looks at schools’ ranking on the top to bottom list, which includes school-wide improvement rates and achievement gaps in addition to achievement levels.

“Beating the Odds schools have found ways to work smarter and harder, not just harder,” state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan has said of the recognition program. “They have good leaders, knowledgeable and prepared teachers who engage students, and a commitment to involve and embrace parents and the community.”

The board also heard good news in the form of a letter from the MDE honoring Cass City Elementary School for excelling in National School Lunch Program initiatives

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Fire fighters’ quick response saves home

By Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Elkland Township Fire Department made quick work of a house fire in the village early last week, minimizing the extent of damage in a blaze that could easily have ended in a total loss.

No one was home when the fire ignited, but fire fighters rescued a family pet, carrying a dog to the safety of the outdoors.

Firemen were dispatched to the scene, a residence at 6430 Third Street, located between Leach and Seeger streets, at about 9:07 p.m. Monday.

Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds said the department arrived to find 15- to 20-foot flames shooting out of the rear of the residence in the area of the kitchen.

“The guys knocked it out in 2 to 3 minutes after arriving at the scene. They did a great job,” said Guilds, who added he believes an electrical junction box in the kitchen shorted out, sending flames up towards the attic.

Guilds said the owner of the rental unit, Gerald Bartnik, Cass City, was insured. He noted the renter, Alyssa Westerby, has renter’s insurance, and the home was equipped with smoke detectors.

Guilds lauded his department, saying just 6 minutes elapsed between the time the siren sounded to the time fire fighters arrived at the scene. “That’s a pretty good response time,” he said. “Everything worked out pretty good for us.”

The Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department assisted Cass City firemen at the scene.

Powell’s pumpkin patch pride



GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP resident Fred Powell poses with the 525-pound pumpkin he grew this year. An avid gardener since he was a teen, Powell’s biggest pumpkin, harvested in 2008, tipped the scales at nearly 800 pounds.

Greenleaf Township resident harvests a pumpkin weighing in at 525 pounds

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It may not be the Great Pumpkin, but most area home gardeners would be hard pressed to top the whopper Fred and Terrie Powell grew in their pumpkin patch this fall.

The couple, who reside in Sanilac County’s Greenleaf Township, recently harvested a pumpkin weighing in at a hefty 525 pounds.

And it was no accident.

In fact, the Powell’s’ pumpkin patch prize this year was hardly their heaviest — they harvested a 792-pound monster back in 2008, according to Fred Powell, who takes a certain amount of pride in his pumpkin growing savvy, the result of many years of experience and, he says, plenty of trial and error along the way.

The Powells garden a portion of some 12 acres at their Bay City-Forestville Road residence, where their primary “crops” are pumpkins and sweet corn.

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“Talk Early & Talk Often” parent workshop Nov. 28

The Huron and Tuscola County Health Department Abstinence Program will be hosting the nationally recognized “Talk Early & Talk Often” parent workshop Wednesday, Nov. 28.

The 2-hour workshop is free of charge and is designed to help parents and caregivers of middle and high school youth recognize and use opportunities to open the door for conversation and to listen and respond with greater confidence and skill.

The event will be held at the Huron

Area Technical Center in Bad Axe from 6 to 8 p.m. A free dinner will be held before the program from 5:30 to 6 p.m. as well as a free gas card for all attendees.

Parents are the prime educators of their children. Continued communication at home is vital in helping unprepared youth avoid the serious consequences of pregnancy, HIV and sexually transmitted diseases. For nearly a decade, Talk Early & Talk Often has consistently received high praise from parents, educators and community leaders. The workshop

was developed with support from several state agencies working in the area of teen pregnancy prevention.

Parents and caregivers may pre-register for this workshop by calling or emailing: Sheila Luedtke at (989) 673-1723 or sluedtke@tchd.us. Space is limited.

It’s twins!



Rowan Elizabeth and Greyson James

Brian and Laura Turner Bish of Grand Rapids announce the arrival of their twins, Rowan Elizabeth and Greyson James, July 13, 2012.

Rowan weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18 inches long. Greyson weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Jim and Joyce Turner of Cass City, and Jim and Nancy Bish of Grand Rapids.

Sheriff reminds citizens of safety during Halloween

Halloween is only a couple weeks away and soon our streets will be filled with little ghosts, goblins and witches trick-or-treating.

To ensure this Halloween is safe for your children, Tuscola County Sheriff Teschendorf offers the following safety tips:

- Costumes should be short enough to prevent tripping. Masks should not be too restrictive with adequate holes for proper respiration and peripheral vision. Consider using cosmetics to create fun or scary faces instead of masks.
- Watch costumed children around pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened, especially if the child is using a prop such as a sword or dagger as part of their costume.
- Avoid hard plastic or wooden props, opting instead for items made of foam rubber which is soft and flexible.
- To help make the child more visible after dark, trick-or-treaters should carry a brightly colored bag and a flashlight or glow stick. Add reflective tape to the sides, front, and back of the child’s costume.
- At all times, watch for traffic and avoid walking in the street whenever possible.
- An adult should always accompany young children. A parent should stay within close range of young children at all times and children should never be allowed to go down a street alone. Walk with your children to each house and wait near the porch or front entrance of the home until they return.
- Older children should travel in pairs or in groups at all times while trick-or-treating and never venture down a dark, empty street.
- Parents should know the route that their children are following. Children should always walk together to the front door of each house and only cross the street at crosswalks.
- Dark, unlit homes should be avoided.
- Children should save their candy until they get home so you can inspect it. Discard any unwrapped or suspicious looking goodies. If your child does get sick, call your family doctor or the hospital emergency room immediately and save all wrappers. It is also helpful to determine what he or she ate and which house it came from.
- Keep flammable items, such as your jack-o-lantern, away from small children, pets, and flammable materials such as draperies, furniture, and paper decorations. Never leave a candle burning unattended.

Halloween is a fun time in Tuscola County, Teschendorf said. Let’s make it a safe time as well.

For more safety tips, Teschendorf encourages residents to visit the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association website at www.mishersiff.org.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Editor

Parties are outdoing themselves this fall

It’s probably safe to say that most of us have had a bellyful of political ads this year, although the barrage of “he said-she said” advertisements at the national level is pretty much par for the course in years when we decide who will hold the nation’s highest office.

What has surprised us (a little) is the amount of money being spent on races closer to home, specifically the battle for the 84th District Michigan House of Representatives seat, which represents Tuscola and Huron counties.

The candidates are former state Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) and Republican Dan Grimshaw of Vassar, who currently serves as register of deeds in Tuscola County.

We couldn’t say just yet how much money has been spent on this campaign, but the parties have spent plenty on mailers plastered with negative shadows cast on both men. They tell us, for example, that one of the candidates’ supporters in Lansing “have taken large contributions from big oil and polluters — no wonder they voted to eliminate protections for our air and water.”

Another ad tells us that one of the men has voted to give legislators lifetime insurance benefits at the expense of middle class families and senior citizens.

Both parties have been guilty of what amounts to these smear campaigns, but the Republican Party has been particularly zealous, at one point sending out flyers focusing only on telling voters who NOT to vote for.

Really?
We have a message for the folks responsible for these ads, many of which are, at best, filled with half-truths and statements/votes taken out of context: rural doesn’t mean stupid.

In other words, we’re capable of casting votes without the benefit of flyers that fail when it comes to emphasizing what each candidate has to offer rather than telling us why putting one or the other in office would be a disaster.

Keep in mind, these ads are being run and paid for by the parties themselves. We suspect that both Brown and Grimshaw aren’t particularly pleased with some of the political tactics taking place here on their behalf.

Now, in keeping with the Chronicle’s policy, we’re not going to endorse a candidate in this space, and we’re fine with that.

Unlike the political parties, we’re confident that Thumb area residents are more than intelligent enough to do their own research, sort through all of the political ads and make up their own minds come Tuesday, Nov. 6.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Election 2012: perspectives from the cat



It’s an election year and I live in a house divided. My problem is the dog. We don’t see eye to eye – literally as well as figuratively. Despite my petite and demure feline stature, I’m proud to say I most often look down on him from my imposing and influential perch on the TV stand. The same can be said for politics; I look down on his views from my elevated position on the correct side of right.

Our situation repeats itself in households throughout the country where “friendly” debates take place across breakfast and dinner tables. People have been known to fight like cats and dogs over politics; it isn’t surprising the dog and I fight like people about the same subject – as well as any other topic you can possibly name.

He says kibble; I say bits. He labels the sky blue; I declare it a cerulean, mixed with the slightest hints of azure. I want to chew on the issues; he wants to chew on smelly sneakers. I say Wall Street; he says Sesame Street. And the list goes on.

When discussing life – and politics – we disagree on just about everything. This is remarkable, because we gather information from the same source – the place for accurate, timely and intelligent news regarding political polls, political speeches, political climates and anything else political in nature.

I’m talking, of course, about Facebook.

The social networking site is filled with high-quality political fodder – and that most definitely is not meant to be an oxymoron; although I’ve been tempted to call the dog a moron on a couple of occasions.

Name-calling aside, whenever our owners are away, the dog and I spend computer time researching the tough issues on Facebook. Well, either that or watching funny kitten videos on YouTube. We take it seriously. Not the kitten videos – the task of studying the political

under and overtones on Facey.

Sometimes the truth is stranger than fiction and this is the case online. You can’t imagine the wacky and unbelievable things the candidates do and say – until you read about them via links posted on Facebook. I’d be tempted to question the accuracy of the stories distributed to millions without so much as a fact or spell-check, if it weren’t for the source. Facebook and the Internet – there’s truth with a capital T right there. You don’t need opposable thumbs to recognize that.

Which brings us to the gigantic flaw in our political system. Not the prevalence of inaccurate information online. I’m talking about something even bigger: thumbs. This all-important digit is apparently a prerequisite for voting. The dog and I are thumb-less, sans thumbs – in a word: anti-opposable. Our four-pawed status denies us the inherent right given to bipeds everywhere.

The dog and I can disagree about the intricacies of politics until the cows come home, but none of it matters because we can’t vote anyway. Neither can the cows, by the way, but you already knew that.

This is why, despite our differences, the dog and I have united. Yes, united. Together we are supporting the Pet’s Right to Vote amendment. The doctrine advocates for Fidos and Fluffys by giving them an equal bark, meow or moo in the electoral process. If the amendment passes, the dog and I will head to the ballot box next election and try to figure out how to hold a pen with our paws.

I’m thinking of voting for the candidate named Undecided. The dog’s promised his vote to some big yellow bird. Whether you are a democrat or repuplican, I’m sure you can understand the inherent logic and relevance of those fine canine and feline choices. We think they are purrfect.

Find Slices of Life on Facebook and hit Like (please). Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, playwright and author of “The Do-It-Yourselfer’s Guide to Self-Syndication” Email her at permtmn@qwest.net; or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

Letters to the Editor

Erla’s owner: Here’s our side of the story

Dear Friends,

First I would like to introduce myself, my name is Venu Ganga, president of Erla Foods store. Our goal, from day one, was to help our community as a whole, and provide the best customer service and value we can. I came to Cass City 18 months ago without any knowledge of the meat and grocery business. Even though we have general business experience, our goal was to learn from the previous owners and we believed they would stand by us.

We support around 80 employees full-time and part-time and we contribute about \$7,000,000 to the economy of Cass City. We have done pricing studies focusing on other stores throughout the Thumb, and we can proudly say our prices compare or are less than those of many of our competitors. One good reason for that is our distribution of meats to most of the stores in the Thumb. Our store purchases the meats at cost and we pass the savings on to customers. We have kept the store clean better

than before, and we make sure to rotate products to eliminate expired products. Many of our customers have appreciated the changes we have made.

Our management system will help you understand why we have made the decisions we’ve made when we made them. Our goal from the first day was to properly implement, 1) People 2) Process 3) Technology, and stabilize the company, implementing a freeze on any changes. For the first 3 months we moved people into different positions, promoting some to create a strong management hierarchy. Again, remember I am only one person and cannot do everything by myself — we need strong management in place to survive and grow. We analyzed every process of doing business and defined roles and responsibilities for the management positions. We also separated one company into 3 for easy operations. Our own management stepped up to let go of

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Now the real truth about Terry Brown

To the editor,

I am saddened by the abuse of our political system when those aspiring to political office try to destroy the image and integrity of their opponents. Worse than that is when what they espouse is knowingly untrue, and even worse is when those who do this are so much more affluent and therefore able to outspend their opponents in distributing their falsehoods.

When this is done in the name of being super patriotic and defending the federal or state Constitution, I get truly sick to my stomach.

I am deeply offended and disgusted by those who do this disservice to our great country — regardless of their party affiliations. These persons ought to withdraw their candidacy. They do not deserve to serve in any political capacity as what they are doing is destroying the very basics of our democracy.

A candidate who I have known since he was a young boy is, once again, the victim of vicious lies. Terry Brown is an honorable, experienced, highly trained and qualified candidate.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services, is pleased to report that a statewide survey during 2012 indicated that 89.3 percent of retailers did not sell tobacco products to youth under age 18. This is the sixth consecutive year in which Michigan vendors have been in compliance with the federal minimum rate of 80 percent.

And that’s good news because states that fall below the 80 percent minimum compliance rate are subject to a penalty of 40 percent from their federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding. For Michigan, this could be more than \$23 million.

Election year 2012 is coming down to the wire. In Tuscola County, voters will cast their ballots in the presidential race, as well as in local, state and federal races and on numerous ballot proposals.

A multi-denominational group of church pastors have organized a 2012 Christians Meet the Candidates Forum to be held on Tuesday, October 30, to provide area residents with a chance to meet and ask questions of candidates for public office. The event is non-partisan, non-denominational and open to the public at no cost.

“The primary election forum was a huge success, so we decided to provide Tuscola County residents with another opportunity to meet and talk with the candidates,” said Pastor Jim Solomon of Living Waters Chapel in Caro. “We invite everyone to join us.”

The forum will take place October 30 at the Living Waters Chapel of Caro, 650 South Hooper Street, Caro. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the forum beginning at 7:00 p.m. It will be moderated by area pastors and include an open question and answer session for the audience.

Invited candidates include those seeking the offices of sheriff, register of deeds, probate and circuit court judge, state representative, U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator.



For more information, please call Living Waters Chapel at (989) 673-2160.

Rick Tuckey, Cass City Class of 1976, says that more than 1,000 people visit the Thumb Works service center each month in Tuscola County, where he is an Employment Specialist.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, October 24
Spoonfuls of Plenty FREE Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
Narcotics Anonymous: Stepping Straight, 8 p.m., Church of the Nazarene, 1494 Purdy Rd., Caro. Anyone with a drug problem is invited to attend. For more information, please call Richard at (989) 691-5369.
Ravenous Readers, noon, Rawsom Memorial District Library.

Thursday, October 25
AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.
Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
Thumb TEA Party meeting, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.
AAUW Halloween Carnival & Middle School Spook House, 5-7 p.m., Cass City Elementary School. Ages: 3-12 years old. Games, face painting, food, and prizes. Game tickets 5 for \$1, spook house 3 tickets.

Friday, October 26
Al-Anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 912-0546.
Narcotics Anonymous: Easy Does It, United Methodist Church, 150 S. Main St., Elkton. Anyone with a drug problem is invited to attend. For more information, please call Brandi at (989) 375-2013.

Saturday, October 27
Closed AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Ubly Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church). For more information, contact Mandy at (989) 975-0544.
Thumb Dance Club, 7-11 p.m., Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., Sandusky. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission: \$4 (members), \$4.50 (non-members). For more information, call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

Sunday, October 28
Narcotics Anonymous: Stepping Straight, 7 p.m., Church of the Nazarene, 1494 Purdy Rd., Caro. Anyone with a drug problem is invited to attend. For more information, please call Richard at (989) 691-5369.

Monday, October 29
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, October 30
Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
Narcotics Anonymous: Restored to Sanity, 7 p.m., Church of the Nazarene, 6538 Third St., Cass City. Anyone with a drug problem is invited to attend. For more information, please call Brenda at (989) 325-1558.



SANILAC COUNTY Undersheriff Brad Roff (from left) and sheriff's work crew Supervisor Doug Shagena are pictured above receiving a check from Deckerville League of Women Treasurer Michele VanNorman and Sanilac County Treasurer Trudy Nicol.

Donations boost Sanilac Co. Inmate Work Crew Program

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department's Inmate Work Crew Program recently received 2 donations to help them continue giving back to the community.

According to work crew Supervisor Deputy Doug Shagena, the Deckerville League of Women donated \$500 towards the purchase of a new John Deere zero turn lawn

mower. Sanilac County Treasurer Trudy Nicol and her department, meanwhile, donated the balance of the estimated \$5,000 cost of the equipment.

Among other community projects, the work crew assists the treasurer's office with maintaining numerous county-owned and foreclosed properties throughout the year.

"We appreciate both Sanilac County Treasurer Trudy Nicol and Michele VanNorman and the Deckerville League of Women for their generosity," commented Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki. "Their contributions made it possible to buy the much needed equipment, which in turn will save valuable time and allow us to better serve the community."

Circuit court news

Several face felony charges

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

- Jesse R. Richards, 17, Davison, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of no contest to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and assault or assault and battery July 14 in Millington Township. He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,728.
- Frederick P. Parrent Jr., 49, Reese, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of

liquor, third offense, Sept. 14 in Reese. He was also charged with being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

- Tonka L. Wood, 44, Vassar, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny in a building Feb. 13 in Vassar. The defendant is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and Wood was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's Department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Chrischundan R. Copes, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of first degree home invasion, attempted unlawful driving away an automobile, and larceny of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 July 21 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Paul D. Hodler, 54, Vassar, pleaded guilty to one count of delivery/manufacture of marijuana July 23 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Amanda R. Byrd, 25, Gagetown, pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud Aug. 15 in Cass City.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Jonathon E. Parent, 18, Mayville, pleaded guilty to a charge of delivery/manufacture of marijuana July 23 in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Kenneth L. Middaugh, 49, Caro, pleaded guilty to second degree child abuse and allowing an unlicensed minor to operate a motor vehicle June 29 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Steven A. LaFave, 25, Caro,

pleaded guilty to stealing/retaining a financial transaction device June 6 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$6,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Alan W. Berlin, 36, Vassar, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail (delayed for one year) for his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilograms of marijuana and possession of marijuana July 25, 2011, in Fremont Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,428.

- Craig J. Berlin, 47, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilograms of marijuana and possession of marijuana July 25, 2011, in Fremont Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,728.

- Dennis P. Engelhard, 53, Unionville, pleaded no contest to 2 counts each of reckless driving - causing serious injury, and reckless driving Nov. 8 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

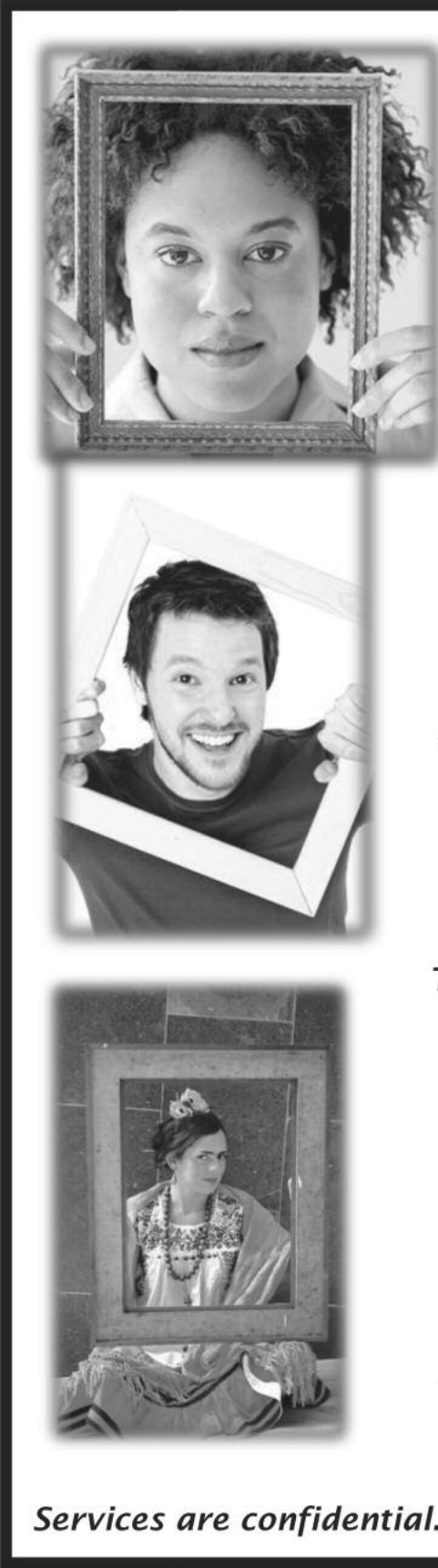
- Jeffery R. Ruppall, 46, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (delayed one year) for his pleas of guilty to interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery July 8 in Fairgrove.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,658.

- Stephen M. Webster, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison for his plea of guilty to possession of a prohibited item in jail June 13 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$598.

- Adeliedo K. Bogdan, 18, Silverwood, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property (a motor vehicle) and unlawfully driving away an automobile June 5-7 in the village of Mayville/Dayton Township.



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Reporter's notebook

Christmas in the fall? Good grief

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

I've never been good about remembering numbers, especially dates and ages. You know, birthdays, etc. Maybe that's why I'm so confused lately. I mean, it's October, and yet if you walk down the wrong aisle at many stores, instead of finding really cool, scary Halloween masks and black rubber spiders, you find yourself surrounded by shelf after shelf of holly, wreaths, elf figurines and Christmas tree lights.

Geez, and I haven't even thought about shopping for my Thanksgiving turkey yet.

What's up with that? Do retailers really think we'll let Christmas sneak by us if they don't start shoving big red stockings in our face now?

Maybe these folks had me in mind when they came up with the idea of promoting holidays months in advance.

After all, I can't even remember my kids' birthdates, let alone my grandchildren's birthdays. It's been a while since my wife, Deb, put me on the spot and verbally quizzed me.

"When was Jennifer born?"
"Oh, uh, January..."(she gives me that "look" and starts to shake her head). I mean February,

February...(head still shaking)...wait, it's March (head shaking stops)...March first (shaking)...fifth, tenth...19th...20th, March 25!?"

Yup, March 25, but by this time she's already left the room instead of hanging in there to congratulate me (on the other hand, she didn't start asking me for the kids' ages. All I know is that they still haven't reached the age where they stop asking for things).

Okay, so I fail when it comes to birthdays. But give me credit; I was smart enough to marry Deb in February (the 20th, to be exact), which is exactly 5 days after her birthday. I never forget her birthday. Ever. Nor do I ever forget the fact that she's 2 years older than I am, but let's not open that can of worms.

Still, I wish I could be like former Chronicle employee Janet Severance. Quite a memory, Janet has. In fact, I'll bet she still knows my kids' and grandkids' birthdays and ages better than I do.

But I digress, actually to the point where I have no idea what I was writing about in the first place.

That's okay. I've been putting off my shopping for fireworks and picnic supplies for far too long. The Fourth of July is coming, you know.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2007)

For the third straight year, the Cass City cross country team will be an invited guest at Saturday's Division 3 state championships, held in Brooklyn at the Michigan International Speedway. As been the case all season long, Lukas Varney, Tyler Burke and Dewey Mabe led the Hawks. Varney placed fourth individually, with a time of 17:08, crossing the tape just in front of Burke, who was clocked at 17:11. Mabe, who ran a time of 17:28, finished in the 7th overall position. Exchange student Kirill Dyachkov registered a time of 19:29 (36th place) and Alex Varney added a time of 19:30 (38th place) to the Hawks' team total.

There are still 3 Finkbeiners listed in the Cass City section of the Verizon phone book and the name is familiar to area residents for their volunteer efforts on various service organizations including the Elkland Township Fire Department. Eugene Finkbeiner now lives in South Carolina, but was a visitor last week. He brought along a softball autographed by the players on the Church League 1952 championship team. He showed me the ball and said my name was on it. It was, and that was nice since I could remember absolutely nothing about the incident. The ball has to have benefited from a lot of TLC because the signatures were clear and distinct and the ball was in game-ready condition. That's probably because we had a lot of players, like me, that didn't hit the ball that hard or that often. (From Rabbit Tracks by John Haire)

"One! Two! Let's go Blue!" yelled a marching band and a roar of drums filled Hill Auditorium one Saturday evening when members of the Cass City High Marching Band went to the U of M's "Band-O-Rama." "It was very awesome! The marching band was amazing!" said Chantal Field, who has been to the band-orama once before last weekend. Drew Rohlf, the tuba section leader, said that he loved the marching band and the fact that they performed popular music. (From "The Maroon and White" by Lauren Hudson)

10 YEARS AGO (2002)

The Cass City Red Hawk golf squad racked up its sixth Greater Thumb West Conference championship last Wednesday at Verona Hills with a first place finish in the 18-hole league meet. Friday the Hawks finished 7th in the regional at Holly Meadows and failed to qualify for the state meet. However, Chris Maharg finished third with a 78 to qualify for the state finals in Lansing

Friday and Saturday.

Cass City's Darrin Howard, 13, bagged his first buck – a nice 8-pointer – while hunting east of Cass City. The teen shot the buck at about 7:05 p.m. Oct. 7.

Lindsey Hendrick and Aaron Diegel were crowned Cass City's Homecoming queen and king during halftime festivities Friday night.

25 YEARS AGO (1987)

Cass City probably doesn't come to mind when thinking of Michigan college towns, but if all goes well, Jordan College's new Thumb campus will be moved to the village, with classes starting as early as next August. "We're 95-percent certain we will locate somewhere in Cass City," Charles Conboy, executive vice-president of the college, said Friday.

Employees of the United Parcel Service's Cass City branch are gearing up to begin moving into their new building at 6254 Division St. Nov. 6, with service at the new location expected to begin Nov. 9. Located on a 3-acre tract in Cass City's Industrial Park, the new building is an expansion for the local branch, which started in Cass City in March 1964, according to Ron Craig, a customer service representative for UPS. Veteran UPS driver Charles Wright, who joined the Cass City branch about 3 months after it opened, recalls a daily volume of some 600 packages when he began compared to the 4,500 average now. Wright, whose 23 ½ years on the job gives him top seniority, said that the new building will be the Cass City branch's fifth location. The service started where Schneeberger's is now, but also operated out of where the Wash King Laundry is and occupied the Nestles Building in addition to the current location at 6617 Main St.

Surprised and honored at the Oct. 20 meeting of the 8th District Women's Christian Temperance Union's 107th convention was area resident Harriet Rayl, who was named Woman of the Year of the Cass River District. WCTU president Ruth Dorman crowned Mrs. Rayl, the club's oldest member, who will be 84 next March, woman of the year for her "influence, persistent and outstanding attitude over the years."

50 YEARS AGO (1962)

For the first time in over eight years, a Cass City High School student has received recognition for a high score on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST), according to Jim Seals, high school guidance director. Slated

to receive a Letter of Commendation for her high score on the test is Mary Lou Jones, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Jones, Decker.

Announcement was made this week of the lease of the ST&H Oil Co. to Grant Hutchinson of Cass City, by Audley Kinnaird who has run the station for many years. Both Mr. Kinnaird and station authorities expressed appreciation for past service and said that they were confident that Hutchinson would give satisfactory service.

Among those from this area attending the Quartette Hymn Sing in Flint IMA auditorium Saturday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Burk, Alvis, David, Jimmy and Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bader, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Turner, Mrs. Lloyd Bader, Audrey and Wanda, Ron Parrott, Karen Dickinson, JoAnn and Mary Sue Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caister, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Auten, Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Severance, Linda and Ruth Ann and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lindsay.

100 YEARS AGO (1912)

Miss Florence Hill, member of the class of '07 of the Cass City high school, was honored by the citizens of Bishop, California, her present home town, by being chosen queen of a harvest festival which the residents there celebrated recently.

In spite of disagreeable weather which prevailed Friday, a large and appreciative audience filled the Evangelical church and listened to the ten contestants present their pleas for temperance. Geraldine Auten and Laverne Hays were the successful contestants and deserve credit for their efforts. The medals were presented by Mrs. A.J. Knapp in a very interesting and encouraging talk and a splendid program was rendered. Some of the participants were Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Bigelow, who sang a pleasing duet, and a chorus of small girls who presented a franchise song, "When Girls Can Vote." Sunday, the same contest was repeated at the Church of Christ with two contestants from Deford to make the required number. Fourteen strong temperance pieces were presented to an attentive audience and the workers felt that good was done. Miriam Fritz and Dorothy McKim were the medal winners and are to be complimented on their success.

Alex Marshall has returned from Saginaw where he has finished a course in Bliss-Alger college and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Nancy Marshall, this week. Next Monday he will begin his employment in the Exchange Bank of E.H. Pinney & son.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, November 6, 2012 Presidential Election has been scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Elkland Township Fire Hall, Cass City, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and tabulators that will be used to tabulate the ballots of the election have been prepared in accordance with law.

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www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com



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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday -
Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.



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6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
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Bible Study -
Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study -
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Jerry Harrington
Associate Pastor: Judy A. Eskilsen



Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Phil Burkett
www.casscitymc.org



Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe



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6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5060
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Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pastor: David G. Hill
Website: www.fbccc.us



First Presbyterian Church

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872-5400
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Pastor: Dave Blackburn



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Website: www.lwccog.net



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Pair arrested in break-in

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies arrested 2 men Friday afternoon, including a Silverwood resident, on a 4-count felony warrant in Sanilac County for a breaking and entering incident that took place during the early morning hours of Oct. 5 at Penfield's Restaurant in Peck.

The suspects, an 18-year-old from Crosswell and a 19-year-old from Silverwood, are being held in the Sanilac County Jail on a \$10,000

bond. Their names are being withheld pending their formal arraignments.

Sheriff Garry Biniecki said both men are being charged with conspiracy to commit breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, larceny of property valued at more than \$1,000, and receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000.

Fraud probe ends in arrest

Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf is again reminding county residents to beware of scam artists following the arrest of a suspect who allegedly defrauded a Millington area resident out of \$3,000 and another person in Davison out of \$8,000.

"Detective Scott Johnson worked with the Davison Police Department

in a joint investigation," Teschendorf reported. "When lodged on fraud charges at the jail, deputies, after fingerprinting the subject, found he had been using false identification and his real identity was discovered. Other charges are pending here in Michigan and California."

The suspect's name will be released after he is formally arraigned, Teschendorf said.

School beating the odds

Continued from page one.

emphasizing improved quality and nutritional value of school meals while at the same time encouraging students to take part in regular physical activity.

Cass City received roughly \$10,000 in "best practices" money last year.

This year schools must meet 7 out of 8 requirements, according to Hartel, who told the board that there is only one requirement the district doesn't meet at this time, and that is measuring student growth in all subjects in an online format.

The honor comes with some awards, including a bronze-level certification and a \$500 cash reward.

Also Monday, board members learned that Hartel has been selected as the Michigan Region 5 Superintendent of the Year. The region is composed of 5 counties, including Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac. Hartel, who is in his third year as school chief in Cass City, will now be considered among the nominations from the state's other 4 regions for the honor of Michigan Superintendent of the Year.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the monthly session, the board:

- *Reviewed a resolution to qualify for the MDE's "Best Practices Incentive" program.

State officials last year came through with the first round of promised "best practices" funding for districts that complied with at least 4 out of 5 requirements, including charging employees at least 10 percent of health care insurance premiums, naming themselves the policy holders for medical benefit plans, and developing and implementing bids for non-instructional services.

The board agreed to tour the school prior to its next regular meeting, Monday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m.

- *Agreed to continue accepting nominations for another month for the district's "Public Education Believes in Me!" program sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). The project encourages local schools to nominate and recognize former students who have achieved success in their chosen fields. Members of the public are encouraged to nominate former students by submitting names to Hartel's office.

County clerks making it easier to cast votes

As the nation readies for the upcoming presidential election, county clerks from across Michigan have joined together to help ensure that all eligible voters wanting to vote, can vote this November.

Most of Michigan's 83 county clerks have taken the extraordinary step to deputize each other to permit those clerks participating in the program the ability to assist registered voters from across the state. This extraordinary effort allows deputized

clerks to verify voter identification for residents who have recently registered to vote by mail and are temporarily living outside of their home community. College students who registered to vote at school but registered to vote at their parent's address typically fall into this category.

Under current law, those voters who registered to vote by mail and will vote their first time on November 6, must vote in-person unless they present photo identification to their municipal or county clerk. The county clerk deputization program allows those voters to show photo identification to any participating county clerk and be eligible to vote by absentee ballot this November.

Those participating include Tuscola County Clerk Margie White, Sanilac County Clerk Linda Kozfkay and Huron County Clerk Lori Neal-Wonsowicz.

For those newly registered who need to request an absentee ballot by mail for the upcoming election, they can contact their county clerk or the county clerk in the county in which they temporarily reside for more information.



STATE REP. KURT Damrow discusses his legislation on veterans treatment courts during a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee in May. Joining Damrow, from left, are Lino Pretto of the Military Order of Purple Heart and Rep. Wayne Schmidt.

To create vet treatment courts

Snyder signs Damrow bill

State Rep. Kurt Damrow recently announced that Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation to create veterans treatment courts in Michigan.

PA 335 of 2012 will create a standardized model and structure for veterans courts in the state. These problem-solving courts will be a hybrid of drug treatment courts and mental health courts, steering veterans who have committed crimes into treatment for mental health and drug use problems instead of immediately

incarcerating them at the state or local level. Several of these courts are already operating in Michigan.

"These courts will help veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who are self-medicating their invisible wounds— including post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury— with drugs and alcohol," said Damrow (R-Elkton). "Veterans courts are a recognized way to ensure these veterans receive support and treatment as they return to society."

The first veterans treatment court was established in New York in 2008. The key to a successful system is early recognition of those veterans who are likely candidates for court assistance.

"Caring properly for veterans who need help instead of adding to their problems is the least we can do. They have put their lives on the line for our freedoms—and deserve treatment instead of jail time," Damrow said.

Deputies investigating 4 break-ins

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are asking the public's help in solving 4 burglaries that took place early Thursday morning.

According to Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent, thieves targeted 2 businesses in Unionville, one in Fairgrove and another in Reese.

"Officials feel the incidents likely occurred between midnight and 4:30 a.m.," Skrent said. "In the Fairgrove complaint, which was reported at 2:43 a.m., a witness observed a white male with a blue stocking hat and glasses running from the scene. He was approximately 6 feet 2 inches tall.

"It appeared that in each (break-in), the suspects were looking for cash, as no merchandise was reported

stolen," Skrent noted. "Officers feel the incidents may be related to each other."

Anyone with information related to the burglaries is asked to contact the

Reese Police Department at (989) 868-4582 or Detective Mike Pine at the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2234).

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

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VILLAGE OF CASS CITY MUNICIPAL CODE (CHAPTER ____, BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE ____ TO BE AMENDED TO) READ RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDAINS:

Section ____

ARTICLE ____ RENTAL REGISTRATION

Section _____ Purpose and Intent.

The Village of Cass City recognizes the need for an organized inspection and registration program for rental properties located within the Village in order to ensure rental units meet all applicable building, existing structures, fire, health, safety, and zoning codes, and to provide an efficient system for compelling both absentee and local landlords to correct violations and maintain, in proper condition, rental property within the Village. The Village recognizes that the most efficient system is the creation of a program requiring the registration and inspection of rental property within the Village as defined in this Ordinance, so that orderly inspection schedules can be made by the Village or its Designate.

Section _____ Definitions.

As used in this Ordinance, the following terms and words shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended.

“**Commercial not residential purposes**” means any premises not used for one’s residence.
“**Village or its Designate**” means the Village of Cass City or its Designate or any successor department or division that may be established.
“**Dwelling unit**” means a building, or portion thereof, designed for occupancy for living purposes and having cooking facilities and sanitary facilities, including single family residences and mobile homes.
“**Landlord**” means any person who owns or controls a dwelling, Dwelling Unit, or Rental Unit and rents such unit, either personally or through a designated agent, to any person.
“**Owner**” means the legal title holder or a Rental Unit or the Premises within which the Rental Unit is situated.
“**Owner-Occupied Rental Unit**” means a Rental Unit that is occupied in whole or in part by an individual whose name specifically appears on the deed for the property where the Rental Unit is located.
“**Person**” means any natural individual, firm, partnership, association, joint stock company, joint venture, public or private corporation, limited liability company, or receiver, executor, personal representative, trust, trustee, conservator or other representative appointed by order of any court.
“**Premises**” means a lot, plot or parcel of land, including the buildings or structures thereon.
“**Rental unit**” means any Dwelling Unit or a unit containing sleeping quarters, including but not limited to hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, boarding houses, sleeping rooms, apartments, residential, commercial, or industrial property, including structures which are leased or rented by the Owner or other Person in control of such units, to any tenant, whether by day, week, month, year or any other term.
“**Responsible local agent**” means a natural Person designated by the property Owner as the agent responsible for operating such rental property in compliance with the ordinances adopted by the Village.
“**Tenant**” means any Person who has the temporary use and occupation of real property owned by another Person in subordination to that other person’s title and with that other person’s consent; for example, a Person who rents or leases a dwelling, dwelling unit, or rental unit from a landlord.

Section _____ Requirements.

1. No Person shall lease, rent, occupy, or otherwise allow a Rental Unit within the Village to be occupied, unless all of the following requirements have first been met.
2. The Owner of the Rental Unit shall have registered the Rental Unit with the Village or its Designee by completing and filing a current registration form with the Village or its Designee, as provided in Section ____ of this Ordinance.
3. An inspection shall have been completed to the satisfaction of the Village or its Designee.
4. A valid certificate of compliance shall have been issued by the Village or its Designee.
5. The current certificate of compliance shall be maintained at the office of the Responsible Agent or on the premises.
6. All fees charged by the Village or its Designee for the registration and inspection of the Rental Unit shall be paid in full.

Section _____ Registration.

It shall be unlawful for any Person to lease, rent, occupy, or otherwise allow a Rental Unit within the Village to be occupied without first registering the Rental Unit with the Village or its Designate and designating a Responsible Local Agent.

Registration Forms.

- Registration shall be made upon forms furnished by the Village or its Designate and shall require all of the following information.
- The street address of the Rental Unit(s);
- The number and types of Rental Units within the rental property;
- The residence address, telephone number, and where applicable an e-mail address, mobile telephone number, and facsimile number of all property Owners of the Rental Unit(s);
- Name, residence address, telephone number, and where applicable an e-mail address, mobile telephone number, and facsimile number of the Responsible Local Agent designated by the Owner;
- The maximum number of tenants permitted for each Rental Unit;
- The name, address, telephone number, and where applicable an e-mail address, mobile telephone number, and facsimile number of the Person authorized to collect rent from the tenants;
- The name, address, telephone number, and where applicable an e-mail address, mobile telephone number, and facsimile number of the Person authorized to make or order repairs or services for the property, if in violation of Village or State codes, if the Person is other than the Owner or the Responsible Local Agent;

Accurate and Complete Information.

All information provided on the registration form shall be accurate and complete. No Person shall provide inaccurate information for the registration of a Rental Unit, or fail to provide the information required for such registration. The registration form shall be signed by both the property Owner(s) and the designated Responsible Local Agent. Where the Owner is not a natural person, the Owner information shall be that of the president, general manager or other chief executive of the organization.
Where more than one Person has an ownership interest, the required information shall be provided for each such Owner.

Change in Registration Information or Transfer of Property.

Except for a change in the Registered Local Agent, the property Owner of a Rental Unit registered with the Village shall re-register within sixty (60) calendar days after any change occurs in the registration information. If the property is transferred to a new Owner, the new property Owner of a registered Rental Unit shall re-register the Rental Unit within sixty (60) calendar days following the transfer of the property. Property Owners shall notify the Village or its Designate of any change in the designation of the Registered Local Agent, including a change in name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, mobile telephone number or facsimile number of the designated Registered Local Agent within 30 days of the change.
If a transfer of ownership occurs and there is a current certificate of compliance on file, then the new Owner will only have to pay the registration fee upon the expiration of the current registration. It will still be required that the new Owner fill out a new registration form.

Registration Term and Renewals.

Registration of a Rental Unit shall be effective for three (3) years. All registrations shall expire three (3) years from the date of issuance of a certificate of compliance. The property Owner shall reregister each Rental Unit with the Village or its Designate, thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration of the registration of the Rental Unit.

Responsible Local Agent.

- The designated Responsible Local Agent shall be responsible for all of the following:
- Operating the registered Rental Unit in compliance with all applicable Village Ordinances;
- Providing access to the Rental Unit for the purpose of making any and all inspections necessary to ensure compliance with the applicable Village Ordinances; maintaining a list of the names and number of occupants of each Rental
- Unit for which he or she is responsible; and accepting all legal notices or services of process with respect to the Rental Unit.

Section _____ Inspections.

Rental Units shall be inspected and shall comply with the standards and provisions of the ordinances and codes adopted by the Village.

Inspections.

Except as provided in subsection 5-250(a)(3), all Rental Units shall be inspected by the Village or its Designate at least once every three (3) years. Prior to conducting inspections of those occupied
Rental Units, the Village or its Designate may issue a temporary certificate of compliance as provided in Section 5- 251(b). The inspection shall not, however, eliminate an owner’s responsibility to register such Rental Units every three (3) years.
If the first inspection is in compliance with the Village’s Property Maintenance Ordinance and all other Village Ordinances, such Rental Units will have their next inspection waived. If a complaint is filed with the Village and the Rental Unit is found to be in violation of this Ordinance, therefore making said unit not in compliance, the following inspection shall not be waived.
Nothing in this section shall preclude the inspection of any Rental Unit more frequently than once every three (3) years.
Any current property with a valid Rental Registration certificate shall continue enforced until expiration when the property shall then be re-inspected.

Basis for Inspections.

Inspections may be made to obtain and maintain compliance with the standards of this Ordinance based upon one of the following:
A complaint received by the Village or its Designate, the Village of Cass City Police Village or its Designate, any member of the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Village or its Designate or a State agency, indicating that there is a violation of the standards or the provisions of any ordinance adopted by the Village of Cass City or any state law;
An observation by the Village or its Designate, the Village of Cass City Police Village or its Designate, any member of the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Village or its Designate, a State Agency, Village of Cass City Staff, Elkland Township Fire Chief, of a violation of the standards of a violation of

the standards or the provisions of any Ordinance adopted by the Village or any state law;
A report or observation of a Rental Unit that is unoccupied and unsecured or a dwelling that is damaged by fire;
The registration, re-registration and certification of a Rental Unit as required by this Ordinance;
The need to determine compliance with a notice or an order issued by the Village;
An emergency observed or reasonably believed to exist;
A request for an inspection by the property Owner; or
Requirements of law where a Rental Unit is to be demolished by the Village or where ownership is to be transferred to the Village.

Inspection Procedures.

Once the Village or Designate has determined that a Rental Unit is in compliance with all of the ordinances adopted by the Village and state law, the inspection required for issuance of a certificate of compliance shall be satisfied. The inspection shall then be valid for a period of three (3) years from the date the certificate of compliance is issued.

If, upon completion of an inspection, the premises are found to be in violation of one or more provisions of applicable Village ordinances and State codes, the Village or Designate shall provide the Registered Local Agent and/or Owner with written notice of such violations. The Village or Designate shall set a re-inspection date before which such violation shall be corrected. If such violation has been corrected within that period, the inspection required for issuance of a certificate of compliance shall be satisfied. If such violations have not been corrected within that period, the Village or Designate shall not issue the certificate of compliance and may take any action necessary to enforce compliance with applicable Village ordinances and State codes.

If there is a complaint filed on property with the Village or Designate, the Owner and/or Responsible Local Agent will be notified in writing. In the event that the complaint is of an emergency nature, as determined by the Village or Designate or Village of Cass City Police Village or Designate, it will require immediate compliance with adopted Property Maintenance Ordinance. If the complaint is not of an emergency nature, the Owner will have fourteen (14) calendar days to correct such violation, unless a longer period of time is granted by the Village or Designate, after which a re-inspection or written verification from Owner and/or Responsible Local Agent and complaining party that the violation has been corrected, will be required. If a violation is not corrected by the property Owner as required by this Ordinance, the Village or Designate may revoke the certificate of compliance.

If an inspection is initiated by a complaint and no violation is found to exist, no inspection fee will be assessed against the Owner of the inspected Rental Unit in compliance.

Where a re-inspection must be made to ensure conformity with this Ordinance or before a certificate of compliance is issued for those Rental Units that have been issued violation notices, the Village will charge a separate inspection fee for every inspection when the violation has not been abated or corrected.

If an inspection is scheduled and the Owner or Responsible Local Agent fails to appear, an inspection fee shall be assessed against the Owner and/or the Responsible Local Agent, and no inspection shall be completed until the inspection fee is paid in full.

Transfer of Ownership Inspection.

When there is a transfer of ownership of any Rental Unit, including an owner-occupied Rental Unit, and a current certificate of compliance exists for the unit, the Village or Designate shall require a new inspection. The new Owner shall comply with the requirements of Section 5-249(c) of this Ordinance by re-registering the Rental Unit within sixty (60) calendar days following the transfer of the property.
When there is a transfer of ownership of any Rental Unit, including an owner-occupied Rental Unit, then a current certificate of compliance does not exist for the unit, then the Village or Designate shall conduct an inspection within thirty (30) calendar days following the notification of the transfer of ownership as required by Section 4(c). If violations of this Ordinance or any other Village ordinance, code or State code or law are found, a notice of violation shall be issued to the Owner.

If ownership of any Rental Unit is transferred contrary to subsection (d) or (2) of this Section, or if the new Owner fails to re-register a Rental Unit as required by Section 5-249(c) of this Ordinance, the certificate of compliance and Rental Unit registration shall be deemed to expire within sixty (60) days of the transfer unless appropriate steps are taken to obtain a Rental Unit registration and certificate of compliance.

Within sixty (60) calendar days of the transfer of ownership of a Rental Unit, the new Owner shall notify all residents of a Rental Unit which undergoes a transfer of ownership while the individuals are residing in that unit, including a owner-occupied Rental Unit, of the transfer of ownership.

Section _____ Certificate of Compliance.

No Person shall own, operate, lease, rent, occupy, or otherwise allow a Rental Unit within the Village to be occupied unless there is a valid certificate of compliance issued by the Village or Designate for the Rental Unit. A certificate of compliance shall be issued for each building and Rental Unit.

Requirements.

A certificate of compliance shall be issued only after all of the following requirements have been satisfactorily completed.
Registration of the Rental Unit with the Village or Village Designate.

Designation of the Responsible Local Agent;

Payment in full of any and all required fees for registration, plus any penalties that may have been imposed on the property; and
Inspection by the Village or Designate resulting in a determination that the Rental Unit and the property complies with all Village Ordinances and state law.

Posting of the Certificate of Compliance.

Temporary certificates of compliance may be issued without prior inspection by the Village or Designate for those occupied Rental Units which have not been inspected. Such temporary certificates of compliance may be issued as of the effective date of the initial registration and continue until an inspection date is established, to allow property Owners to operate such Rental Units until such time as an inspection may be made by the Village or Designate. At such time as an inspection is made and the Village or Designate has determined that provisions of this Ordinance have been complied with, the temporary certificate shall expire, and a certificate of compliance shall be issued according to this Ordinance.

Posting of the Certificate of Compliance.

The certificate of compliance shall be maintained at the office of the Responsible Agent or on the premises.

Section _____ Fees.

The Village Council shall establish by resolution an appropriate fee for registration and inspections.
If an inspection is initiated by a complaint and no violation is found to exist, no inspection fee will be assessed against the Owner of the inspected Rental Unit in compliance.

Where a re-inspection must be made to ensure conformity with this Ordinance before a certificate of compliance is issued for those Rental Units that have been issued violation notices, the Village will charge a separate inspection fee for every inspection when the violation has not been abated or corrected.

Section _____ Maintenance of Records.

All records, files and documents pertaining to the Rental Registration and Licensing and Rental Unit Inspection Program shall be maintained by the Village or Designate and made available to the public as required by State Law.

Section _____ Appeal, Severability and Captions.

Should the Village or Designate determine that the property is not in compliance with the Village Property Maintenance Code as adopted by the City, from time to time, and/or any other Village Ordinance, as amended, and for that reason deny the issuance of a certificate of compliance, or, should a certificate of compliance be suspended or revoked upon a determination by the Village or Designate that the Owner has failed to maintain the property in compliance with the aforementioned codes, laws and/or ordinances, the Owner shall have the right to appeal such determination in the following manner:

The Owner shall file the appeal with the Village Council, in writing, within 15 days of the date of the determination from which the Owner is appealing. Filing of the appeal with the Village Council shall stay the suspension or revocation of the certificate of compliance until such time as the Village Council issues its final decision. The appeal shall contain a short and plain statement of the matters asserted by the Owner, including factual and legal bases upon which the Owner relies.

Upon receipt of the appeal, the Village Council shall schedule a hearing and provide notice of the hearing to the Owner by sending written notice by first-class mail to the address listed on the Owner’s application form. The Owner may appear at the hearing in person, by agent or by attorney. If the Owner, or his agent or attorney, fails to appear at the hearing after proper notice, the Village Council may proceed with the hearing and make its decision. The Owner shall be given an opportunity to present oral and written arguments on the issues of law and policy and an opportunity to present evidence and arguments on issues of fact.

The Village Council shall issue a final decision, in writing, setting forth its findings within a reasonable period after the hearing is concluded. A copy of the decision shall be sent by first-class mail to the address listed on the Owner’s application form and to the agent or attorney that appeared at the hearing.

The Village Council shall:

Affirm the determination of the Village or Designate in refusing to issue, or in suspending or revoking the certificate of compliance; or
Reverse the determination of the Village or Designate and order the issuance or reinstatement of the certificate of compliance.
If the Village Council affirms the determination of the Village or Designate or there is no timely appeal, the Property shall be vacated until a certificate of compliance is issued by the Village or Designate.
The Village Council shall have no power to vary or modify any rules, regulations, provisions or ordinances.

Section _____ Penalty.

Any Person who violates this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction fine of \$500.00, subject to the procedures and sanctions contained in Village of Cass City Municipal Code.

Chapter _____. Increased civil fines of \$200.00 shall be imposed for repeated violation, which means a second or subsequent municipal civil infraction violation committed by a Person within any twelve (12) month period and for which a Person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. After the third violation of this Ordinance committed by a Person within any twelve (12) month period shall be punishable by a fine of \$500.00.

Section _____ Repealer.

All resolutions, ordinance, orders or parts thereof in conflict in whole or in part with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section _____ Administrative Liability.

No officer, agent, employee or member of the Village shall render himself or herself personally liable for any damage that may occur to any person or entity as a result of any act or decision performed in the discharge of his or her duties and responsibilities pursuant to this Ordinance.

Section _____ Savings Clause.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

Section 5:01 Effective Date.

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan

Monday, October 29, 2012 at 6:45 pm
To consider the following proposed Ordinance

Proposed Ordinance No. 171:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REPLACE THE CODE CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE VII, (OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY), SECTION 202 OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, ENTITLED “SALE, POSSESSION OR USE OF FIREWORKS” IN THE CASS CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS FOLLOWS.

The Village of Cass City ordains.....

SECTION 1: In accordance with Section 202 of Chapter 22 of Article VII of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Cass City, this Chapter of the Code of Ordinances is hereby replaced, which is entitled “SALE, POSSESSION OR USE OF FIREWORKS”, and read as follows:

CHAPTER 22, (OFFENSES), ARTICLE VII (OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY), SECTION 202 SALE, POSSESSION OR USE OF FIREWORKS

Sec. 22-202.1 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following words shall be defined as hereafter stated:

(a) CONSUMER FIREWORKS means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States consumer product safety commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks do not include low-impact fireworks.

(b) DISPLAY FIREWORKS means large fireworks devices that are explosive material intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce visual or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, as provided in 27 CFR 555.11, 49 CFR 172, and APA standard 87-1, 4.1.

(c) FIREWORK or FIREWORKS means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or flare, designated for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consist of consumer fireworks, low-impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, and special effects.

(d) LOW-IMPACT FIREWORKS means ground and handheld sparking devices as that phrase is defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

(e) NOVELTIES or NOVELTY means that term as defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5 and all of the following:

1. Toy plastic or paper caps for toy pistol in sheets, strips, rolls, or individual caps containing not more than .25 of a grain of explosive content per cap, in packages labeled to indicate the maximum explosive content per cap.
2. Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps as described in subparagraph 1 are used, that are constructed so that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and that are not designed to break apart or be separated so as to hand from a missile by the explosion.
3. Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8th inch in diameter.

Sec. 22-202.2. Prohibition on Use of All Fireworks Except as Allowed; Exception. No person shall ignite, discharge, or use any fireworks within the village except as allowed by this chapter.

Sec. 22-202.3. Prohibition on Use of Display Fireworks; Exception. No person shall ignite, discharge, or use display fireworks within

the Village at any time, unless the following are true:

1. It is a professional, licensed fireworks company; AND
2. The Village Council of Cass City approves the issuance of a license or permit.

A permit shall not be issued under this act to a non-resident person, firm, or corporation for ignition of articles pyrotechnic or display fireworks in this state until the person, firm, or corporation has appointed in writing a resident member of the bar of this state or a resident agent to be the legal representative upon whom all process in an action or proceeding against the person, firm, or corporation may be served.

Sec. 22-202.4. Prohibition on Use of Consumer Fireworks; Exception. No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks within the village, except this prohibition shall not preclude any person from the ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks on the preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday consistent with Sec. 7 (2) of Michigan Public Act 256 of 2011. Consumer fireworks ignited, discharged, or used on the dates allowed by this section to be shall strictly conform to the definition of consumer fireworks as stated in this chapter and state statute by only creating visual but not audible effects by their combustion and if not so conforming shall be prohibited on said dates as well as all other times.

Sec. 22-202.5. Use of Consumer Fireworks. Low-impact fireworks shall be ignited, discharged, or used so as to not cause injury or damage to any person or property but shall not be ignited, discharged, or used inside any building or structure at any time without a license or permit issued by the Village Council of Cass City. Novelty fireworks may be ignited, discharged, or used without restriction but such shall only occur in a manner so as to not cause injury or damage to any person or property.

Sec. 22-202.6. Limitations on the Use of Low-Impact or Novelty Fireworks. Consumer fireworks use in the Village of Cass City is limited to the day before, the day of, and the day after, a federal holiday, contingent on the following:

- i. Fireworks shall not be sold to a minor.
- ii. No person under the age of 18 years shall use, possess, explode or cause to explode any fireworks, as defined herein, with the village.
- iii. No person under the age of 18 years shall buy, purchase, acquire or obtain any fireworks, as defined herein, within the village.
- iv. A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization’s or person’s express permission.
- v. For purposes of this ordinance, Federal Holidays are: New Year’s Day, Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Sec. 22-202.7. Penalty. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Title I, Chapter I, Sec. 1.110 in the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cass City.

SECTION 2: If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons, firms, corporations, legal entities, or circumstances by such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance thereof directly involved in the case or controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and to the person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances then and there involved. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: If any provision of this Chapter differs from a provisions of any other applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation, both the provision of this Chapter and the differing provision shall apply if possible. If the two (2) provisions are in conflict, then the provision establishing the higher or stricter standard shall apply.

SECTION 4: After publication, this ordinance shall be effective immediately.



A GROUP OF CASS City students and staff members recently participated in the fourth annual “Fuel Up to Play 60 Kickoff to School Health” event. Pictured above are (front row, from left) students Bryce Fernald, Dylan Crase, Brianna Mester, the Detroit Lions mascot, Madilyn Tschirhart, Abigail Phillips, (middle row) student Landon Schenk, (back row, from left) teacher Kelli McIntyre, Principal Aaron Fernald, Lions wide receiver Nate Burleson, former Lion Herman Moore, school food service Director Shari Bock, and former Lion Cory Schlesinger.

Healthy kids focus of “Fuel Up to Play 60”

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nated chicken and pineapple.

For many participants, the highlight of the event was mingling throughout the day with several current and former Detroit Lions football players.

Former Lions Herman Moore and Cory Schlesinger kicked off the first session; they were joined in the second session by current Lions defensive end Cliff Avril along with Lions coaches and trainers. The third session introduced action-based learning expert Jean Blydes and research connected to boosting brain power by exercising.

The final station was held on the playing field at Ford Field. The groups heard tips on eating healthy and staying active from current Lions wide receiver Nate Burleson. He also took part in a flash workout exercise session with all 33 schools.

The Cass City Elementary team brought back many valuable healthy lifestyle tips.

“We are looking forward to implementing the new ideas our students learned and will continue to encourage these healthy lifestyle changes,” Bock said, adding the overall experience proved to be a well-received, hands-on life lesson.

“I’m grateful they have this program because it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these kids to experience,” said McIntyre.

Bock added, “Experiencing the Fuel Up to Play 60 Kickoff to School Health event is a special leadership opportunity for these students. They’re able to learn and bring back information that can have a positive effect on the entire student body for years to come.”

Grimshaw announces endorsements

The race for 84th District state representative is heating up as the Republican and Democrat contenders in the race have received endorsements from key groups.

“I’m pleased to have been endorsed by grassroots groups representing job creators and business owners, sportsmen and gun owners, education reformers, and defenders of traditional values,” announced Dan Grimshaw (R-Vassar). “They represent so many people throughout Huron and Tuscola counties.”

The recently released list of his endorsements includes business groups such as the National Federation of Independent Business, Michigan Manufacturers Association, and Associated Building Contractors.

Grimshaw has also been endorsed by the statewide gun rights group, the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, giving him an A rating. His opponent received a C rating.

Additionally, he has been endorsed by Citizens for Traditional Values, the Great Lakes Education Project and Right to Life of Michigan PAC. RTL also endorsed his opponent.



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- Chris has been employed 14+ years as a Deputy Sheriff in Tuscola County and 2+ years with Wayne County and Detroit Metro Police. He is a graduate of Oakland Police Academy with a degree in Criminal Justice from Oakland Community College. F.O.P. and POAM member and has been an officer in both organizations. Has over 10 years management experience in the retail, wholesale and manufacturing sectors.
- He and his wife Candy have been together more than 13 years. They live with their children on the family farm (Chris is fifth generation Rogner in the Reese area).
- Chris is a life-long and pro-life Christian with a strong moral compass, involved in his church and in his community on a day-to-day basis.
- He strongly supports the Constitution, including the second amendment, and is a life NRA member.
- Chris is also life OATH Keeper member.
- He believes in supporting local businesses and the farming community.
- He believes that cops are subject to all the same laws as everyone, in fact should hold to a higher standard.

Chris believes that:

Some Progressive Departments in the state are utilizing many contemporary tools to improve effectiveness without adding taxes. Tuscola County needs to study, consider and utilize some of these methods.



Endorsed by:

Tuscola County Road Patrol Deputies Bargaining Unit & Tuscola County Corrections Deputies

There will be a debate between the Sheriff Candidates on Thursday, Oct. 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayville Library. We invite you to attend.

Current Sheriff is currently receiving a full retirement income in addition to full salary at the expense of Tuscola County taxpayers.

Paid for by the committee to Elect Chris Rogner Sheriff

Obituaries

Brian DuQuesnay

Brian Keith DuQuesnay, 54, of Caseville, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, in his home. He was born May 4, 1958 in Northbridge, MA, the daughter of Dennis and Cecile (Boulanger) DuQuesnay.

Brian served in the U.S. Army from 1975 to 1983. He worked for General Cable for 9 years until they closed. Brian received his L.P.N. degree from St. Clair County Community College. He worked as a licensed practical nurse for Health Source in Saginaw. He was an active member of Hayes United Methodist Church serving on their board of trustees. Brian was a skilled wood worker. He could take an old, worn piece of furniture and make it beautiful. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and spending time with family and friends but his greatest love was music. Whether he was playing guitar with a band, for his church family or just with a group of friends and family, he was at peace making music.

Brian is survived by his children: Brenda DuQuesnay of Caro, Amy (Christopher Wilkewicz) DuQuesnay of Shelby Township, and Scott DuQuesnay of Cass City; a close friend and mother of his children, Linda DuQuesnay of Cass City; mother, Cecile DuQuesnay of Pittsfield, NH; a brother, Steven (Suzanne) DuQuesnay of Woonsocket, RI; a sister, Dee (Frank) Bent of Pittsfield, NH; several nieces and nephews; and his dog, Chloe.

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Dennis DuQuesnay.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 20, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Bruce Nowacek of Yale United Methodist Church and Pastor Karl L. Zeigler of Hayes United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.

Military honors were under the direction of the U.S. Army and the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz

Funeral Home, Cass City.

Geraldine Fischer

Geraldine Margaret Fischer, 92, of Caro, formerly of Cass City, died following a short illness, Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012 in Timberline Lodge, Caro.

She was born July 26, 1920 in Cass City, the daughter of John and Sophia McLean.

She married Arnold Fischer June 10, 1939 in Sandusky. He died Feb. 15, 1996.

Geraldine grew up on the family farm helping with day-to-day chores. She loved crossword puzzles and putting jigsaw puzzles together. Geraldine worked for Bauer Candy Company and then in the accounting department of General Telephone. She was a member of the Cass City Woman's Club formerly Cass City Business and Professional Woman's Club and a member of the Bridge Club. Geraldine was a very active member of Cass City First Presbyterian Church and their Woman's Club.

Geraldine is survived by her sons: Robert A. Fischer of Cass City, and Robert J. (Sheri) Fischer of Ann Arbor; grandchildren: Elissa Fischer and Bobbi (Frank) Galarno.

She is preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Hazel and Lawrence Wilson; and her daughter-in-law, Karen Fischer.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 22, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Cass City First Presbyterian Church.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Kyle Mumy

Kyle Edward Mumy, 29, of Vassar, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012.

He was born Nov. 11, 1982, in Southfield, the son of Daniel and Rae Ann (Gillmore) Mumy.

Kyle graduated from Vassar High School in 2001. He was attending

Davenport University studying in the medical/business field. Kyle enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially his daughter, Kloey, teaching her how to ride bike,



boogie board and roller skate, helping her with homework, playing UNO, giving her temporary tattoos and painting her nails, golfing, rebuilding his car and truck, fishing, watching NASCAR, working on computers, listening to music, dressing trendy.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Rae Ann Mumy and Ken Rolph; father, Daniel (Debra) Mumy; a brother, Adam; a daughter, Kloey Mumy; grandparents: Jean Brown, Harry Gillmore and Doris Mumy; and many aunts and uncles.

Kyle was preceded in death by his grandfather, Richard Mumy.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Martin Funeral Home, Vassar.

Burial will follow in the Riverside Cemetery.

Friends may share a memory with the family at the funeral home, or online at www.martinfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Martin Funeral Home, Mt. Morris.

Barbara Pemberton

Barbara Jean Pemberton, 86, of Cass City died unexpectedly Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 in her home.

She was born Aug. 18, 1926 in East Liverpool, Ohio, the first and only child of Carl F. and Ruth (Downard) Warning.

She married Frank Cleson Pemberton January 1949 in East Liverpool, Ohio. He died Sept. 2, 1995.

Barbara was very family oriented. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. The grandchildren would always bring a smile to her face. Barbara loved to read biographies. Barbara and Frank spent a great deal of time at their

home in St. Ignace in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She joined Frank in his love of sailing making many trips with him. Barbara always kept current on world and political affairs by reading her Time and Newsweek subscriptions and her Detroit Free Press. She also kept up on the local news with the paper from St. Ignace. At one time Barbara volunteered for the Michigan Cancer Foundation. She was an over 30 year breast cancer survivor.

Barbara is survived by her daughters: Phyllis Miller of Grosse Pointe Park, and Pam Pemberton of Taylor; grandchildren: Terrance Miller and Stacey Miller.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Peter; and a son-in-law, Mark Miller.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 22, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Jackie Roe of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Clinton Grove Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Erika Sherman

Erika Ursula Sherman, 71, of Cass City, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2012 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City, following a long illness.

She was born July 23, 1941 in

Langaneau, Germany, the daughter of Gustov and Katharine (Durr) Thierer.

She married James Sherman Aug. 27, 1961 in Cass City. He died April 1, 2007.

Erika attended public school in Langaneau, Germany, through the eighth grade. She met her husband while he was serving in the U.S. Army. In 1961, following their marriage, she moved to Cass City. Erika worked and managed the family restaurant, Sherman's Restaurant, until the late 1980's. She later worked in the deli at Erla's until her health no longer allowed her to work. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting and crossword puzzles.

Erika is survived by her children: Ruby (Brian) Rideout of Prescott Valley, Ariz., Katy (Greg) Irwin of Capac, and Howard Sherman of Cass City; grandchildren: Jessica (Phil) Montie of Bad Axe, and Sara (Aaron) Henderson of Bad Axe; great-grandchildren: Ava, Adison and Tristan Henderson; a brother, Erik (Bubet) Durr of Langaneau, Germany; and a sister, Gerda Thierer of Langaneau, Germany.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 20, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.


Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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State’s big-acreage crops fared better than most in the Midwest

As expected given the challenging 2012 growing season, Michigan’s row crops aren’t setting any harvest-time records, but the state’s big-acreage crops fared far better than those in most Midwestern states. “The corn and soybean yield outlook in Michigan has improved since the Sept. 1 crop production report,” said Jay Johnson, director of U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agriculture Statistics Service’s Michigan Field Office. “Crop yields for corn and soybeans were nega-

tively impacted by the drier than normal summer, however yields are not expected to be as bad as first thought.” As of Oct. 1, the corn yield was reported to be 118 bushels per acre—down 35 bushels from 2011 but 4 bushels better than predicted in September. The state’s total corn harvest is now estimated to be 276 million bushels, down more than 17 percent from last year. The national corn crop is expected to fall 13 percent short of last year’s,

at almost 11 billion bushels with an average yield of 122 bushels per acre—more than 25 bushels below the 2011 average. Total soybean production is expected to total 77.6 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year. Yields, forecast at 39 bushels per acre, are up 2 bushels from the September report, but down 5 bushels from 2011. Nationwide soybean production is forecast at almost 3 billion bushels, down 8 percent from last year and averaging just shy of 38 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last year. Sugar beet growers mostly escaped this year’s hard times. The anticipated 2012 yield of 28 tons per acre is unchanged from last month’s forecast and up 4 tons from last year. Dry beans were also weathering the weather until heavy late-summer rains flooded many bean fields in the Saginaw Valley. Growers are expecting approximately 1,850 pounds per acre, down 150 pounds from last year. Michigan’s hay yield is forecast at 2.7 tons per acre, down only slightly from last year.

Powell harvests a giant

Continued from page one. “I grow field pumpkins to sell, and then I have a vegetable stand and I do a little hobby farming — field corn,” said Powell, a Cass City area native who has been gardening since he was a teenager. He and his wife have sold roughly 800 pumpkins this year, but nurturing the run-of-the-mill jack-o-lanterns doesn’t compare to the effort and attention required to grow the giants Fred has become known for over the years.

means setting up a cold frame — a makeshift greenhouse that warms the soil and, once the plants have been placed in the ground, maintains a warm temperature during those cool spring days. After several weeks, Powell removes most of the female blossoms (the bulb-shaped flowers that eventually grow into pumpkins) from each vine, leaving one that he hopes will eventually weigh several hundred pounds. He noted that removing all but one blossom encourages the plant to devote all of its energy to just one pumpkin. Aside from regular watering, Powell says he maintains a strict feeding program. He applies a fertilizer high in phosphorus during the early season, followed by nitrogen-rich fertilizer and, later, a solution that includes potassium and calcium. “And after a while, you have to deal with the bugs. You have to have a program for insects and diseases, too,” he said. A member of the Michigan Giant Pumpkin Growers Association, Powell indicated anticipation each year draws him back to his garden. “At the end of the year, seeing that pumpkin and seeing all my efforts. You’re already looking forward to next year,” he said. “I always had a fascination with big pumpkins when I was a kid.”



TAKE THE PICTURE already! Bomgardner and his “friend”, Jeffrey, had a little fun with Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery as he was shooting photos during Friday night’s performance at the Cass City VFW Hall.



BOMGARDNER ENLISTED the help of Cass City High School Spanish teacher Chris Collins during a portion of his act in which he attempted to teach Collins the fine art of ventriloquism with the help of his “friends”, Harold and Irene. The routine had the crowd roaring with laughter.

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