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Missing Argyle woman found safe, sound Monday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

An Argyle area woman reported missing Sunday was located Monday afternoon in a cornfield a few miles southwest of her Pringle Road residence — a bit dehydrated but otherwise safe and sound, Sanilac County

Sheriff Garry Biniecki reported. “She was found alert and conscious; however, (she) was suffering from dehydration and transported to an area hospital for treatment,” Biniecki said, referring to 69-year-old Hazel (Lynne) Ricketts. The happy ending followed a concentrated search on both the land and

in the air that began Sunday afternoon in an area bordering Argyle and Evergreen townships. The effort

involved multiple local, county, state and even federal agencies. Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies

were originally dispatched to the 3500 block of Pringle Road Sunday. Please turn to page 10.

Bank is major hurdle for new grocery store

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Efforts to attract a grocery store to Cass City appear to be stalled, while plans to expand another food vender in the village are proceeding full steam ahead.

For the second consecutive month, Clarence “Bud” Schneeberger addressed the Cass City Village Council Monday on developments related to ending the absence of a food liner in the village.

“Any progress on getting a grocery store?” the long-time Cass City business owner inquired during the council’s regular monthly meeting.

Trustee Steve Erickson, who serves as the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) executive director and has been at the center of the negotiations to secure a grocer along with Village Manger Peter Cristiano, could offer little encouragement on efforts to bring a new entity to the former Erla’s Food building near the intersection of Veterans Drive and Church Street.

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Crash near Ubley fatal

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff’s deputies are continuing their investigation into the death of a motorist discovered by a truck driver about two miles west of Ubley in Huron County’s Bingham Township early Sunday morning.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said a truck driver reported coming across an unresponsive man lying in the westbound lane of Atwater Road, near Nugent Road, at about 2:51 a.m.

“Our deputies, along with the Bingham Ambulance Service and the Bingham Fire Department respond-

ed,” Hanson said. “Preliminary investigation is revealing that Edward R. Monzo, age 41, of Minden City, was apparently east-bound when his 2005 GMC van left the roadway and entered the north ditch. The van then struck two driveway culverts and ended up on its side. However, Mr. Monzo who was the lone occupant, was ejected at some point from the impacts.”

Monzo was pronounced dead at the scene by the Huron County Medical Examiner’s office.

“Our accident investigators have processed the scene and the investigation continues, as well as an autopsy is being scheduled,” Hanson said.

Girlfriend sentenced to prison

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Huron County woman charged in the fatal drug overdose of her boyfriend in March 2013 was recently sentenced to prison in Huron County Circuit Court.

Huron County Circuit Court Judge Gerald M. Prill ordered the defendant, Amanda I. Vanvalkenburgh, 23, of Elkton, to serve a term of at least four

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THE BREAKFAST ON the Farm event featured a variety of educational stations, but few were as popular as the “Miracle of Life” station (above), where visitors to the Roto-Z Dairy Farm were able to welcome new additions to the Zwemmer dairy operation near Snover.

Breakfast on the Farm draws 3,000-plus to Roto-Z Saturday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

They came by the hundreds in cars, pickups, minivans and SUVs – from youngsters to retirees, crowds converged on the Roto-Z Dairy Farm near Snover Saturday morning.

And farm owners Saskia and Jake Zwemmer along with other family members and a small army of volunteers – an estimated 350 in all — dressed in bright yellow shirts, were ready to greet them, serve them

breakfast and guide them on tours that offered a close-up look at what it takes to run a 3,500-head dairy operation.

Organizers estimated the attendance at more than 3,000 people from across the state during the course of the four-hour event.

The goal of Breakfast on the Farm, a free statewide Michigan State University (MSU) Extension program, is to give the public a first-hand look at what it takes to produce

and deliver that gallon of milk they find in their local grocery store, as well as to enjoy a hearty breakfast.

Saturday’s event offered tours of the Zwemmer’s 100-stall rotary milking parlor, basically a large merry-go-round for cows that enables the operation to milk up to 600 cows an hour (each rotation of the large carousel takes about 10 minutes). Because of the technology involved, the milk is never touched

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Grand champion!

VETERAN 5 STAR Livestock 4-H Club member Clay Daily, showing in his final year at the Tuscola County Fair, won Grand Champion Beef Steer and Reserve Overall Showman honors. He sold his 1,295-pound steer for \$5,400 to a cooperative buying partnership comprised of Farm Depot, Poet Refining and Chemical Bank during Thursday’s annual 4-H and FFA Large Livestock Sale. Daily is the son of Greg Daily and Linette Daily, Kingston. (See related photos, page 8)

In honor of former sheriff Department christens new patrol water craft

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Members of the Huron County Sheriff’s Department along with local, state and federal officials and family members of former Sheriff Joseph J. Murray were all on hand for the commissioning of the department’s new patrol boat Friday in Caseville.

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HURON COUNTY Sheriff’s Department officials gathered in Caseville Friday along with local, state and federal dignitaries for the commissioning of the department’s new patrol boat, a 27-foot Boston Whaler named “The Sheriff Joseph J. Murray” in honor of the former Huron County sheriff who died in the line of duty in June 1932.

Kingston medical practice moving

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials in Cass City recently announced that the Kingston Family Practice is moving.

"Dr. Melanie Kramer and staff will be moving into the building previously owned by Independent Bank in Kingston," said Danielle Blaine, public relations director for Hill and Dales. "Contractor Robin King of

Kingston is currently working to convert the bank space into clinical space.

"Since the original practice opened in May 2013, it has grown substantially, prompting the need for a larger, more accommodating office space," Blaine noted. "Patients can continue to use Kingston Family Practice for all of their family's

health care needs, all while enjoying a more comfortable area. The new location offers a private registration and check-out process, and the increased space provides the opportunity for more patients to be treated on a daily basis."

Blaine said an open house will be scheduled when the construction is complete. Dr. Kramer and Erica Knoerr, nurse practitioner, will continue to see patients at their current location until the new clinic is finalized.



Dr. Melanie Kramer



Erica Knoerr

Hospital set to host Freedom from Smoking program series

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City is gearing up to host its next smoking cessation course, "Freedom From Smoking."

The program is for individuals looking to quit smoking and is taught by a certified facilitator of the American Lung Association. The course lasts eight weeks with sessions each lasting two hours. People who complete the program are six times more likely to be smoke-free one year.

Each participant will receive a "Freedom From Smoking" workbook, relaxation CD, and certificate upon completion of the program. With a physician referral, participants will be able to bill insurance to help cover the \$75 class fee.

Financial support for this program was provided by the Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund of the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

For more information about the support group or "Freedom From Smoking" program, contact Brenda McComb at (989) 912-6292.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

Recreational park is community jewel

The grand opening celebration of the Rawson Building Day Camp Center is planned for today (Wednesday) beginning at 11 a.m. at Cass City Recreational Park. On tap are plans to recognize several civic-minded individuals who have donated money and/or services to make the new and enlarged day camp building possible.

We feel the improved facility is just another feather in the cap of Cass City's impressive park system.

Kelli McIntyre, director of the Cass City Parks and Recreation Department, reports that an average of 50 to 60 kids attend the village's camp on a daily basis and the number of youths registered for the summer – 124 – is about the same as last year.

McIntyre also says the campers have taken a number of field trips this summer, including trips to Frankenmuth Wilderness Zoo and Splash Village, Kokomos in Saginaw and McGraw Park Beach near Port Austin that have provided campers with extreme smiles from the adventures.

Other activities campers have participated in over the summer include using the computer lab in the elementary school to help keep their academic skills sharp, and utilizing the Helen Steven Memorial Pool every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

At the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool, a large number of campers have also taken swim lessons. To-date, approximately 225 kids have enrolled in swimming instruction.

Of course, kids aren't the only one using the pool — back by popular demand are water aerobics classes that are offered Monday and Wednesday evenings or Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Both time slots have proven quite popular among adults in the community.

Adding to the success of the Cass City Parks and Recreation Department, we believe, has been the addition of Steve Hollocker to the village staff. Hollocker is in charge of the village's Fundamental Sport Camps. He will have directed 10 camps by summer's end, including two basketball and flag football camps, in addition to volleyball, tennis, bowling, disc golf, dodge ball/kick ball and competitive swim camps.



Our recreational park has long been known for its baseball and softball fields, and Doug Hyatt and Troy Perry have helped to continue that tradition by organizing ball tournaments this summer that have brought well over a 1,000 people into town, according to Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes.

Today is your opportunity to shown your support and appreciation for Cass City's wonderful park system by attending the grand opening gala, which will be followed by a barbecue and picnic in the north pavilion. We hope to see you there!

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

I like... summer

I like summer rain. Not at noon when everyone wants to be outside in the sunshine swimming, if you are lucky enough to be at the beach. But after the sun sets, when the world is dark and lightening brightens the sky only to be followed by the predictable strike of thunder. We count the seconds between the light and sound to guess how far the storm is from us. One thousand one, one thousand two...

I like bug bites. They're the result of spending time outside playing too much croquet or badminton or golf or bocce or wiffle ball. We have so much fun and are so intent on swatting balls (or shuttlecocks) we forget about swatting bugs.

Until later, when we are inside; then I like anti-itch cream. I like it a lot.

I like running out of Popsicles or ice cream. It means we've been indulging in frozen concoctions to cope with the heat of summer's long days. We may even skip a meal because we are outside playing and instead supplement with treats from the freezer. Ice cream for lunch = joy.

I like running out of toilet paper. It happens when everyone is home and... well... feeling at home. I add bonus points to this merry moment if everyone remembers to flush. I like it when everyone flushes. It feels miraculous, because I believe it is.

I like weeds. In another universe they may be expensive, coveted plants (although I doubt it). Here, on earth, in my yard, I have the opportunity to ban them from the garden – even though they are unruly and refuse to obey humans. Weeds are good because they provide me with a worthwhile task: pulling them.

I like sand on the kitchen floor. The bathroom floor. The carpet. The dog's hair. The kids' hair. My bathing suit. You name it. Sand can be everywhere during the summer months. I think it may even self-multiply. But it indicates one thing: the beach. And the beach – in a word – is good. Well, that and wet. And sandy.

I like standing in line to ride the roller coaster. It means I am at an amusement park and that is amusing. Queuing up (a fancy term I learned during a Disney visit) allows me to anticipate the fun. It prolongs the entertainment and gives me more bang for my buck. Standing in line is at the heart of the free amusement park experience. Sometimes I just stand in line, without buying a ticket to ride. But not often.

I like sweating in the summer sun. It means I am burning calories, even if I am just sitting in a lawn chair with a good book. Burning calories is always a positive thing for someone my age because once you reach the middle years, your middle tends to expand and your metabolism tends to deflate. I once gained three pounds after a brief glance toward a piece of chocolate cake, so a little sweat is welcome.

I like a wet swimsuit butt that will not dry – even though it is 90 degrees outside – because the humidity is also at 90, so your backside remains damp on the lawn chair, while you read that good book. You could go in and change, but you don't. Wet swimsuit butt is a rite of summer and shouldn't be squandered.

I like a farmer's tan. It says I've been outside doing something that is something – beyond sitting in a lawn chair with a good book. It also indicates I've been sweating because doing something in the summer invariably involves sweat. A farmer's tan is almost like killing two birds with one stone. (Not that

we encourage bird murder in my neighborhood. I like birds.)

I like cleaning the kitchen 17 times a day because the kids are home from school and they are (and I'm not exaggerating) perpetually hungry. Despite finding the frying pan in the sink (again) and an ongoing inability to keep the fridge stocked, I like having them home during the summer. When the house is full, so is my heart. (Cheesy, I know.)

I like cheese. All year long. No explanation needed.


Summer is humidity, sticky skin, burnt shoulders, pollen, allergies, hot car seats, fruit flies on bananas, bees in your lemonade, wood ticks on your leg, ants in your kitchen, mosquitoes in the air and gnats in your nose. It is also a time to ride with the top down, walk barefoot, grill dinner, eat fresh berries, run through the sprinkler, soak in the sun, spend time together and see the glass as half full – preferably with your favorite summertime beverage. Cheers.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



We are seeing a consistent pace with 2014 Cass City housing improvements, reports Village Manager Peter Cristiano.

Last year the village issued 18 building permits for residential and commercial work. Thus far in 2015, the village has recorded 7 building permits for residential and commercial construction. These permits range from signs to new dwellings and commercial buildings for the first 6-months of 2015.

Turning to code enforcement matters, to-date there have been 88 properties with grass-blight concerns, 5 properties in violation of the Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance and 25 animal complaints.

Of the properties with grass-blight problems, 10 have been mowed – and billed – by the Cass City Parks Department.

On Saturday, Aug. 1, the Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Fly-In and Car Show at the Tuscola Area Airport in Caro. A number of events will take place throughout the day, including remote control airplanes in flight and various aircraft displays on the ground. Aviation lovers can also expect to find a wide range of food vendors at the annual event.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson is pleased to announce that the Michigan Organ Donor Registry now stands at more than 4 million people willing to be organ, tissue and eye donors, bringing the statewide total of donor registrants to 52 percent of adults.

"This is wonderful news for Michigan because organ, tissue and eye donation saves and improves lives," Johnson said. "Add your name to the donor registry and become a hero. Every name on the list means hope for the 3,500 people in Michigan waiting for a life-saving or life-enhancing transplant."

Anyone can join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, regardless of age or medical history. To do so, go to www.michigan.gov/sos or visit any Secretary of State office.

A gentleman by the name of Ryan Pauly submitted a "letter to the editor" last week, chastising us for printing inaccurate information in a Rabbit Track related to a recent mowing/fireworks incident near the high school.

You won't read it in this week's issue because Mr. Pauly didn't sign the letter or provide us with a contact phone number or email address so we could confirm he was the author.

We would be glad to print his letter, as we do all letters that are signed and not libelous (whether you're praising us or raking us over the coals), if he would contact us.

By the way, Mr. Pauly, the editor's name is Tom, not Jerry.

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Wednesday, July 29

- 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.
- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.

Thursday, July 30

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Friday, July 31

- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.
- Music in the Rotary Park, Cass City, from 6 - 8 p.m. bring your lawn chairs.

Sunday, August 1

- Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, August 3

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. 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.
- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.
- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Meadow Lane, 150 Meadow Lane, Bad Axe, 1-3 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

Tuesday, August 4

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

- Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 donation.

First Monday:

- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
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Second Monday:

- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Second Tuesday:

- Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
- Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Second Wednesday:

- Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City. (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

Second Thursday:

- Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Third Tuesday:

- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

Third Wednesday

- Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

Third Thursday:

- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
- Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Fourth Monday:
- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Fourth Wednesday:

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121

Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
- Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

Last Monday:

- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Every Monday:

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. 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.
- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.

Every Tuesday:

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

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- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.

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Sanilac woman tries to grab deputy's gun, pair arrested

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Sanilac County couple faces multiple felony charges stemming from a domestic violence complaint that escalated when deputies arrived at their home last week.

Sanilac County Undersheriff Brad Roff reported the incident unfolded shortly before noon Tuesday after Sanilac Central Dispatch received a 911 call in which dispatchers could hear screaming in the background. "Dispatchers were able to track the owner of the cell phone to a residence on East Lapeer Street in the village of Peck. Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to that location to check on the residents of the house," Roff said.

"Through the initial investigation, deputies were able to determine that the male subject was accused of aggravated domestic assault, including acts of strangulation against his wife, with an infant child in the residence at the time," Roff said. "The male suspect was arrested and protective services was requested to respond to the scene."

When deputies attempted to take the infant into temporary protective custody, the mother became combative, according to the undersheriff.

"The female became violent and (while taking her into custody), she assaulted the arresting deputy, attempting to disarm him by trying to get the gun out of his holster," he said, adding the woman was able to remove the officer's pepper spray. Assisting deputies used a Taser on the suspect, who was taken into custody, checked by medical personnel and then lodged in the Sanilac County Jail.

The woman, later identified as 30-year-old Melissa Keith, was later arraigned on charges of disarming a police officer; assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer; and child neglect. Her husband, John Keith, 31, was charged with felony counts of strangulation and aggravated

domestic assault.

Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Melissa and \$1,000 personal recognition for John, and preliminary examinations were scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 10 a.m. in Sanilac County District Court. A child custody hearing will also be set in the case.

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau, Michigan State Police and a Tri-County EMS crew assisted deputies at the scene.

"This case is a reminder that this type of violent encounter can happen anywhere at any time," Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki said. "The situation could have had a tragic outcome and goes to show you how important having the right tools to do the job is, such as Tasers."



Melissa Keith



John Keith

Crash victim may have had medical crisis

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies say a pre-existing medical condition may be to blame in a fatal motorcycle accident early last week.

The victim was identified as Richard W. Frantz, 66, of Kinde.

Deputies were dispatched to an area near Kinde and Verona roads in Huron County's Dwight Township Monday afternoon, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly Hanson, who released information on the accident a day later in order to ensure all of Frantz' family

members had been notified first.

"Investigation is revealing that a 2009 Suzuki motorcycle was westbound on Kinde Road when it entered the north ditch and went out of control," Hanson said. "The driver...was found unresponsive. He was pronounced dead at the scene and it is possible that a pre-existing or past medical issue could have been part of this incident."

"Our Accident Investigators have processed the scene and the investigation will continue. The Huron County Medical Examiner's Office will be looking into it further also," the sheriff added.

The Central Huron Ambulance Service and the Kinde Area Fire Department assisted deputies at the scene.

Deputies: house fire in Tuscola Co. no accident

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department deputies say a house fire near Mayville that left one person seriously hurt last week was no accident.

"A drug arrest has been made in connection to the fire and the fire has been determined to be arson,"

Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent reported Friday, the day after the blaze at a residence on Ohmer Road (M-24). The Mayville Fire Department responded along with the Vassar and Caro fire departments, Mayville Ambulance and a MMR unit.

"Tuscola County deputies also responded a short time later," Skrent

said. "Three subjects had been in the home and one was seriously injured with burns and smoke inhalation."

A sheriff's department detective and a state fire marshal were dispatched to the scene, according to the undersheriff, who noted the injured person was transported to Lapeer Hospital.

No names have been released. The incident remains under investigation.

Deputies arrest intruder in Ubyly area garage

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Bad Axe man who evidently took a wrong turn after attending a party in the Ubyly area ended up in a jail cell after a Bingham Township homeowner discovered the intruder in his garage Sunday morning.

Huron County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the residence at 4939 S. Ubyly Rd. shortly after 7 a.m. and arrested the 21-year-old suspect, according to Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

"A homeowner was reporting that an individual was in his closed, but unlocked attached garage," Hanson said. "Apparently he had let his dogs out earlier and they were barking at something. He decided to look into it and eventually heard a noise in his garage. He then looked through a window (and) saw a man in there."

"Our deputies arrived shortly thereafter and found a highly intoxicated 21-year-old Bad Axe man in that garage, wearing a shirt, underwear and socks," he added. "The uncooperative suspect refused to come out

of the garage and fought with deputies Steve Bismack and Sgt. Ryan Neumann. After a brief skirmish, he was handcuffed and brought to our jail."

The suspect, whose name was not released pending formal arraignment, was booked for illegally entering the garage and resisting arrest. He remains lodged in the jail on a \$7,500 bond.

"It was eventually learned that he had been at a party in the Ubyly area but the exact location was unknown," Hanson said. "Because of the circumstances of this incident, as well as other incidents like it that have occurred over the years, I'd like to...remind residents to always lock their doors when they're asleep or gone away and to never leave keys in unattended vehicles."

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Reporter's notebook

These kids are the cream of the crop

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



It has been a few years since I've covered the 4-H and FFA small and large livestock sales at the Tuscola County Fair, but without a full-time summer intern this year, I dove in last week and handled the job myself.

And I'm glad I did. Don't get me wrong – I wasn't exactly thrilled with the idea of spending the better part of a day – roughly six hours — trying to keep track of dozens of young people with their homegrown birds and animals, not to mention buyers' names and prices as each entry was placed on the auction block and sold to the highest bidder, all the while taking photos of as many local kids as possible.

On the other hand, Thursday's sale was blessed with great weather, and the folks in charge of the Tuscola County Fair have done an outstanding job of providing a great venue for the annual livestock sales.

But the most fun, for me, was watching all of these young people proudly display months of hard work in front of an appreciative audience. You only have to glance at the livestock – everything from rabbits to lambs to steers – to conclude these animals have been well cared for. The kids have also obviously spent many hours working with their livestock, which is why it isn't uncommon to see a youngster all of about three or four feet tall leading around a 1,200 pound steer with ease.

It's impressive because these young people didn't get to the auction ring by sitting on their backsides playing video games and texting their friends non-stop. They earned what they achieved, including well-deserved praise and a nice paycheck, through hard work, dedication, drive and perseverance.

I don't know about you, but these are the sort of people I would like to deal with years down the road, whether they pursue careers in medicine, business, agriculture, education or any other field that requires an honest to goodness long-term work ethic.

I'll tell you about another group that feels the same way: many of the folks you do business with year in and year out – local banks, insurance agencies, auto dealerships, agribusiness firms and others, not to mention friends and neighbors, all of whom demonstrate a deep sense of appreciation for these kids by spending a few hundred to several thousand dollars during the livestock auctions.

They don't have to, but they do, which is why you might consider businesses that are actively involved at a county fair the next time you go to open a checking account, buy a new truck or take out a new insurance policy on your property. That goes for auctioneers, too, considering all of the auctioning services are donated.

But I digress. Of course, Tuscola County hasn't cornered the market on outstanding young people who seem to blossom in 4-H and FFA programs. You'll find the same sort of hard-working youths in Huron and Sanilac counties and beyond.

And you might be surprised to find some of these kids working in areas that take them beyond the barnyard to outdoor and indoor laboratories where they're digging deep into the mysteries of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Just ask members of the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Club, who have repeatedly showcased their model rocketry skills in national competitions.

Regardless of whether these young people are blasting off, tending and caring for hogs, or focusing their energy on crop science, as far as I'm concerned, they're all among the cream of the crop in what could certainly mean the difference between a very promising and a very disappointing generation.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2010)

Justin Ruggles sold his Grand Champion Beef at this year's Tuscola County 4-H Livestock Sale on July 29. His 1,325-pound steer was purchased for \$4,000. He also won the honor of Reserve Overall Showman. Ruggles is the son of Tim and Julie Ruggles and is part of the 5 Star Livestock Club in Kingston.

After years in the classroom, Judy Hoelzle will tell you she learned to measure her success as an educator not just by watching her students successfully hone their artistic skills, but also by helping other students realize something about themselves that even they didn't know. "I enjoy students who love art, and students when they don't know they love art, but discover they do," she said. Hoelzle recently walked out of her classroom at Cass City High School for the last time, having made the decision to retire after 23 1/2 years of teaching, including more than 15 years in Cass City.

10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Justin Ruggles 1,300-pound steer took top market beef honors at the Tuscola County Fair last week, earning the title of Grand Champion, Grand Champion Homebred. North Star Bank bought the champion for a cool \$1,900. A member of the Country 4-Hers, Ruggles is the son of Tim and Julie Ruggles of Kingston.

Grand Champion! Alicia Osentoski earned the top honors for her individual market sheep, which weighed in at 142 pounds and was purchased for \$5 a pound by Jennie Osentoski.

Cass City Livestock Club member Jim Merchant, son of Dan and Deanna Merchant, claimed Grand Champion Market Rabbit honors. Thumb National Bank purchased the rabbits for \$175.

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Three area residents have been named to the spring term dean's list at Northwood Institute, Midland. They are junior Mark Hirn and senior Lisa A. Hirn, both the children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hirn of Cass City, and sophomore Darin J. Gyomory, the son of Judy Gyomory of Deford and Jim Gyomory of Middlebury, Ind.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Frank N. Easlick, Kingston, recently departed Long Beach, Calif., on deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean while serving aboard the destroyer tender U.S.S. Prairie, homeported in Long Beach. During the deployment, he will participate in various military exercises and will visit several foreign ports. Easlick, a 1984 Kingston High School graduate, is the son of Rita M. and Frank N. Easlick Sr. of Kingston. His wife, Barbara, is the daughter of Donald and Jackie Conat of Cass City.

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

There was nothing hard about Chester "Chet" Muntz' job, except making the decision to quit it. "That was the hardest part. Finally deciding to quit," said Muntz who, after 23 years of delivering mail to the residents along Cass City's postal route 1, made his last delivery.

Grand champion market steer, judged Tuesday at the Tuscola County Fair, was the 1,260-pound Simmental crossbreed of John Gallagher, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gallagher, Cass City. It was the fifth year he entered a steer and his first grand champion. He is a Cass City Future Farmers of America member. The steer's name is "Oscar."

Hills and Dales General Hospital births: July 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Duane Kruse of Decker, a boy, Kristopher Duane. July 23,

to Mr. and Mrs. James Mastie of Cass City, a girl, Janis Eva

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

Somewhere near Lapeer a year old bull is wiping his brow, breathing a sigh of relief and blessing the wonders of modern communication that saved him from being turned into a stack of very expensive steaks. Dick Erla of Erla Packing Company in Cass City purchased the bull at a sale Monday in Marlette. Ordinarily, the bull would have been among those killed early the next morning. Monday night Erla received a call notifying him that there had been a mistake and the bull had been picked up at the wrong farm. The next day, the driver who came to pick the bull up told Erla the animal was valued at \$10,000 its sire sold for \$50,000! Erla returned the animal and was paid for his trouble. "It was the first time anything like that happened to me," he confided.

Best of the Beards - Most of these men are barefaced today, but Saturday they were Cass City's bearded best. All nine were winners in various categories. They are Marvin Innis, fullest; Duane Vollmer, handsomest; Ken Butler, grand champion; Lorn Bitterling, longest; Forrest Tyo, best goatee; Elmer Francis, side burns and mutton chops; Allen McDonald, best mustache; Dwaine Peters, curliest, and Wally Kappen, ugliest.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

Thirty-five were present Sunday when the Demo family reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Demo at the south end of Ale Street. The gathering also celebrated the fourth birthdays of Joan and Jean, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Demo, the fourth birthday of Carolyn Boehler and the birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Liskow, all near that date. A potluck dinner was served on the lawn, four birthday cakes having important places on the long table.

Fred Pinney, as chairman of the Rotary Club programs for July, completed the month on Tuesday afternoon and evening with a club picnic that packed as much fun to the yard or bushel or by whatever method fun is measured as club members have experi-

enced in many a year. The membership was divided into two teams captained by W. L. Mann and Frank Reid. The Mann team was victorious over the Reid group in a tug of war. In a pillow fight with E.L. Schwaderer and M. B. Auten astride a telephone pole suspended across a corner of the swimming pool, the participants were so evenly matched that the contest was decided a draw. In the next event, Keith McConkey downed Earl Douglas, and in the third contest Curtis Hunt won over E. B. Schwaderer.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

Nearly a thousand dollars—to be exact, \$975.00 is offered in purses for the harness races at the Cass City Fair August 17-20. Wm. E. Snelling, better known as "Ted" Snelling by the racing fraternity, knows that it takes money and a liberal policy to secure the best ends in the speed department, and as superintendent, he has resolved to achieve results that will satisfy the lovers of good races.

After a separation of three years, the firm of Ball & Bailey has been reorganized, John Ball having purchased a half interest in the barber shop from Lester Bailey. This firm had been in the barber business for several years until three years ago when Mr. Ball's health failed and he sold his interests to his partner. Since that time the shop has been moved from the rooms under the Cass City Bank to the Sheridan Block on the north side on Main St., and has been improved in various ways. Last November, Mr. Ball began working as an employee in the shop and now is part owner.

The recently enacted state law providing for a bounty of five cents on rats will become effective on August 24 and after that date township and city clerks will be expected to pay at that rate for all kinds of rats. It will be necessary for the whole rat to be brought to the office of tire clerk who is expected to keep tabs on the number and take charge of the disposal of the dead rodents.

Wm. Monroe, local agent for the G. T. R. R., thinks he has the most expensive piece of horseflesh, pound for pound, in this community. His Shetland pony weighing 30 pounds cost him \$60, just \$2 a pound.

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Inaugural Walk Across the Thumb on tap Aug. 5

by Anna Bagnall
Staff Writer

There are still a few days to register for the first Walk Across the Thumb (WATT), which will take place Saturday through Monday, Aug. 5-7.

Sponsored by the Sanilac County Right to Life chapter, the walk's course will run from Port Sanilac through Tuscola County and on to Frankenmuth, with the goal of raising awareness of pro-life issues.

"We'll be walking down M-46 until

we get to M-53," explained Amy Roggenbuck, president of Right to Life (RTL) Sanilac County. "The main goal is to be a presence, to make (others) aware of the pro-life cause. We believe in the value of human life, and we want every child

to be born."

The WATT is a free event open to everyone ages 13 and up.

"When we designed this event, we wanted to aim at the youth, giving the kids something to participate in that would be kind of fun — you know, walking along the road in a great colorful T-shirt," Roggenbuck said. "But we've actually had quite a few adults want to participate. So if you're 80 years old and want to join us on the day of the route, that's great, too!"

Participants will be assigned to walking groups that will divide up the 65-mile route.

"We'll take three days to do the walk — so a little over 20 miles each day — and the plan is to have groups, or shifts, of walkers. Group A would start the walk and do three miles at a time. Then they switch out with Group B, with Group A taking a rest in the support vehicle, where they can have granola bars and fruit, drink and get hydrated," Roggenbuck explained.

While there are some people signed up to walk the entire distance, Roggenbuck said organizers are happy to have people walk whenever they can, for as long as they can.

"If you're game and in shape and feel you can take the whole walk, that's great!" she said. "If you're only available for one day, we'll take whatever we can get. If you work and can only walk on Wednesday, for example, we'll take it."

Walkers do not need to find sponsors or raise donations to participate. If supporters do want to donate to WATT, any funds received beyond expenses related to the event will be given to Students for Life of Michigan, a pro-life organization for college students.

Anyone interested in participating in the walk can contact Roggenbuck to register — call (989) 798-4814 or email her at

WATT4life2015@gmail.com. Teams can also sign up to walk together.

The idea for WATT came about when Joe Graveline spoke at a Sanilac County RTL team rally last August. Graveline participated in a Walk Across America, where participants spent the summer walking from California to Washington, D.C., to show their support for pro-life legislation.

"After that talk, one of our members, Todd Jones, had the idea of whether we could do that here in the Thumb," Roggenbuck said. "We thought it was a cool idea, so we started planning our Walk Across the Thumb."

Sanilac County RTL is dedicated to passing a Human Life Amendment and encouraging community support for legislation that fosters respect and protection for human life, Roggenbuck said, adding sponsoring WATT is a new way for Sanilac County RTL to educate and bring awareness to all life issues and to abortion in particular.

"So many people are like me when I was in high school," Roggenbuck said. "I never really thought about what abortion was until a friend of mine got pregnant, and abortion was the first thing she was going to do. I wasn't really for it, I wasn't against it. I just didn't know what it was and so didn't really think anything about it. I think a lot of people today are the same way, and they just don't think about it."

Roggenbuck believes that WATT is a way to show the community that every person's life is important.

"It's just a witness as we walk along in our brightly-colored T-shirts, a different and unique way for people to show their pro-life values," she said. "We want to protect all vulnerable human beings, and that includes the unborn through people going through end-of-life."



HUNDREDS OF AREA residents lined up Saturday to visit Roto-Z Dairy Farm near Snover, where the Jake and Saskia Zwemmer family served as hosts of the latest Breakfast on the Farm event. Twins Jordan and Sharlynn Gentry, 8 (above, left), traveled all the way from Zephyrhills, Fla., and were accompanied by their grandparents, Tina and Dale Barnett of Marlette. At right, workers at the 3,500-head dairy tend to the day's milking chores at the 100-stall milking carousel, which is capable of handling 600 cows an hour.

Breakfast on the Farm draws 3,000-plus

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by human hands — it's transported from the milkers directly to holding tanks where it's quickly cooled to 38 degrees.

Aside from the parlor, those in attendance were encouraged to visit a variety of educational booths inviting residents to learn more about the Zwemmer family, milking technology, animal wellbeing, and a host of related agricultural topics.

Jake and Saskia Zwemmer, who operate Roto-Z with help from their children — Frank, Ruud, Carmen and Paul, are third generation dairy

farmers. Originally from the Netherlands, they moved their family and dairy operation to "the land of opportunity" in 1999, in part because the United States offered the room they desired to expand their operation.

Today, the family has four dairy operations in the Elkton, Caseville and Snover areas, totaling some 10,000 cows. They market their milk through the Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) and have received many awards throughout the years for their milk quality and production. Consumer education is very impor-

tant to the family.

"Our farm is our livelihood and our cows are like family," Jake Zwemmer said. "We want to make sure that consumers know how much farmers really do care. We drink the same milk that everyone else does and, in order to produce high quality milk, there needs to be high quality care for the cows."

"We strive to take the best possible care of our cows in order to produce the best quality of nutritious milk," Zwemmer added. "This is done all while taking care of the environment and working with the support of the local community."

Elkton woman sentenced in death

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years and eight months for the crime. The sentencing followed a circuit court trial in late April in which the jury handed down a verdict of guilty to delivery of a controlled substance — causing death.

Vanvalkenburgh, who was given credit for 82 days already served in jail, could remain in prison for up to 15 years. She may also be ordered to make restitution to the victim's family for funeral expenses and other costs the family has sustained. A hearing is to be scheduled to determine a specific amount.

The March 27 death occurred at an apartment complex in Elkton, where Vanvalkenburgh admitted she and her boyfriend, 19-year-old Ryan A. Shemka, had injected each other with methadone multiple times over a period of more than 30 hours, resulting in Shemka's fatal overdose.

According to police reports, deputies were dispatched to the complex to investigate a report of a man who was unconscious and not breathing.

Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said dispatchers worked with occupants of the apartment to initiate CPR. An Elkton Ambulance crew arrived and took over the life-saving efforts, but Shemka was pronounced dead at the scene a short time later.

"It was learned that the victim...who had been temporarily residing at the apartment, had fallen asleep with his girlfriend in a closet used as a bedroom," Hanson said. "This was apparently after the two had spent several hours intravenously injecting each other with methadone and consuming alcohol."

The investigation by deputies and the Elkton Police Department resulted in the request for a search warrant for a Colfax Township residence, where officers seized several methadone pills and a small amount of cash.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on charges

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

*Ronald J. Bedford, 27, Caseville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (deferred) and six months probation following his pleas of guilty to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Oct. 2 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$426 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Janice L. Kagen, 54, Flint, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison following her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 27 in Millington Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*David E. Lyons, 26, Vassar, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$458 plus attorneys fees of \$100 following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, Dec. 2 in Vassar Township.

*Shawn P. Jefferson, 53, Vassar, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500 following his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in employment status between Nov. 8, 2013, and Feb. 23, 2015, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

*Timothy C. Dooley, 54, Kingston, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 15 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Michael W. Curtis, 48, Vassar, was sentenced to 45 days in jail (deferred) and 12 months probation following his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana Oct. 15 in Tuscola Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to probation, he was ordered pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Jerry R. Schultz, 50, Vassar, pleaded no contest to delivery/manufacture of marijuana Oct. 23 in Vassar Township.

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

*Frank L. Smith II, 36, Mayville, pleaded no contest to a charge of domestic violence, third offense, May 6 in Fremont Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded.

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THE CASS CITY U14 all-star team members are: (front row, l-r) Kendall Anthes, Lucas Swiderski, Tyler Czekai, Haydn Horne, Cody McCormick (back row) Logan Severance, Luke Stern, Kenny Stimpfel, Zack Beecher, Evan Neff and Collen Wruble. Missing is Triston Swiderski.



THE CASS CITY U12 all-star team members are: (front row, l-r) Lance Swiderski, Bryce Fernald, Alex Perry (back row) Asst. Coach John Wiseman, Malakii Moore, Ryan Pisarek, Taylor Marshall, Ayden Torres, Ryan DeLong, Kenton Wiseman, Matt Roth, Head Coach Dieter Roth and Asst. Coach Dirk DeLong.



THE CASS CITY U10 all-star team members are: (front row, l-r) Braylon LeValley, Gabe LeValley, Trent Patrick, Carter Patrick, Brady Kolacz, Blake Wooters (middle row) Cohen Sherman, Luke Tschirhart, Tyler Cumper, Carson Anthes, Hunter Wallace, Michael Fernald (back row) Coaches Chris Anthes, Aaron Fernald and Al Patrick. Missing is Riley Swiderski.

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MacAlpine/Mosher	Fox/Herron	not played 33
Alexander/Spencer	Jones/Marshall	33
Burns/Caister	Mastie/Robinson	31
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Hobbs/Bolt	Medalists: (low net J. Burns 29)	

Local youth tournament a home run

Event raises over \$5,000 for Little League sluggers

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The annual "Cass City Fun in the Thumb" youth baseball tournament has continued to grow each year since its beginning and organizers have plans to make next year's event even bigger.

Now in its third year, the 2015 summer classic featured 24 teams competing in 3 divisions over the weekend in the recreational park. Teams from all parts of the Thumb, and beyond, challenged for bragging rights in 10U, 12U and 14U brackets. The tourney action started on Saturday with round-robin play (2 pools in each division) and ended Sunday with the top 2 teams in each pool squaring off in single elimination showdowns.

"Our first year we had only U10 and U12 teams," recalled Cass City Little League President Troy Perry. "Last year, we added the 14U division and had a total of 20 teams."

In 2016, the Cass City Little League fundraiser is considering adding an 8U division, as well as a home run derby.

Perry says the 2-day tourney should make over \$5,000 for the Cass City Little League program, which also

received a \$15,000 grant from the Pinney Foundation earlier this summer.

The money will be used to update the dugouts and concession stands at the Little League complex. Also on league officials' wish list are new scoreboards and lights for both fields located just west of the Helen Steven Memorial Pool.

In this year's tourney, all 3 of the Cass City all-star teams advanced into Sunday's final four meetings, but came up short in their semifinal contests.

In the 10U division, Bad Axe took home the championship trophy. Cass City, meanwhile, recorded a 2-1 mark in pool play, topping Sandusky and Marlette, before falling to Caro. Cass City bowed in the semis to Bad Axe, who defeated Reese for top honors.

In the 12U division, Reese defeated Bad Axe for first place honors. Closer to home, Cass City compiled a 2-1 mark in pool play, but fell to the eventual champions in a semifinal extra inning thriller.

In the 14U division, Caro knocked off Bad Axe to collect the crown, while Cass City went 2-1 in pool play before bowing in their semifinal contest with Caro.

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Local 4-Hers shine at the Tuscola Co. Fair

CLAY DAILY'S (pictured right) Grand Champion Market Pen of sheep sold for \$5.40 a pound to Bay Port State Bank. Daily is the son of Greg Daily and Linette Daily and is a member of the 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club.



WILL'S GREENHOUSE, Vassar, bought Ryan Will's market roaster chicken pen for \$300. Will (pictured below), the son of James and Lisa Will, is a member of the North Stars 4-H Club, Deford. Fair officials were forced to use props for photographs during the auction due to a statewide ban this year on all poultry and waterfowl exhibitions in an effort to prevent highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), or bird flu, from impacting the health of Michigan's poultry flocks.



ORGANIC BEAN and Grain, Caro, purchased Emma Will's (pictured below) market roaster chicken pen for \$300. Will is the daughter of James and Lisa Will and is a member of the North Stars 4-H Club, Deford.



STATE SENATOR Mike Green purchased Kaleb Stark's (pictured above) market turkey for \$325. Stark is the son of Lonnie and Carrie Stark and is a member of the North Stars 4-H Club.

HAILEY GREEN (pictured below), daughter of Peter and Katie Green and a member of the 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club, Kingston, sold her 405-pound Grand Champion Beef Feeder to GC Express (Marlette Oil and Gas) for \$4.10 a pound. Green also won Champion Junior Showman honors at the fair.



LIBBY VENEMA'S rabbits were sold for \$150 to Joe and Jeannie Bissonnette, Mayville, during Thursday's auction. Venema (pictured above), a member of the North Stars 4-H Club, Deford, is the daughter of Martin and Lisa



ALBRECHT LIVESTOCK, Kingston, purchased Eden Stark's (pictured left) market turkey for \$250. Stark is the daughter of Lonnie and Carrie Stark and is a member of the North Stars 4-H Club.



CLAY DAILY (pictured above), who won Grand Champion Market Hog, Grand Champion Barrow, Overall Champion Showman and Champion Senior Showman honors, sold his 265-pound hog to the Brown City Elevator for \$6 per pound. Daily, a member of the 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club, Kingston, is the son of Greg Daily and Linette Daily.

REBECCA KARPOVICH (pictured right), daughter of David and Tonya Karpovich and a member of the Cass City Kids 4-H Club, earned Grand Champion Pen honors with her rabbits. TDM Construction, Cass City, purchased the rabbits for \$370 during Thursday's annual 4-H and FFA Small Livestock Sale at the Tuscola County Fair.



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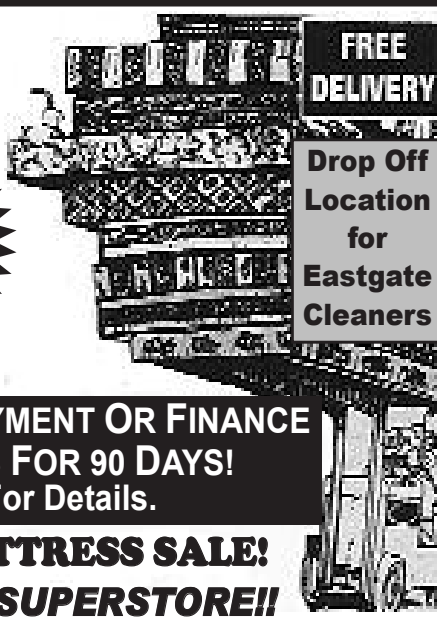
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School board approves administrative contracts

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education tied up loose ends on administrative contracts and began reviewing board goals during a brief monthly meeting Monday night.

The board unanimously approved extending the administrative contracts of Chad Daniels, junior-senior high school principal; Aaron Fernald, elementary school principal; and Don Markel, athletic director and assistant principal (both buildings).

Each administrator works under a two-year contract that is extended by one year annually based on performance reviews school Supt. Jeff Hartel conducts and submits to the board. All three principals were rated as being effective in their positions during the 2014-15 school year.

Turning to goals, Hartel and the board reviewed the goals they set for the past school year, and agreed those goals were largely met. Hartel also asked board members to prepare to set goals for the 2015-16 coming school year during the next regular meeting, Monday, Aug. 24, starting at 7 p.m. in the high school board room.

The past year's goals set by the board were:

*Strive to make improvements in the area of curriculum, and close the gap in student achievement via efforts such as academic coaching, soliciting teacher feedback and purchasing new textbooks.

*Improve professional development by hosting quarterly meetings to promote this area, and participate in individual professional development programs designed specifically for school board members.

*Maintain/improve finances by maintaining a minimum fund balance of seven to 10 percent (the balance currently adds up to an amount equal to 13 percent of Cass City's general fund budget), ensuring the superintendent and district chief financial officer continue to work closely together to monitor all financial information, and by presenting the board with a balanced budget.

*Improve visibility of board members by encouraging them to attend school functions and volunteering at least a portion of one day in one of the school buildings.

*Maintain/improve superintendent's communication with board members and the community by ensuring the board is well informed and by arranging for regular school departmental reports during monthly board of education sessions. The superintendent is also encouraged to be active in the community.

In other business Monday, the board:

*Accepted the resignation of special education teacher Tammy Downing.

*Approved a request for a one-year leave submitted by lead Great Start Readiness Program teacher Mandy Haag.

McDonald's airs major remodel

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"I wish I had more positive things to say about it," Erickson lamented. "Several things are in the works, but nobody has made an offer to get things moving. There are people that want to do it, but they have to make sure the numbers are good enough to proceed."

Cristiano added that a major hurdle in getting a grocery rest with the bank.

"(Our) first problem is with the bank. They have gotten several offers, but the receiver won't let it go."

Former Erla's Foods owner Venu Ganga closed the local business in late September 2014, leaving Cass City without a grocery store and nearly four dozen area residents without jobs. Ganga purchased Erla's in February 2001, marking the end of a 57-year business tradition established by the Erla Family.

While developments on Cass City's grocery store dilemma appear to be proceeding at a snail's pace, the council was quick to approve the planning commission's recommendation for proposed site plan improvements at the local McDonald's restaurant on West Main Street.

Jim Luth, proprietor of the local

hamburger giant, was present at Monday's gathering to explain his vision.

"It will be an entirely new look, more modern. It's a major remodel similar to Caro," said Luth, who has plans to improve both the inside and outside of his restaurant over a six- to eight-week period.

The new site plan calls for a double drive-through to better deal with drive-through traffic. The plan also calls for a new employee parking area in the southeast corner of the property.

"We will be improving the playscape and offering more internet connections," vowed Luth.

In other business during the 35-minute gathering, the council:

*Set a public hearing for Monday, Aug. 31, for the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

The village last adopted the IPMC in July 2005, selecting the 2003 version of the code as the current code. Since then numerous revisions have been made to the IPMC, which provides standards for the welfare and safety of residents on items such as pools and fences.

*Approved a motion to receive quotes for engineering services to assist the village in developing a water system reliability study and capital improvement plan.

Missing Argyle woman found

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just after 4 p.m. to investigate a missing persons report.

"It was reported that (Ricketts), who is in good mental health but visually impaired, had left home on foot and was last seen walking in the area of Arnold and Severance roads around noon," Biniiecki said. The call was made for assistance in locating the woman due to her visual abilities and being away for that length of time.

"A command post was set up and resources were called in to search the area by land and from the air, ending at nightfall without locating her," the sheriff added. "Deputies continued to check the area throughout the night until the search could resume in the morning."

Search teams gathered at the Argyle Township Fire Hall Monday morning. "Investigators were not able to get a picture of the missing woman from friends or family, but resumed the search based on the last known description and witness accounts," Biniiecki said. "After rechecking her home, surrounding fields and wooded areas by foot, ORVs and by air, the area where she was last seen was checked again."

At about 3:25 p.m., a Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Aero Squadron plane crew spotted Ricketts sitting in cornfield off Severance Road, west of the ground search party.

Biniiecki lauded the cooperative search effort that involved assistance from the Argyle, Moore and Lamotte township fire departments, Bingham Township Fire and EMS, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan State Police, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit, U.S. Border Patrol K-9 Unit, Sanilac County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit, Sanilac County Drug Task Force, Sanilac County Central Dispatch and Emergency Management Division, Sanilac County Search and Rescue, Greater Michigan Search and Rescue, the Argyle Township Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, and citizen volunteers.

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Parcel B: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, thence North 0 degrees 15 minutes West 748.00 feet along the East Section line of the point of beginning. Running thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes West 545 feet, thence North 0 degrees 15 minutes West, 400.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes East, 545 feet; thence South 0 degrees 15 minutes East, 400.00 feet along the East section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East.

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Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 39, 40, 41 and 42 of Plat of Shay Lake Subdivision, and being a part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13 Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Tuscola County Records.

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If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: July 8, 2015
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 6, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Village of Gageton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5 and the North Half of Lot 6, Block 7 of the Plat of the Village of Gageton, recorded in Liber 24, Page 2 and also a piece of land commencing at the Northwest corner of said Lot 5, thence East 4 8/10 Rods, thence North 6 Rods, thence West 4 8/10 Rods, thence South 6 Rods to beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Dated: July 8, 2015
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 13, 2015.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Birch Street 1065.0 feet South 0 degrees 11 minutes West from the Intersection of the East line of Birch Street with the North line of Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes East, 150.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes West, 75.0 feet parallel to the East line of Birch Street; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes West 150.00 feet to the East line of Birch Street; thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes East 75.00 feet along the East line of Birch Street to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale

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Dated: July 15, 2015
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Velma Hendrian as survivor of herself and her deceased husband Donald Hendrian, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 3, 2009, and recorded on December 17, 2009 in Liber 1189 on Page 615, and assigned by said Mortgagee to OneWest Bank N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and 10/100 Dollars (\$72,650.10).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 20, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, excepting a parcel of land commencing at a point 55 feet West of the Northeast corner of Lot 3; thence South 52 feet; thence West 11 feet; thence North 52 feet; thence East 11 feet to the place of beginning. Also the South 14 feet of the East 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Lot 2, all in Block 3 of Hugh Seed's Addition to the Village of Cass City, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Dated: July 22, 2015
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Louis Foskett, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to CitiMortgage, Inc. as successor in interest by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 12, 2003, and recorded on March 27, 2003 in Liber 922 on Page 748, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two and 08/100 Dollars (\$117,662.08).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 27, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 16 which is North 1344.97 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 16; said point being South, 1320.00 feet from the interior 1/4 corner of said Section 16; thence continuing North, along said North and South 1/4 line, 185.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 45 seconds West, parallel with the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 16, 440.00 feet; thence South, parallel with said North and South 1/4 line, 185.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 45 seconds East, 440.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Easterly 60.0 feet thereof as Highway M-15 and all easements of record.

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Dated: July 29, 2015
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7-29-4

Order for service by publication/posting and notice of action. Case No. 15-36133-CH

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Courtthouse Building Room 303, 60 W. Sanilac, Sandusky, MI 48471
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To Jeffrey Burpee at 7440 E. Deckerville Road, Deford, MI 48729-9627.

It is ordered: You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to judicially foreclose the property commonly known as 945 N. Van Dyke Rd., Marlette, Michigan 48453. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days after date of last publication. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Dated July 16, 2015
Plaintiff: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dba America's Servicing Company
Plaintiff's Attorney: TROTT LAW, PC - Jienelle R. Alvarado (P71924)
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cheryl Loeffler, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Michigan Mutual, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2010, and recorded on August 3, 2010 in Liber 1203 on Page 17, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Forty and 74/100 Dollars (\$115,440.74).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the

mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 27, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 1, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning North 88 degrees 47 minutes 56 seconds East (true bearing) 1445.00 feet along the North Section line from the Northwest corner of said Section 1; thence continuing along said Section line, North 88 degrees 47 minutes 56 seconds East 262.52 feet; thence South 01 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds East 999.00 feet to the South line of the North fractional half of said Northwest fractional quarter; thence, along said South line, South 88 degrees 52 minutes 09 seconds West 262.53 feet; thence North 01 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds West 998.60 feet to the place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by STEVEN J. WEISS and MELINDA C. WEISS, Husband and Wife, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, ("MERS") as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 25th day of October, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 14th day of November, 2002 in Liber 902 of Tuscola County Records, page 317, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. f/k/a JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for WAMU Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-RP1 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety One & 05/100 (\$82,391.05), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of August, 2015 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 5.375 5.375 5.375 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: The East half of Lots 3 and 4, Block 3, Pinney's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the recorded plat in Liber 1 of plats, Page 60 now being 6B During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid.

The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney

Dated: 7/29/2015 The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. f/k/a JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for WAMU Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-RP1 Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney For The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. f/k/a JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for WAMU Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-RP1 700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 362-2600 WFHM FHA Weiss

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Obituaries

Bess Golding

Bess A. Condon Golding, 95, of Alma, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Woodland Hospice House in Mt. Pleasant.

She was born October 1, 1919 in Sumner the daughter of Guy LaRue and Grace (Ramsey) Sischo.

On February 13, 1937 she married Arthur Condon, who preceded her in death in 1974. She later married Edward Golding on April 3, 1981.

She worked for several years as an office manager and book-keeper for C&D Service. Bess was a member of the East Superior Christian Church.

Bess is survived by her loving husband of 34 years, Ed Golding of Alma, two sons, Larry (Nancee) Condon of Deming, New Mexico, Reginald Condon of El Campo, Texas, a daughter, Paige (Larry) Davison of Grant, 13 grandchildren and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Arthur Condon, a son, Ronald Condon and two brothers, Paul and Vern Sischo.

A funeral service was held Friday, July 24 at Lux-Moody-Wolfel Funeral Home with Dr. Jim Amstutz officiating.

Interment took place in Richland Township Cemetery, Vestaburg. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions in memory of Bess be made to Woodland Hospice House or the East Superior Christian Church.

To view Bess' obituary online or to leave a condolence for the family please visit www.lux-funeralhomes.com.



Dale Parrish

Dale R. Parrish, 85, passed away Monday, July 6, 2015 at St. Mary's of Michigan in Saginaw. A lifelong Cass City area resident, Dale was born July 18, 1929.

He was a faithful employee of the Tuscola County Road Commission for forty years, retiring in 1992. Dale's memory lives on in the hearts of countless family and friends.

A memorial gathering was held Saturday, July 18 at the Novesta Township Cemetery with the Rev. Brad Speirs officiating.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Novesta Church of Christ.

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Sheriff's department commissions new patrol boat

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"If this boat's service to our county accomplishes at least half of what it replaced, some people will stand a second chance at life because it and our other patrol boats have at times literally been the difference between life and death," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said.

It took considerable effort to obtain and refurbish the military surplus Boston Whaler patrol boat, which has been named The Sheriff Joseph J. Murray in honor of the former Huron County sheriff who lost his life in the line of duty more than 80 years ago. But in the end, Hanson noted, the sheriff's department ended up with an updated vessel costing roughly one-quarter of the price tag for a new boat.

The sheriff's department spent several months working to secure a replacement for an existing patrol boat that has been in use since 1988.

"After being in service on the waters of Huron County for over 27 years, our 26-foot Boston Whaler patrol boat, the 'Skipper II', was decommissioned last Friday (July 17)," Hanson explained. "We had been dealing with hull integrity issues on it for the last six years and have been researching alternatives since last year.

"In February of this year, we were fortunate enough to find and acquire a military surplus patrol boat hull through the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO), which works through the Department of Defense," he said. "It was in good condition and cost no money to purchase. It was a foot longer and two

feet wider than the boat we were in need of replacing. However, it was in California and it needed to be hauled to our county from there."

With financial support pledged from the Huron County Board of Commissioners, officials contracted with Country Side Transport, Sebawaing, to transport the boat to Huron County to have the engines and accessories from the old patrol boat installed.

"As the project started to unfold, it was decided to put new engines on because the engines from the old boat were nearly 15 years old," Hanson said. "New 250-horsepower Evinrude 250 E-TEC outboard motors were purchased and eventually installed by Finn and Feather Marine out of Bay Port. Cosmetic hull repairs were completed by the J.W. Hunt Body Shop of Bad Axe, and decal graphics were installed by Goats Graphics of Bad Axe. Different specialty fabrication chores were handled by American Technical Fabricators of Bad Axe.

"Several talented deputies also performed tasks outside of their normal daily duties, such as installing electronics, maintenance-related repairs and general refurbishing," the sheriff continued. "We were very fortunate to be able to do that portion 'in house', because it saved a lot of time

and money.

"The total cost to the taxpayers will be under \$55,000," Hanson said. "To have purchased this boat brand new, equipped with what it has and a trailer would have cost nearly \$200,000. A brand new similar hull alone is estimated at \$90,000."

The Sheriff Joseph J. Murray boasts a length of 27 feet and width of 10 feet, carries 350 gallons of fuel, has a carrying payload of 4,000 pounds, and can reach speeds of up to 50 miles per hour. The vessel joins the Huron County Sheriff's Department's fleet of five patrol boats, including a 31-foot Grady White, a 22-foot Aquasport, a 13-foot Boston Whaler and a 16-foot airboat.

"It will also be one of three that is stationed in the water during the boating season. Some basic specifications of the boat are: It is 27' long, 10' wide, drafts 21" of water, carries 350 gallons of fuel, has a carrying payload of 4,000 lbs. and can travel at speeds of 50 miles per hour.

"This boat has been named after Sheriff Joseph J. Murray, who drowned June 2, 1932, off of what is now known as the Port Crescent State Park Day Use," said Hanson, who noted Murray was the county's 25th sheriff. "He accidentally fell overboard while looking for illegal fishing nets."

Murray's death was detailed in the following Cass City Chronicle story, published June 10, 1932:

"Joseph J. Murray, 43, Huron County's Sheriff, was drowned at five o'clock Thursday afternoon, June 2, when he fell into the water from a

small fish boat propelled by an out-board motor. Sheriff Murray and Deputy Wilson Smith, accompanied by Ray Carty, Superintendent of the Port Crescent Sand Company, had been searching for nets set illegally by two men now held in the Huron County Jail. Late in the afternoon the officers decided to abandon the search and return to Oak Beach, where they had left their car. The boat was piloted to the sand company dock, where Carty was left and was less than 100 yards when the sheriff, who was standing up, lost his

balance and fell overboard. Murray did not rise to the surface, Smith said. Sheriff Murray's body was recovered after a 12 day search near Pt. Crescent. Sheriff Murray, a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus Lodge, was the first democrat to hold the office in 20 years. He had announced his intention of seeking re-election. Surviving are his widow and four children, Marion 8, Grace 6, John Joseph 3 and Joan 6 months; three sisters and one brother, George, now attending school in Wisconsin."



Sheriff Joseph J. Murray

10th annual Kiwanis Club Fly-In Saturday

People who enjoy looking at a wide variety of both airplanes and classic cars at the same location are in store for a treat this weekend during an annual event near Caro.

The Caro Area Kiwanis Club will host its 10th Annual Fly-In and Car Show Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Tuscola Area Airport, located southwest of Caro on M-81.

The most-recently held event was another huge success, with many spectators from all over the Thumb area and the state.

Pilots who fly to the airport near Caro for the event will be eligible to win up to 50 gallons of aviation fuel in a "pilots only" raffle.

Aviation enthusiasts can take airplane rides from local pilots, weather permitting. Other attractions include a remote-controlled plane display and lots of great food. On the ground, there will be children's games, crafts, a silent auction of items donated by local businesses, a classic car show, a dunk tank with Caro Schools representatives, and two candy drops.

Skydivers are scheduled to demonstrate their precision talent at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. In addition, the popular Kiwanis Club Plane Train will be providing rides to young children. Raffle tickets will also be on sale from club members and volunteers during the event, with the winning tickets to be drawn at 2 p.m.

Fly-In and Car Show events will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude by 3 p.m. Admission to the airport is free, and there will be plenty of free parking on the airport grounds.

Although the Kiwanis Club is relatively new to the Caro area, it is a 100-year-old international service organization that has been around since 1915. Its main headquarters are in Indianapolis, Ind. Composed of both men and women with chapters in 70 countries, its purpose is to respond to the needs of children and young adults in their local communities.

The annual fly-in in Tuscola County is considered the signature event for the Caro Area Kiwanis Club. Proceeds from the day will benefit Tuscola County and Thumb area children and young people in need of college scholarships, as well as other projects.

More information about the Fly-In and the Caro Area Kiwanis Club is available by calling (989) 325-1397.

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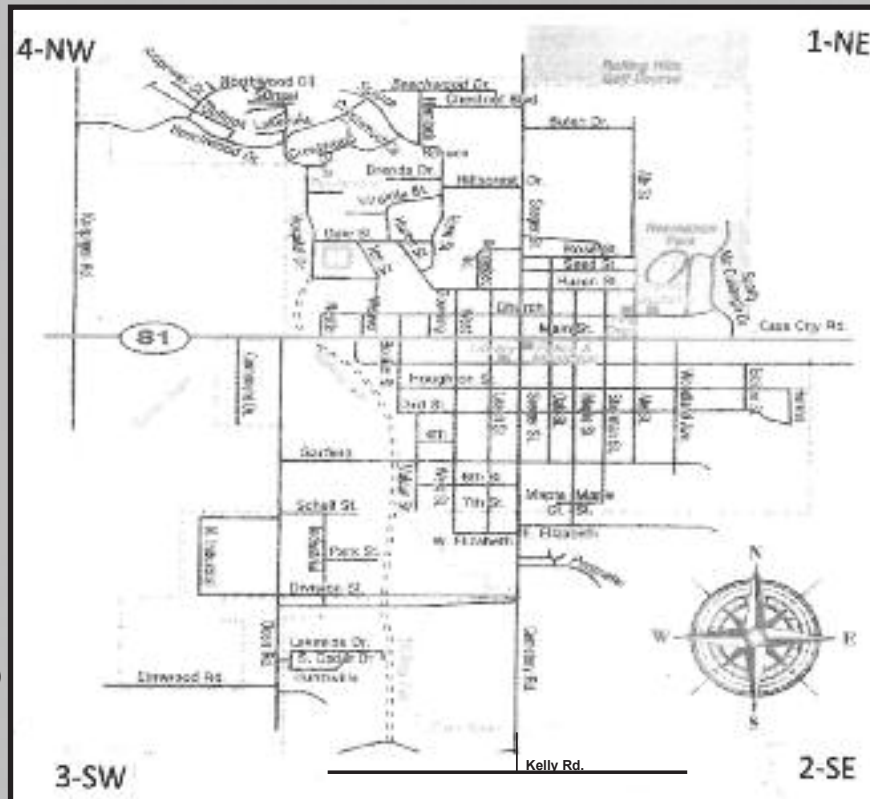
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