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Group ready to dedicate marker honoring village

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Efforts by the Friends of St. Agatha Historical Committee to erect a Michigan Historical Marker honoring the village of Gagetown, including the former St. Agatha Catholic Church, have proven successful.

Now, the committee is inviting area resident to celebrate the designation during a special dedication ceremony slated for Friday, Sept. 11, starting at 4:30 p.m.

The ceremony will be held at the location of the marker, which is adjacent to the church building at 4618 South St. in Gagetown.

Dozens of faithful parishioners — present and past — gathered in Gagetown last summer to mark the 135th anniversary of Tuscola County's oldest church. But it was a bittersweet celebration, coming just as St. Agatha's was being closed in conjunction with a restructuring of parishes in the Diocese of Saginaw.

The festivities included mass and the laying of a wreath at the gravesite of Father Clement Krebs, the first resident priest of Gagetown as well as Tuscola County.

According to Wayne Dillon, spokesman for the St. Agatha Historical Committee, the committee sought to have the church designated as an historical site by the Michigan Historical Commission. However, he said, Bishop Joseph Cistone of the Saginaw Diocese twice refused to sign off on the campaign.

The committee then turned to Gagetown Village officials, who offered their support and endorsement of a plan to have the village honored with an historical site tribute that would include St. Agatha's.

Dillon said the committee embarked on a fundraising campaign, with dozens of people donating roughly \$15,000. The money was used to produce an updated history of the church and to purchase signs honoring both the village and St. Agatha's.

The village sign recognizes brothers Joseph and James Gage, who immigrated to the area from Canada in 1860. Joseph filed a homestead claim in Elmwood Township, and in 1869 he built a store and mill on his land. Two years later, he platted the village of Gagetown, where five roads met.

In 1879, Father Krebs established St. Agatha's Parish, the first Catholic

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THE ST. AGATHA Historical Committee will host a dedication ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, for the recently installed Michigan Historical Marker (above left) honoring the village of Gagetown, including the former St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown.



THERE WERE plenty of smiles and parents with cameras Tuesday morning at Cass City Elementary School as school officials and students alike kicked off the 2015-16 school year. Above, six-year-old Lillyann McBride and her mother, Amy Martin of Cass City (left) get acquainted with first grade teacher Jenifer Green

Tuscola County Extension millage vote date, funding still up in the air

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County commissioners will resume discussion later this month on how long to fund the county's MSU Extension office after recently learning that a planned election in March to secure voter approval for a special Extension millage won't be possible.

The board is also expected to consider selecting a new date for the election sometime next year.

Faced with a projected general fund budget deficit of several hundred thousands of dollars over the next few years, commissioners had hoped to save money by asking voters to pay for Extension programs, including 4-H, via a special tax request of .1 of a mill during the presidential election ballot slated for Tuesday, March 8.

If approved, the millage would have generated an estimated \$170,000 annually and cost the owner of a

\$100,000 home about \$5 more a year in taxes. The money would have been used to pay for not only 4-H programs, but also professional agriculture services and nutrition programs provided through Extension office.

Commissioners also approved a motion to continue financially supporting local extension programs until the election and — presuming

voters support the millage — until tax revenue from the millage was collected. But if the millage failed, the county would no longer fund the office.

However, Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting recently informed the board that she and other clerks attending a state conference were surprised to learn that only school

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Michigan confirms state's first human case of WNV

Michigan health officials have identified the state's first confirmed human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) for 2015 in Macomb, Monroe, and Ottawa counties, and are reminding people to protect themselves against mosquito bites.

"We have clear evidence that West

Nile virus is present in the state again this summer," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. "Even late in the season, remembering to take a few minutes to protect ourselves and our loved ones from mosquito bites when outside can make a big difference."

Statewide, 57 birds have tested positive for WNV so far this season, and 11 WNV positive mosquito pools have been detected in Bay, Kent, Oakland, Saginaw and Wayne counties. Infected birds and mosquitoes can provide an early warning of WNV activity in a community.

For the most current information on mosquito-borne virus activity in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.

Michigan residents are encouraged to take the following steps to avoid WNV:

*Maintain window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.

*Empty water from mosquito breeding sites around the home, such as buckets, unused kiddie pools, old tires or similar sites where mosquitoes lay eggs.

*Use nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas.

*Apply insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET, or other EPA approved product to exposed skin or clothing, and always following the manufacturer's directions for use.

*Wear light colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites.

*Take extra care during peak mos-

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THE THUMB HASN'T been a stranger to strong thunderstorms this summer. The storms often pack the potential for destruction, but they also offer photographers the opportunity to capture some striking images, including this scene shot by Cass City's Cheryl Viney Osentoski last week. "This lightning picture was taken on Maharg Road north of Cass City, almost to the Huron County line. I was looking west towards Gagetown," Osentoski said.

Who am I?



*Pleasant Home, Pleasant Home, it was the place to heal,
And for the cost of \$5,800.00, I bought it... such a deal.
Work, family, church, and kids kept me busy through the day
Yet my baking and my apple pie was the world's best they'd say!*

Learn more about who I am at the 3rd Annual Elkland Township Cemetery Walk that will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets sold out.

Early detection is key to cancer prevention

Michigan residents can help protect themselves and their families against cancer by taking preventative measures and getting screened early.

As part of the ongoing efforts to raise awareness and highlight the work being done across the state, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Michigan Cancer Consortium (MCC) have announced the release of a 2014 annual report that provides a statewide view of cancer.

"The good news is that a number of cancers can be prevented through maintaining a healthy lifestyle and preventive measures such as the human papillomavirus or HPV vaccination," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive of the MDHHS. "Maintaining a healthy body weight,

quitting smoking, limiting alcohol intake, along with ensuring your children receive the HPV vaccination, are all ways to decrease you and your family's risk for cancer."

The report shows that cancer screening rates in Michigan are slightly better than the national average for breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer.

It also highlights that work remains as evidenced by Michigan having the 16th highest rate of new cancer cases and the 17th highest rate of cancer deaths in the U.S. In addition, when compared to national rates, slightly more Michigan adults describe themselves as current smokers and as obese.

"There are early-detection tests for breast, cervical, colorectal, and lung

cancer," says Ernesto Drelichman, MD, co-chair of the MCC. "These tests help by detecting cancer in its early stages, when it is most treatable and the outcomes are much better."

Also, knowing your family history and personal risk for cancer are key components to prevention and early detection. Michigan residents should talk with their health care provider about their risk and be screened for cancer.

The MCC is a public-private partnership of more than 100 organizations, and shares in the MDHHS Cancer Prevention and Control Section goal to reduce the burden of cancer in the state.

For more information about the MCC, including resources related to cancer survivorship, visit www.michigancancer.org.

MSU Extension workshops target caregivers

Michigan State University Extension is offering three educational workshops for parents, caregivers, and all who live or work with young children.

All workshops will be held at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office building, 362 Green St. in Caro.

Join MSU Extension's early childhood educator, Gail Innis, for free two-hour workshops/training opportunities. The classes include research-based, hands-on education on important topics for early childhood development and school success. Participants can attend one workshop or all three.

The first of the workshop series, "Positive Discipline", will be held Tuesday, Sept. 22, when participants will be invited to explore simple, research-based ways to achieve positive discipline by setting clear expectations, rules and logical con-

sequences.

The second workshop, Tuesday, Oct. 20, will focus on the topic of "Alternatives to Anger for Parents and Caregivers". Participants will learn ways to recognize anger and stress in children as well as coping skills, using children's literature to teach anger management techniques.

The final workshop explores the concept of "Mindfulness for Children; Ways to Help Kids Manage Stress". This workshop will

teach techniques of mindful attention that can help adults as they help children explore thoughts and feelings to reduce stress and anxiety.

All workshops will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and registration is required by calling Tuscola County MSU Extension at (989) 672-3870 or via email at innis@anr.msu.edu.

These classes may fulfill training requirements for child care providers, foster parents and relative care providers.

Senior movies set Sept. 18

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will be hosting its Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Sept. 18, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

Films scheduled to be shown are:
*The Geology of Michigan - Travel

through years of geologic history and discover the processes and events that created and continue to form the Great Lakes and the regions that border these remarkable freshwater bodies.

From salt deposits formed in shallow tropical seas to continental glaciers to the roots of ancient mountains, this film is a resource for experiencing and understanding one of our planet's most extraordinary geologic landscapes (60 minutes).

*Glacier National Park - Glacier National Park in Montana is arguably America's most stunning landscape, with carved massive glaciers and a melting ice cycle that supports ecosystems of more than 2,000 species of plants and animals.

However, the glaciers are disappearing at a rapid rate. National Geographic treks into the Continental Divide to uncover the hidden secrets of this transforming landscape (50 minutes).

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In Our OPINION..

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Robbing Peter no way to run a state

*Guest editorial
by Jack McHugh
senior legislative analyst
Mackinac Center for Public Policy*

Perhaps no two human activities are more antithetical to each other than politics and the business of insurance. Insurance is all about prudence and taking the long view, while politics is — not.

An example is House Bill 4560, introduced by Rep. Peter Lucido (R-Shelby Township). To provide a one-time infusion of road repair money this would authorize a \$1 billion raid on the reserve fund that the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) draws on to reimburse auto crash victims for very expensive medical costs.

The MCCA is the entity created by Michigan's no-fault auto insurance law to cover those expensive claims, under a provision that requires drivers to carry personal injury protection coverage with no cap on benefits. The medical service reimbursements are financed by an annual assessment tacked on to auto insurance bills, in amounts determined by the association's board.

The current assessment is \$150 per year for each vehicle, which was set last March. The document announcing this reported that in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the MCCA had paid out slightly more than \$1 billion in claims, which is up sharply from \$765 million five years earlier. Also, actuarial projections indicate it has a \$292 million reserve fund deficit for outstanding claims. Many of these claims are for medical costs that will extend decades into the future, because they include providing lifetime care for individuals permanently disabled in tragic car crashes.

House Bill 4560 essentially directs the MCCA to recover from the fund raid by increasing future customer assessments and with magic — increasing returns on the fund's investments. Presumably the association's fund managers already work to maximize those returns within the bounds of prudent investment practices, so this provision is pure eyewash.

The future rate hike potential is real, though.

As Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) Director Patrick McPharlin put it in a statement on the department's website, "[R]educing money in the fund could result in the need for the MCCA to increase its assessment on insurance companies — further driving up the cost of auto insurance in our state."

The bill recalls a previous MCCA fund raid, which occurred in 1998. In contrast to the current reserve fund deficit, at that time the association had accumulated a \$2.5 billion surplus above the amounts projected to cover medical claims then outstanding. Politicians saw an opportunity to pander, and the House passed a bill mandating that the MCCA rebate \$1.2 billion to auto insurance customers. Rather than wait for the Senate to enshrine this bit of political opportunism into statute, the MCCA agreed to send out checks without a legislative fiat.

Various factors had caused MCCA assessments to fall dramatically. Among other things, these include lower than projected medical costs, a strong state economy and a booming U.S. stock market. Having ample reserves also contributed.



After the rebate, customer assessments remained low for a few more years, but in 2002 they were back up to \$71 per vehicle, and by the middle of the decade they were close to the current \$150 level. It is likely that rates would have stayed lower for longer without the 1998 fund raid, and the temporary customer windfall probably ended up being a net loss for insurance buyers over time.

Taking money that is set aside to pay the medical expenses of people severely injured or disabled in car crashes to provide a one-time funding blip won't solve Michigan's road funding problem. But it will cause new problems, and probably subject vehicle owners to higher insurance rates in coming years. This is no way to run a state, a road budget or an insurance plan.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

A letter to me 20 years ago

We all change a little each day. Our experiences mold us. I'm not the same person I was 20 years ago. Hardly — and I'm not just referring to my pants size. It would be interesting (to say the least) if we could go back and talk to the person we were two decades ago. What advice and insight would we give? And, would the person we were then listen to us now — or not?

Dear me from 1995,
You are embroiled in the business and busyness of parenting. Two young children depend on you and you're about to top that off with a couple more in the coming years. I know. It sounds overwhelming, but you can do it. Sleep is over-rated anyway and adult naps were invented for a reason.

You feel as though this stage and their neediness will never end. Believe me, it will. You might think you know it all at this point (that's one thing that hasn't changed about us during the last 20 years) but you don't. Not really. We never do. But I do have a few snippets of knowledge that might benefit you now and in the years to come.

First, I have some good news: they will grow up. You will sleep through the night on a regular basis and as an added bonus you won't have to set a substantial portion of your weekly spending toward diapers.

Next, I have some bad news: they will grow up. It will come more quickly than you ever could have imagined. And as you lie awake in bed at 2:00 a.m. you will recall their middle-of-the-night cries with fondness and longing. There will even be times when you wish for it to happen again, maybe just once, to be able to smell their baby breath and remind you that you are a young mama.

Even though you will delight in their growth, it will be a pain like you've never experienced before. Their dependence — and following independence — defines your being. That is okay. The eventual independence will feel good, after a time. You may even get back to some of the old hobbies that you nearly forgot you used to enjoy — gardening, crafting, your husband.

The toddler years are no match for the teenage ones. Having teenagers is much harder, and more fun, than you ever imagined. Enjoy them. At both stages and everything in between.

Don't worry if one of them has feet that grow so much that he needs another new pair of gym shoes mid-school year. In the big scheme of things it is no big deal.

Help them to prioritize. Being kind. The importance

of family. Good friends. Good choices. Good grades. Worthwhile activities. Sports. In that order.

Teach them to take responsibility for their actions. I fear responsibility is getting lost in our age of entitlement. "I was wrong," and "I'm sorry," are important phrases for them to practice and master.

Talk to them. Keep an open dialogue. Answer their questions and they will answer yours. Often this will be at midnight when you are beyond tired or when you have a work deadline that's overdue. Kids are lots of things, but convenient isn't one of them. Take the time on their time. It's all you've got.

Keep loving their dad, even when he seems a little irritating, and he will continue to love you when you are a lot more than a little irritating.

Keep loving them, even when they are the opposite of easy to love, which kids and teenagers can be on occasion. Don't judge them or expect them to be what you think they should be. Let them define themselves and I promise you'll be satisfied with the finished product.

Finally, don't be too hard on yourself. You're doing the best you can. You've always got tomorrow to be the perfect parent.

Thanks for listening. Sincerely,
Me from 2015.

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)

Once again, Michigan voters have overwhelmingly spoken in favor of starting the school year after the Labor Day holiday, according to a statewide survey of 1,075 likely 2016 voters.

The survey of Michigan voters found that nearly three-fourths support the law requiring all public school districts to start after Labor Day. Support remains strong at 64% even when Labor Day falls late in the calendar year as is the case this year. The poll also found that August was the most favorite month for Michigan family vacations, by a seven point margin over July.

"Michiganders overwhelmingly want to keep all of their summer vacation, especially in the month of August," said Dave Clouse, chairman of the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association (MLTA) and general manager of the Quality Inn Forward Conference Center in West Branch. "A post Labor Day School start means more time to make family memories that last a lifetime."

Support for the post-Labor Day school start crosses all age, race, gender, political, and geographic segments. "Michigan voters continue to embrace starting school after Labor Day," said Steve Yencich, President and CEO of the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association.

"Summer is by far our industry's biggest season and July and August are the most predictably warm months. Voter opinion and plain old common sense tell us starting school after Labor Day is as good for Michigan families as it is for our state's economic future," said Yencich.

In addition to valuable family time, a later school start grows tourism, Michigan's third largest industry. In 2014, tourism generated \$19.5 billion in economic activity, 214,000 jobs and over \$1 billion in state tax revenue. The vast majority of these impacts are generated during the summer, especially in July and August.

With the start of fall sports season and the North American sports industry pulling in more than \$60 billion annually, the leading personal finance website WalletHub conducted an in-depth analysis of 2015's Best & Worst Cities for Sports Fans.

Here's what they found. The best midsize cities for sports fan is Ann Arbor, MI and the best small cities for sports fan is East Lansing. Of course, we all knew that, but did you know:

*The viewership rate for NFL games Green Bay, Wis., is three times higher than in Oakland, Calif.

* The average ticket price for an NBA game in New York is three times more expensive than in New Orleans.

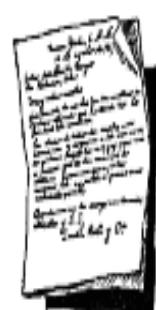
* Morgantown, W.Va., has 38 times more sports bars per capita than Evanston, Ill.

* NHL fans in Pittsburgh are 28 times friendlier and more engaged than those in New York.

* The attendance rate for MLS games in San Jose, Calif., is two times higher than in Orlando, Fla.

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According to a report from ABC affiliate WXYZ in Detroit, Michigan may have as many as 10,000 employees eligible for retirement in 2016. Out of the current 48,000 state employees, 22 percent are eligible to retire following mass hires 25 years ago, according to the report, which noted some state employees are eligible to retire after 25 years with the Michigan Civil Service Commission.

The job opening are in information technology, nursing, dental, accounting, state police, the state Department of Natural Resources, and in corrections. In fact, Michigan reportedly has a need for 1,000 correction officers to work in the state's prisons.

To apply, download a resume or just search job openings, log onto the website, www.michigan.gov/mdcs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication. Please send calendar items to:
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Wednesday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

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

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

- 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.)
- 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.

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.
•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.
- 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.)
- Every Wednesday:**
•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.
- Every Thursday:**
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THE UPS CASS CITY Committee along with the Cass City Public Schools partnered for a school bus safety training session just in time for the start of the 2015-16 school year. Local school bus driver Rita Hanby met with Cass City UPS drivers Thursday to promote awareness of students at bus stops.

Sheriffs: watch for kids, school buses

The days of summer are past and youngsters across the state returned to classes this week, marking the start of the 2015-16 school year.

The sheriff's departments in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties are urging motorists to take extra care around student and school bus traffic, by cutting down distractions and concentrating on the road.

Children are often eager to get on and off the bus because they are excited to get to school and they are also excited to get home and tell their parents about their day. The following safety tips can help to ensure everyone stays safe:

Tips for Students –

- Always arrive at the bus stop early.
- Prior to boarding, wait until the bus has come to a complete stop, the door is opened and the bus driver says that it's OK to board.
- Once on board proceed quickly to your seat and stay sitting until the bus arrives at your school or other drop off location.
- Do not move around on the bus.
- Always walk on the sidewalk when preparing to cross the street near a bus. Make eye contact with the driver so that you are sure he or she sees you.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- If you are walking beside the bus, make sure you are at least 10 feet (10 "giant" steps) away.
- Take extra precaution to make sure that clothing with drawstrings and book bags do not get caught in the

hand rail or door.

•Never stop to pick something up you have dropped while the bus is stopped. Wait until the bus has driven off to avoid not being seen by the driver.

Tips for Motorists –

•Remember that children are unpredictable in their actions. Take extreme caution when traveling in a school zone.

•If you live in an area where there are no sidewalks, drive cautiously. Be more alert to the possibility of children walking in the road.

•Be more aware of children playing near school bus stops.

•Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

•Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.

•Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

•Put down your phone – don't talk or text while driving!

•Slow down and prepare to stop whenever you see yellow school bus lights flashing.

•Never pass a school bus when there are flashing red lights. This is a sign that children are getting off the bus – and it's the law!

Traveling to and from School –

•Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections

that have crossing guards.

•Walk the route with your child beforehand. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other places where there aren't many people around.

•Teach your child never to talk to strangers, accept rides from strangers or accept gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.

•Be sure your child walks to and from school or the bus stop with a sibling, friend or neighbor.

•Teach your kids – whether walking, biking or riding the bus to school – to obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.

•When driving kids, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they are in the schoolyard or building.

•If your child bikes to school make sure he wears a helmet that meets safety standards. Research indicates that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85%.

•If your child rides a scooter to school, make sure she wears sturdy shoes, helmet, kneepads and elbow pads.

•Be sure your child knows his or her home (or parents' cellular) phone number(s) and address. They should also know where you work, your work phone number, the phone number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Lekai R. Spencer, 24, Detroit, pleaded no contest to charges of home invasion, second degree, and unlawfully driving away an automobile May 25 in Ellington Township. The defendant was also convicted of

being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$4,000 and Spencer was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*King Whiplash, 28, Reese, plead-

ed no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 21 in Reese.

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

*Gregory V. Davis, 56, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 11 in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Reporter's notebook



I ain't afraid
of no wasp....

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I had no idea I could do a great impersonation of Michael Jackson until I was cutting the grass behind my house the other day. Turns out I can do the moonwalk. In double time.

Actually, it probably looked more like a combination of the moonwalk and, if you can picture it, a classic Wile E. Coyote cartoon where he's trying to escape the doom of an ACME safe plummeting from the sky – his legs are turning furiously, but he's not getting anywhere.

Here's the rest of the story:

I was minding my own business, ready to cut another strip of grass out in the wilds of Deford, when I noticed a raised, thin strip of soil against the fence, courtesy of some pesky burrowing rodent. So, I tamped the ground down with my foot and was on my way. After five or six steps, I felt a really sharp pain behind my right calf and looked down to see a yellow jacket stabbing his stinger into my flesh.

I swiped him away and continued a few more steps. Then the pain really started searing.

I chalked it up to bad luck and continued on my way. Until I returned to the same area on the next mowing swipe to discover many dozens of yellow jackets swarming up from the ground I had compacted with my foot a couple minutes earlier.

I decided the yellow jackets had to go, so I sought out advice from the folks at MSU Extension, which covers this very topic on their website.

I found some facts I was already aware of and a few I had just learned. For example, "Ground nesting yellow jackets are often discovered, sometimes painfully, while mowing the lawn or weeding the gardens or flower beds."

Thanks a lot.

In addition, unlike the honeybee, which has a barbed stinger, yellow jackets' stingers are smooth, enabling them to inject painful venom in their victims multiple times (true story); they often build underground nests in cool shaded areas (check); and when disturbed, their "attack zone" is about 15 feet from their nest.

Oh, and by the way, once a yellow jacket stings, it releases an "attack pheromone" that excites his buddies and prompts them to join in the attack. "Steer clear if at all possible!" the advisory reads.

Really? I wonder what sort of guy needs to hear that advice?

Probably the same guy who considers the follow Extension advice a challenge rather than a warning:

"...if you are bound and determined to try (to get rid of a yellow jacket nest) yourself, then in addition to nest location, your speed and agility should be honestly evaluated. The slow and clumsy should seriously consider hiring the services of a pest control company."

Also worthy of considering is the warning about attempting to take out a nest located in the upper branches of a tree. "For reasons that should be obvious, a nest full of angry wasps, and a fool on a ladder is a potentially dangerous and life-threatening combination."

I can just imagine all the wives out there reading that and then shaking their heads while heading for the medicine cabinet in search of a bottle of calamine lotion.

Anyway, these wasps are actually valuable to have around when they're not mad at you (they kill and eat spiders, caterpillars and other garden pests).

Unfortunately, guys, the experts say that defending yourself against yellow jackets involves much more than some good bug spray and a solid escape route. It seems protecting yourself also means giving up those brightly colored Hawaiian shirts along with "scented perfumes (are there any other kind?), and 'girly' smelling body soap", all of which attract these little flying demons.

What a pain.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2010)

Austin Schram may not be the most experienced dog handler, but at just 9 years of age he already knows what it takes to run a successful brace beagling competition. In fact, Schram, the son of Jim and Kathy Schram, recently served as the youngest field marshal ever during a brace beagle competition held at the Red Cedar Beagle Club in Perry. Schram, who entered the third grade at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City this year, gladly accepted the challenge. And he was prepared, having started "beagling" with his grandfather, Mike Perry of Saginaw, 2 years ago. According to Perry, there are brace beagling clubs throughout the region, and members, who must register their dogs with the American Kennel Club (AKC), get together to take part in trials, or competitions in which the hounds are tested on their abilities to track live rabbits. Both Perry and Austin belong to the Midland-based Sturgeon Creek Beagle Club. "It's how they can track a rabbit. It's not how fast they go; it's their style...no matter what the conditions are," Perry said. The dogs compete in categories based on their height and sex, Perry explained, adding that during a trial, each dog is assigned a number. The hounds are selected to compete 2 at a time via a drawing, and their performances are rated by 2 judges. The winners are then pitted against each other in a second series of the competition.

After being in the same second grade classroom for 37 years, Nancy Walker has decided to turn off the lights and shut the door. Walker decided to retire from teaching and spend time with her family when the 2009-10 school year came to a close. Although now retired, Walker plans to stay quite busy. All 3 of her children are teachers. One is a history instructor and the other 2 are kindergarten teachers. "I will always have a classroom to help set up," she said. Walker would like to substitute teach, but only wants to do so in Cass City because she knows the teachers and students. "It's a chance to be with (the students) and watch them grow," Walker said. She will also be able to volunteer to assist other teachers, and help out her children if they need it. Walker has 3 grandchildren she will also be able to spend more time with now, and she may help out with field trips if needed.

10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Seven-year-old Maija Szarapski was crowned Cherry Festival Princess in Traverse City recently. Maija is the daughter of former Cass City resident Brent Szarapski and his wife, Lissa, of Traverse City, and the granddaughter of Dick and Norma Szarapski of Cass City.

Success on the volleyball courts has followed 2004 Cass City graduate Amy Howard to Saginaw Valley State University. The Cardinal sophomore volleyball setter was recently named to the Lewis University Flyer Invitational All-Tournament Team in Romeoville, Illinois as SVSU went 2-2.

Cass City graduate Danny Mittlestat recently participated in this year's Michigan Youth Hunter Education Challenge (MYHEC), for the third straight year, in Lansing. The 2-day event held a written knowledge test, an animal identification test, a hunter safety trail, a sporting clay course, a 3-D archery course, a muzzle loading and light rifle course. Mittlestat was one of 2 participants awarded a \$1,000 MYHEC college scholarship. To receive the scholarship Mittlestat had to apply, participate in the state event and submit a written essay on how outdoor events have influenced his life. Mittlestat is studying Fish and Wildlife management at Lake Superior State University.

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

A Deford area couple's angora goats recently scored big at the Michigan State Fair, winning a fistful of ribbons, including Grand Champion Wether (neutered male) and Reserve Champion Wether honors. The couple, Don and Debbie Krug, were among the owners of some 50 goats entered in the Sept. 1 show, held towards the end of the 11-day state fair. Today, the couple manage an average of 80 to 100 goats at their Pinecreek Farm, located in southwestern Novesta Township. Although both have other jobs - Don works for Detroit Edison and Debbie

is an animal technician at the Bad Axe Animal Clinic - Debbie recently decided to spend more time with the goats, which have turned into a full-time business involving the sale of mohair.

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

Wilma Groth of Cass City has retired after 29 years and 11 months as an employee of General Telephone and its predecessor company here. She began working for the Michigan Associated Telephone Co. as an operator in 1947, a position she held for 15 years. The company was purchased by General Telephone in the early 1950s. She became a service and assignment clerk in 1962, about the time dial phones were installed in Cass City. Until then, local as well as long distance calls had to be made through the operator. Mrs. Groth was a janitor at the local office the past seven years, the last six of which were part-time, which were counted as three years by the company in computing her almost 30 years of service.

An estimated 75 persons attended the dedication of the Cass City Exercise Trail at Cass City Recreational Park Sunday. The group heard Rotary President Fritz Olson tell how the trail started and was finished. He said that Tom Proctor reported how other clubs had worked out a trail and the club voted to construct one. Early planning was under the direction of Bill Malone before he left the community. About two years of work, spearheaded by Ken Jensen, went into the completion of the trail, Olson told the group. Village President Lambert Althaver then introduced two members of the council that were present for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Participating in the inaugural Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perry.

Telephone operators in 1948 or 1949 in Cass City were Ersel Prutchick, Eula Dewey (now Gruber), Leola Terbush, Sadie Fordyce, Wilma Terbush, Wilma Groth, Ella Mae Clara, chief operator.

40 YEARS AGO (1975)

An open house marking the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Shagena, Clarkston, and former Cass City area residents, will be held Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Clarkston Eagles Club. The celebration will be given by their children. Milo Shagena was born in Cass City, while his wife, the former Ruth McKee, was born in Pontiac. The couple is retired, they have four children, Robert of Clarkston, Leo of Imlay City, Mrs. Marie DuRussell of Caro and Mrs. Elaine Fox of Madison Heights. The couple also have 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Polheber of Deford celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mozden, where 69 members of their family gathered for a potluck dinner. The couple were married Aug. 22, 1910, in Chicago, and moved to the Deford area about 55 years ago. They have four daughters, Mrs. Maxine Witkowski of Gladwin, Anna Murawski of Chicago, Helen Mika of Decker and Jennie Mozden of Deford. They also have 22 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren, along with one great-great-grandchild.

Three area students were among 549 students from Ferris State College who were named to the Academic Honors List for the summer quarter. The three include Timothy Cooper of Cass City, Kathy Jean Milligan of Decker and Debrah A. Ziehm of Owendale. To be named to the list, a student must earn at least a 3.25 grade point average and carry a full academic load of at least 14 quarter hours of credit.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

Cass City students were introduced to these new teachers when they returned to school Tuesday for a half-day session. Shirley Bifoss, Margaret Brown, Kay McCallum, Linda Isbister, Nancy Hutchinson, Larry Todd, Mary Kramer, Barbara Tuckey, Eon Bass, Bill Lemcke, Charmaine Dayton, John Bifoss and Eugenia Fajner.

A father and son duo were among the top area winners in sheep shows at the Michigan State Fair which ended this week. Another Cass City man also placed high in showings. The Seven Russells Farm, owned by Keith Russell of Cass City, had

grand champion ram in the Oxford division open judging while Russell's son, George, showed the grand champion ram in the Shropshire class, 4-H judging. Dean Hutchinson, in open competition, showed the grand champion ewe in the Shropshire division. Other Seven Russells Farm placings included: ram lamb, seventh and 10th places; pen of ram lamb, fourth place; yearling ram, second and third place; pair of yearling rams, first place; aged rams, first and second place; ewe lamb, third and sixth places; pair ewe lambs, second place; yearling ewe, third place; pair of yearling ewes, first place; flock, first place, and get of sire, second place. The farm also received Premier Michigan Breeder in the Oxford division. Hutchinson also had the first place aged ram, third place yearling ram, fifth place ram lamb, first and third place yearling ewes, third place flock and third place get of sire. The younger Russell, aside from his grand champion ram, showed the first place ram lamb, third place yearling ram, first place aged ram, third place ewe lamb and third place yearling ewe, all in the Shropshire division.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

In a charming home wedding, Thursday evening, September 5, Miss Lucile Knight became the bride of Mr. Clifton Hill, of Detroit. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Knight, of Cass City, and Mr. Hill is the son of Mrs. Catherine Hill, of Alpena. Rev. Paul J. Allured of Kinde, a friend of the bride's family and a former pastor of the Cass City Presbyterian Church, read the marriage ceremony at eight o'clock, the couple stood before an embankment of gladioli, asters, ferns and baby's breath. They were attended by Miss Elizabeth Knight of Cass City, sister of the bride, and Barnard Jarrard of Detroit.

George and Alfred Burns, members of the Tuscola County 4-H poultry demonstration team, did a fine piece of work at the state fair. This team placed first in the contest. The award for this accomplishment is a trip to the International Livestock Show and 4-H Club in Chicago. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burns.

School District No. 5, Tuscola Township, will not be included in the primary interest fund apportionment going to school districts, checks for which are going out this week from the office of County Clerk Clare Homing. This district forfeits its share of primary money because they have enough on hand to pay the teacher's salary, tuition and transportation for the ensuing two years. Tuscola County's apportionment is made on the basis of 10,392 school children in the county and the amount is \$29,097.60. The rate is \$2.80 per child.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

The Shabbona Roller Flour Mills, operated and owned by Harvey Hyde, were burned to the ground early Thursday morning, Sept. 9. The fire was discovered between three and four o'clock, but it had secured too great a start for the citizens to control it. Besides the building, the stock of wheat and flour is a total loss. The fire, it is thought, started in the engine room. No insurance was carried.

Cass City, Bad Axe, Sandusky and other progressive Thumb towns are commencing an all day and night electric light and power service.

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Pastor's Corner

One day the world will see the lion of all lions

Last month the whole world was in an uproar over the slaying of Cecil the lion. The thirteen year old black-maned cat was a fixture in the Hwange National Park, Hwange, Zimbabwe. Yet, Dr. Walter Palmer, a Minnesota dentist, was apparently unaware of Cecil's status when he took him with a crossbow that fateful day outside the preserve.

No matter one's position on the story, the episode exposes a glaring fault regarding human values. The maxim sometimes heard among animal lovers is: "Animals (dogs, cats, hamsters, monkeys — whatever you like) are people, too!" Strangely, many actually believe this and have afforded animals human status or above. We see this in the tale of Cecil.

It is desperate irony that we have humanized creatures of the field and at the same time dehumanized chil-

dren of the womb. There was outrage over the skinning and "beheading" of Cecil the lion, yet little concern over the news of aborted baby body parts being sold by Planned Parenthood. Certainly Paul's declaration of Romans 1:25 has come to pass: "...they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."

In the Garden, after God said man would be created in His own image, His next words declared man's rule over all other created life (Genesis 1:26). Two verses later, He said it again. In the next chapter, Adam was tasked with giving every animal its name, demonstrating his authority over the living creation. Later, in Genesis 9:2, 3, at the conclusion of the universal flood, God once again established man's rule over the ani-

mals and here made them food for human consumption.

From the entire counsel of scripture we clearly see that animals are not created in the image of God, nor "are they people, too." However, children of the womb "are people, too," and indeed are created in the image of God. As such, "baby lives matter" and should be protected and nurtured — not slaughtered and harvested as saleable commodities. Interestingly, in the same chapter after God says animals will be our food, He then says: "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God He made man" (verse 6).

America and the rest of the world is already under judgment for the crying sin of abortion. But how much worse will it get when we jokingly bargain over the price of a baby's liver? How much further will we

slide into the pit of moral decay, satisfying our greed with the lives of the innocent? It did not stand in the days of Nazi Germany and it will not stand today. Dogs, cats, hamsters, and African lions are not human beings, but children of the womb are.

One day the whole world will see the lion of all lions, i.e., The Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5). Jesus Christ is His name. His return is imminent. He will set the record straight and He will judge every man according to what he has done (Revelation 22:12).



Todd Gould
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ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS Art Gallery in Cass City will host its next Second Friday event starting Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. The event, which will continue through Sept. 30, will feature artist Brandon Muscott (above), who along with his wife and son recently moved to the Thumb after having lived in Midland, Detroit and Jackson. "When we moved here, we were struck with how many people asked us, 'why?'," as if there was something wrong with life out here compared to life somewhere else," Muscott commented. "The work I am showing here at Artistic Endeavors is my response to the question. It reflects our appreciation of the area. There is a unique culture here that...has offered inspiration as I begin to explore what's possible in digital art and photography."

State confirms first human case of WNV

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quito biting hours between dusk and dawn. Use repellent and protective clothing, or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times.

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Most people bitten by a WNV infected mosquito show no symptoms of illness. However, some become sick three to 15 days after

exposure. About one-in-five infected persons will have mild illness with fever. About one in 150 infected people will become severely ill.

Symptoms of WNV include: encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and meningitis (inflammation of the spinal cord and brain linings) include stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, muscle weakness, convulsions and paralysis.

People 50 and older are more susceptible to severe WNV disease symptoms. Physicians are urged to test patients for WNV if they present with fever and signs of meningitis or encephalitis, or sudden painless paralysis in the absence of stroke in the summer months. For more information and surveillance activity about WNV, visit www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.

According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, people can stay healthy by using simple, effective strategies to protect themselves and their families by reading and following all repellent label directions. MDARD also urges residents to consider using biological controls for small lakes and ponds you own, such as *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti).

There is an effective vaccine for horses and MDARD reminds horse owners to work with their local veterinarian to determine appropriate vaccination status. Because dawn and dusk are worst time for mosquitoes, it is also recommended that horses be kept inside at those times, and it's important to remove any stagnant water from the premises.

Extension millage vote date, funding up in air

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election questions – not local government measures – can be placed on the March 8 ballot due to a provision included in state law when the Michigan Legislature moved the regular election date to the second Tuesday in March in presidential election years.

Commissioners could place the Extension millage on the ballot next May, but that would cost the county an estimated \$30,000 to \$35,000. On the other hand, the board could avoid paying for a special election by postponing a vote until next August.

The board's next regular meeting is Thursday, Oct. 17.

Commissioner Thom Bardwell noted county officials are funding the local Extension office and will continue to do so for the next sever-

al months, so the board has time to make a decision without negatively impacting 4-H and other Extension programs and services. "It's my hope that the board will...fund it till the next election," he said.

According to Tuscola County Controller/Administrator Mike Hoagland, the board's decision to cut funding for the local extension office in the near future is the result of multi-year financial planning designed to ward off serious revenue shortfalls.

"There's reason for concern, and if I had to point out a major one, it's the wind (farm tax) revenue," said Hoagland, who explained the county fully depends on the income generated by the relatively new source of income. However, he added, "What (tax revenue) you get in year one, by year 10, it's 30 percent" of that amount.

"We're in our peak right now – our general fund is picking up \$950,000" this year wind farm tax revenue," Hoagland said. "But by the year 2019, we're projecting the gap – if nothing is done – will be somewhere around \$900,000 between general fund revenues and general fund expenditures. Other than wind, our tax base is not growing; it's flat. You see it in the (shrinking) population, the school enrollments."

As a result, Hoagland said commissioners are being forced to look at cutting services that are not mandated – the county's MSU Extension office included – no matter how valuable they may be.

"No question – 4-H is a tremendous program," he said, "but we have to manage the county effectively, and it isn't easy these days."

Towards that end, county officials sought and received voter support to fund veterans services in an election early this year. Officials are also focusing on cutting labor costs through attrition, and looking at ways to consolidate services with neighboring counties.

"We've done a lot of that, but it's called survival now," Hoagland said. "We're trying to be fair, logical, reasonable, and make it all work."

Jackie Garner, who serves as Tuscola County 4-H Council president as well as treasurer of the county fair board, was among the crowd of extension and 4-H program supporters in attendance at the recent county board meeting. She told commissioners that their investment in 4-H adds up to about 33 cents per 4-Her when taking into account the investment involved (\$140,000 annually) and the estimated 8,500 volunteer hours provided to the kids involved the program.

"It (4-H) serves 500 kids and it could serve a lot more," Garner said. "It costs 33 cents a child to keep kids on the straight and narrow. It's a pretty good deal."

And it's a good investment, according to Garner, who pointed out local 4-H programs create and nurtures leadership, self-confidence and community involvement among youth, helps to keep them busy with positive activities, and encourages them to give back locally.

"The county's biggest problem is, everybody's packing up and going somewhere else," she said, adding should the county's extension office close, kids will pursue their interest in 4-H in other counties.

"We lost Big Brothers Big Sisters in Tuscola County," Garner said. You get rid of 4-H, and that's the only mentoring program we've got left."

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Michigan veterans group recognizes Baker College as vet-friendly school

Baker College has earned the gold-level status as a veteran-friendly school through a program created by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA).

The Veteran-Friendly School Program recognizes institutions of

higher learning for their dedication to student veterans and dependents, and awards gold-, silver- and bronze-level statuses to institutions based on their veteran-centric services.

"These rankings make it simple for veterans and their dependents to identify schools throughout Michigan that are committed to supporting them and helping them succeed," said MVAA Director Jeff Barnes. "Through the Veteran-Friendly School Program, veterans will know exactly what services are available to them when they walk onto campus, so they never have to feel alone."

Baker College earned the gold-level status based on the following services it offers:

*On-campus veteran's coordinator

and staffed veterans center.

*Established process for the identification of current student veterans.

*Evaluation and awarding of credit for military training and experience.

*Veteran-specific website/portal – www.baker.edu/admissions/military-friendly/

*Monitoring and evaluation of student veteran academic retention, completion and graduation rates; and

*Monitoring and evaluation of student veteran job placement rates.

"The career success of our country's military members, veterans and family members is important to us," said Christy Brasfield, Baker College military education officer. "To stay current on veteran- and military-related issues, our admissions advisors participate in weekly training sessions and the veteran certifying officials from each Baker College campus throughout Michigan meet quarterly."

"Our staff is prepared to work with each active and veteran military member and family member on a case-by-case basis to determine the best way for that person to earn the quality, higher education degree needed to enter or advance in their career of choice," she added.

Brasfield also said that faculty and other students benefit by association with student veterans in the classroom who "bring maturity, diversity, leadership and life experiences into the classroom."

Baker College is also an institutional partner in the MI Veteran Education Initiative. The program provides one-on-one support for veterans enrolling in Michigan schools with outreach services, support and information. Organizers estimate 30,000 to 50,000 veterans will move to Michigan in the next five years.

MABA urges farm workers to be aware of grain bin risks

With harvest season approaching, Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA) officials are once again reminding farmers and grain handlers across Michigan to take proactive steps to prevent deadly grain accidents.

Suffocation in grain bins, or engulfment, is an all-too-common occurrence that's often caused by entering grain bins that have hardened at the top, or "walking down the grain" without proper safety equipment and trained observers on hand. Flowing grain can engulf a worker in just a few seconds and, tragically, about half of grain engulfment situations result in death.

"Grain engulfment is entirely preventable, and as an industry we need to constantly remind ourselves to be safe around grain," said MABA President Jim Byrum. "Working in a grain bin is never a time to rush. We're reminding everyone to take time for planning, work with someone else in the bin, and always use a safety harness. Taking time to plan ahead, train workers and develop a response plan can and will save lives."

According to Purdue University researchers led by Dr. Bill Field, who tracks grain bin entrapment, at least 38 such incidents were recorded nationwide in 2014. Even in a good year with lower grain moisture content, grain will inevitably harden in bins. Farmers should be proactive in protecting grain quality and be especially cautious when quality begins to decline.

The Purdue study also highlights other hazards associated with confined agricultural spaces, including falls, fire and equipment accidents, emphasizing the need to follow safety procedures when operating around grain bins.

The MABA promotes these best management practices when handling grain:

*Stay out of grain bins if at all possible.

*Never enter a grain bin alone, and always have a trained spotter outside the bin who monitors what is going on inside the structure.

*Never enter a bin without proper training.

*Use an oxygen meter to test air quality and oxygen availability before entering bins.

*Follow proper entry permit requirements, including using a harness and lifeline.

*Before entering, shut down all powered grain moving equipment and follow lockout/tag procedures.

*Secure a lifeline to anyone working in a grain bin.

*Always be prepared and know how to contact rescue-trained personnel.



THE FORMER St. Agatha Catholic Church, which marked its 135th anniversary last summer, has been an integral part of the history surrounding the village of Gagetown. The church is now part of the new Our Lady Consolata Parish, but no longer hosts regularly scheduled masses.

Sign dedication set in Gagetown

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Church in Tuscola County.

In 1882, the Pontiac, Oxford and Northern Railroad reached Gagetown, carrying daily mail and passengers. The village incorporated that same year, electing Father Krebs as its first president. Residents elected to the first town council included John Williams, Joseph Gage, Eliphathel Robertson, John Wilson, George Perkins and Louis Lenhard.

The church sign erected by the Friends of St. Agatha Historical Committee notes the dates for St. Agatha Church (100 years — 1914-2014) and St. Agatha Parish (135 years — 1879-2014), and lists all of those who donated towards its purchase, including many whose families have been associated with the church for decades.

CHURCH HISTORY

According to recently updated history entitled, "Saint Agatha Catholic Church, 1979-2014, Our Cathedral in the Cornfield", revised by Anne Lenhard, Father Krebs' appointment as the first resident priest of Tuscola County June 21, 1879, came just two weeks after his ordination, giving him "charge of 'the Mission of Gagetown, Tuscola County, embracing the townships of Sebewaing, Brookfield, Grant and Sheridan in Huron County, and all the Catholics of Tuscola County,'" the historical account states. "Thus Father Krebs, like Father Roche of Port Austin, was often called the 'Apostle of the Thumb'."

The demand for a resident priest was long in coming, as the late 1860s and early 1870s saw a large influx of many Canadian families of Irish, French, German and Scottish ancestry arriving in the Thumb, many attracted to a growing lumber industry and the low cost of land holdings.

On Jan. 6, 1880, Bishop Casper H. Borgess paid \$200 to Joseph and Helen Gage for several lots in Gagetown, where the county's first Catholic church — a frame building 30 feet by 30 feet with seating for about 300 people — was constructed.

"There were about 40 Catholic families in the immediate neighborhood of Gagetown when he (Father Krebs) began his pastorate here, but the territory of which he had charge comprised many more families," the history book states.

"It took a man of Father Krebs' physical strength and spiritual courage to face the task of ministering to the people of so large and difficult a territory. He also undertook the responsibility of serving as the first village president of Gagetown."

Bishop Borgess dedicated the church in honor of St. Agatha in October 1881, and a parsonage was erected at about the same time. In 1886, under the guidance and support of Father Krebs, the first St. Agatha School was built, marking the beginning of an 82-year existence in Gagetown.

The original church building was expanded in 1893, and seven years later Father Krebs was given permission to take an extended vacation. An appointment to Utica Junction Mission and the chaplaincy of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedra Convent in Detroit rounded out his long career in the priesthood.

The Rev. Father Michael J. Crowley succeeded Father Krebs in July 1900. The mission of Cass City grew under his leadership, with the establishment of Church of St. Pancratius.

Four years later, the Rev. Patrick J. Dwan, builder of the present St. Agatha Church, was appointed to serve the Gagetown church. Born in Tipperary Ireland, he came to this country at the age of 15. He was ordained after studying at Notre Dame University and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

During his 16-year tenure, it fell to him to complete construction of St. Pancratius in Cass City as well as build a new church for the rapidly growing parish of Gagetown. The actual construction began in 1914 and was interrupted several times due to a lack of funds and materials stemming from World War I.

It was estimated the building could cost \$30,000, but the final figure was closer to \$45,000, and the stained glass windows and the south tower remained incomplete. It wasn't until July 1915 that the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Edward D. Kelly, D.D., the auxiliary bishop of Detroit. It would take two more years before the church was ready for occupancy.

Over the years, St. Agatha was served by nearly three dozen leaders — pastors, pastoral administrators and sacramental ministers.



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Cass City, Ubly win team titles at Brown City

The Cass City men's cross country team appears to be the pride of the Thumb.

The Red Hawks traveled to Brown City Thursday and easily turned back the 10-school field at the Green Devil Invitational. The winners tallied just 33 points and easily defeated runner-up Ubly by 39 points. The complete team standings had North Branch with 105 points, Marlette 124, Sandusky 125, Birch Run 152, Capac 153, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 230, Deckerville 235 and Brown City 244.

"I am very excited for the remainder of the season as we have gotten off to an excellent start," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski, noting the team's next race is scheduled for Saturday in Bad Axe.

Cass City's 5 scorers all finished within the top 15 spots out of 99 runners. Bransen Stimpfel was the race medalist and CarLee Stimpfel was the runner up. They recorded times of 16:38 and 17:20, respectively.

"CarLee set a goal of beating the guys that have beat him in previous races and succeeded in his goal. The course was wet and had a lot of turns so times weren't as good as we had hoped," said Zdrojewski.

Red Hawk senior Jose Torres returned to the squad after missing the team's first race and was 7th overall in 18:26, while sophomore Zane Wright was 11th overall in 19:22 and the final scorer for Cass City, senior Michael Rader, finishing in 15th place with a time of 20:02.

The remainder of the team, according to Zdrojewski, finished very strong with Gabe Farver (20:49)

coming in 24th, Tyler Laster (21:06) 26th, Jamison Kruse (21:36) 30th, Race Woloshen (22:50) 47th and Hayden Larkin (24:30) 64th.

For the Bearcats, Alex Grifka and Nathan Gilbert each recorded top 10 individual finishes with times of 18:14 and 19:13, respectively, while Nicholas Swanson was clocked in 19:30, Jonathan Wright in 20:40 and Evan Franzel in 21:18, resulting in a team score of 72.

Runners not included in the team scoring for Ubly were Aaron Hund with a time of 22:01, Dylan Crickon 22:13, Rych Roggenbuck 22:18, Blake Schumacher 22:28 and Isaac Booms 27:30.

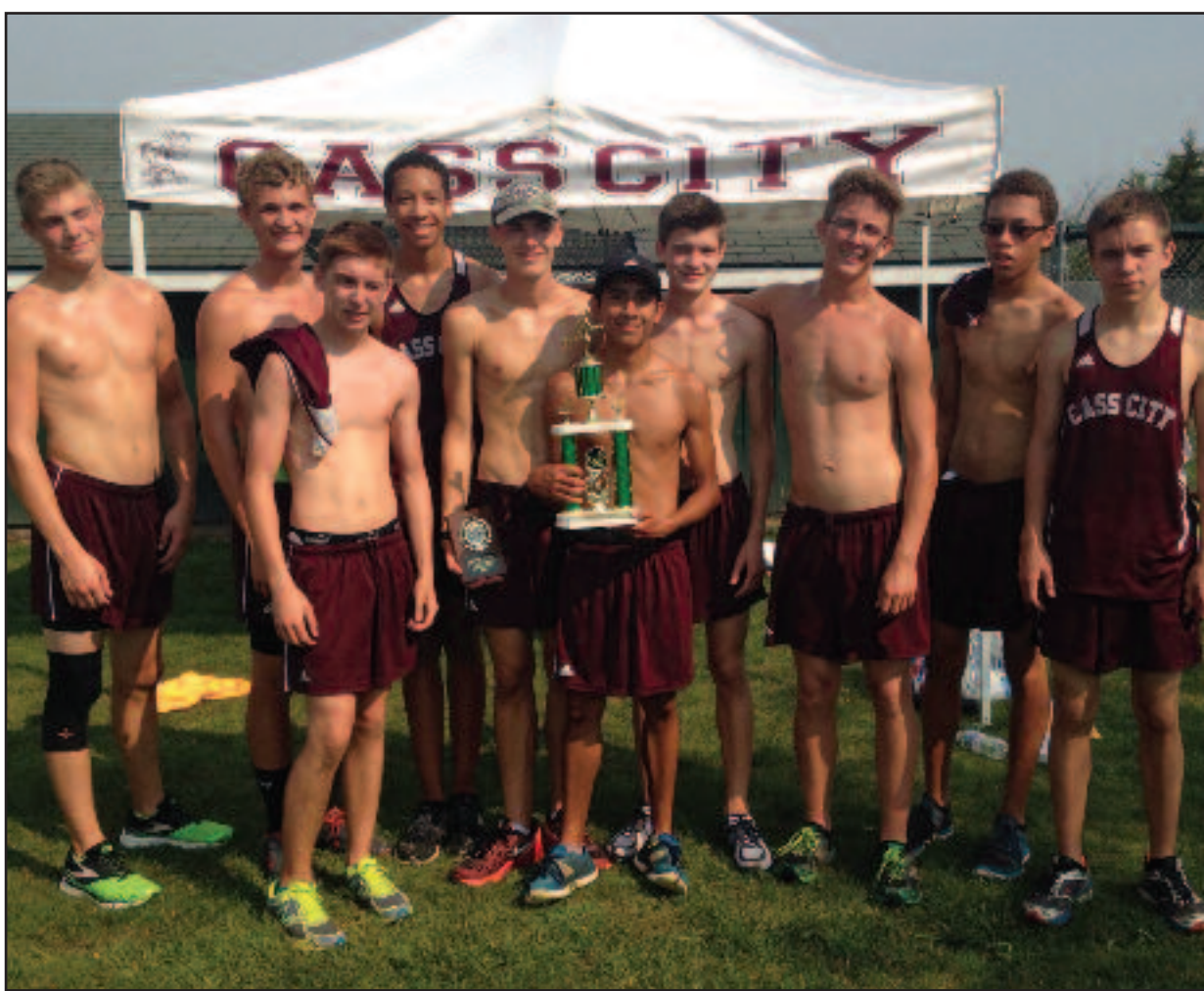
Turning to the women's race, Ubly held off Marlette, 44-70, for team honors, while Sandusky registered 103 points, North Branch 105, Birch Run 110, Bad Axe 111, Brown City 153 and USA 195 to complete the team rankings.

For the champs, Janelle White, Haili Gusa and Madelyn Smalley recorded top 5 finishes with times of 21:57, 22:09 and 22:38, respectively.

The Bearcats also had Shannon Particka with a time of 24:45 and Sabrina Schumacher with a time of 26:19 to round out Ubly point winners.

For Cass City, sophomore Lauren Fernald finished in 13th place out of 83 finishers with a time of 24:06 and freshman DeeDee Haley was the 28th to cross the end line in 25:59.

"We only had 2 runners as Josie Loomis was injured, Layna Mathewson was sick and Ilana Blattner was out of town," Zdrojewski said.



THESE RED Hawk flat bellies captured first place at the cross country invitational in Brown City. The team members are, from the left, Zane Wright, Jamison Kruse, Gabe Farver, Tyler Laster, Bransen Stimpfel, Jose Torres, CarLee Stimpfel, Michael Rader, Race Woloshen and Hayden Larkin.



OWEN-GAGE'S David Binder uses a block from Dan Good to pick up good yardage against Burton Madison. The Bulldogs rushed for nearly 500 yards to improve to 2-0 on the season.

O-G runs over Burton Madison

Owen-Gage rushed for nearly 500 yards Thursday to hand Burton Madison Academy their first defeat, while the Bulldogs improved to 2-0 in the early season.

Dylan Fritz and David Binder led the hosts to the 48-6 whipping, helping to keep Coach Jim Wencel's squad unblemished in Mid-Michigan 8-Man action.

Fritz gained 232 yards rushing on 24 carries and Binder added 190 yards on 17 totes as the Owen-Gage line dominated play on both sides of the ball. The pair accounted for 5

touchdowns, while Jake Warack scored on a 66-yard kickoff return. The winners also had quarterback Jake Wright complete 5-of-6 tosses for 71 yards. Dan Good hauled in 4 receptions for 68 yards.

Wencel praised the work of the Bulldog big men in the victory. "We did not pass much due to the weather conditions. Our offensive line blocked great," he said.

Defensively, the Bulldogs held their guests to one long score on a blown pass coverage after Madison Academy dropped 72 points on Hale

in their week one contest. Binder recorded 15 stops and added one pass interception to lead the way. He had plenty of help, as Fritz was credited with 8 solo tackles, Dan Good 6 and Dustin Woodward 5, including a sack.

Owen-Gage will face host Caseville Friday in a battle of unbeaten Mid-Michigan 8-Man foes.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Greater Thumb West				
Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	0	0	2	0
EPBP	0	0	2	0
Bad Axe	0	0	1	1
Vassar	0	0	1	1
USA	0	0	1	1
Reese	0	0	0	2

Greater Thumb East				
Team	W	L	W	L
Marlette	0	0	2	0
Sandusky	0	0	2	0
Memphis	0	0	1	1
Ubly	0	0	1	1
Brown City	0	0	0	2
Harbor Beach	0	0	0	2

North Central Thumb 8-Man				
Team	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	1	0	2	0
Kingston	1	0	1	1
Peck	0	0	1	1
Dryden	0	0	0	2
North Huron	0	1	1	1
CPS	0	1	0	2

Mid-Michigan 8-Man				
Team	W	L	W	L
Owen-Gage	2	0	2	0
A-Fairgrove	1	0	2	0
Caseville	1	0	1	1
B. Madison	0	1	1	1
NH Merritt	0	1	0	1
Flint MSD	0	0	0	1
Hale	0	1	0	2



CASS CITY'S Kelsey Bouverette makes a play at the net against visiting Bad Axe. The Red Hawks bowed in their Greater Thumb West opener in 5 sets.

Bad Axe rallies for GTW win

Many sports fans feel one player can make all the difference at the high school level. The Cass City volleyball team could easily be believers in that theory after the Lady Red Hawks' opening Greater Thumb West match with Bad Axe.

Coach Bill Potter's spikers started strong and with a lot of energy last Tuesday on their home court and took the first set 25-22. Bad Axe, to

their credit, played a strong defensive game in the second set, but eventually surrendered 27-25 to give the Red Hawks a quick 2-0 advantage.

Still, the Hatchets were able to keep their defensive intensity alive in the third set and registered a 25-18 win, before adversity struck the home

There were plenty of lightning strikes in Memphis Friday and Mother Nature provided only a few.

Cass City, however, used 3 quick first quarter scores to defeat the host Yellowjackets 28-0 in a non-conference affair stopped in the opening moments of the second stanza due to inclement weather conditions.

Mason Erla struck first for the visitors when he found pay dirt on a 16-yard gallop on Cass City's opening drive and following Keith Lounsbury's first of 4 point after kicks the Red Hawks were in front, 7-0, and would never look back.

Branden Horne was next to cross the goal line for the winners, scoring on runs of 10 and 2 yards, helping to extend the Red Hawk margin to 21-0

entering the second quarter. There, Nick Perry found the end zone on a 2-yard dive for the game's final marker.

Before the game was called with just over 11 minutes remaining on the score board, Cass City collected 114 rushing yards on 10 plays.

Defensively, the visitors held their Greater Thumb East opponent to 4 yards rushing and one first down that came on the Yellowjackets' first drive of the night. Erla pitched in an interception to keep Memphis scoreless.

Cass City will now face their third straight Greater Thumb East foe this Friday when winless Harbor Beach comes to town for the Red Hawk's home opener.

USA rallies past Ubyly

Ubyly and USA traded blows for 4 quarters Thursday, before Patriot running back Tanner Foley scored the game winning touchdown and 2-point conversion in the final minute to lift the guests over the Bearcats.

Foley, who rushed for 75 yards, scored his second touchdown on the night with just 28 seconds remaining, giving the visitors an exciting 28-26 Greater Thumb Conference crossover victory.

Trailing 20-14, Ubyly used touchdown runs from Jonathan Brandel and Jeffrey Wright to take a 26-20 advantage with just over 7 minutes remaining in the final quarter.

But with just 28 seconds remaining in regulation, Foley scored on a fourth down play from the 2-yard line and then added the conversion run that sealed the come-from-behind victory.

Ubyly's Derek Brown rushed for 113 yards and one score, while Brandel added 49 yards rushing and a pair of markers. Defensively, Bearcat Daniel Rutkowski recorded a team-best 8 tackles.

For USA, Aaron Saenz rushed for 109 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Vikings improve to 2-0

Jarod Ruiz rushed for a game-best 145 yards and Martin Wade added 116 yards rushing as Akron-Fairgrove defeated Flint School for the Deaf 42-16 Thursday night in a Mid-Michigan 8-man affair.

With the win, the Vikings improve to 2-0 and will now host Hale (0-2) Friday.

Quarterback Austin Carter scored twice for the winners and threw for another touchdown as he accounted for 75 yards of total offense, rushing for 45 yards and adding 30 yards through the air.

Carter also had a big night defensively recording a team-best 9 tackles, while Ryly Coleman and Wade split 12 stops.

Kingston finishes strong

Down 2 scores, Kingston responded with 20 unanswered points Friday to hand visiting North Huron their first loss.

With the 20-12 decision, Kingston improves to 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the Mid-Michigan 8-Man Conference. The Cardinals will entertain winless Dryden next in their week 3 match.

North Huron's Shane Maurer and Cory Sosnoski each scored once, while combining for over 200 yards rushing, but it wouldn't be enough to defeated the visitors.

Defensively, Adam Pechette registered 9 tackles in vain.

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Sandusky at Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Sandusky
Harbor Beach at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Ubyly at EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Brown City at USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Dryden at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
O-G at Caseville	O-G	O-G	O-G	O-G
Hale at Akron-Fairgrove	A-F	A-F	A-F	A-F
Birch Run at Caro	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run

Last Week's results	7-2	6-3	6-3	6-3
Season Results	13-3 (81%)	11-5 (69%)	10-6 (63%)	12-4 (75%)

Red Hawk spikers bow in heart breaker

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team in the next set - losing 4-year starter Macy Dickinson to illness that forced Potter to juggle his lineup.

"We shifted our team around to fill Macy's position. This put Lauren Dickinson, a sophomore, in to fill the shoes of our senior hitter Macy," said Potter, who added Claudia Riddle

filled in for Lauren Dickinson.

With the new line-up, Cass City started to struggle and lost the 4th and 5th sets 25-13 and 15-11 to come up short in their conference battle.

For Cass City, Taylor Rasmussen was the big hitter with a .333 attack percentage, 17 kills and 6 errors on 33 attempts, while Maegan LeValley posted a .269 attack percentage with 24 kills and 10 errors on 52 attempts. Lauren Potter lead the team in serv-

ing with 3 aces and Tara Nicholas paced the defense with 16 digs.

For Bad Axe, Natalie Breault had 29 assists, 5 aces, and 3 blocks, while Emma Cubitt added 11 kills and Kaitlyn Kociba had 14 digs.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger honors Cass City senior Keith Lounsbury as their pick for "Athlete of the Week."

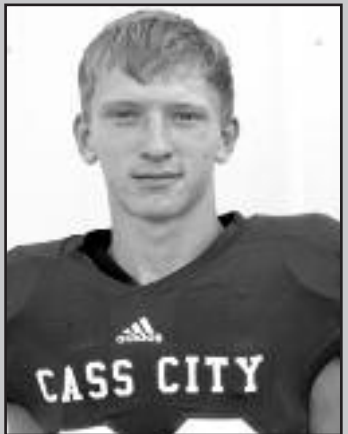
Lounsbury was 4-for-4 Friday in point after kicks to help the Red Hawk football team record a weather-shortened 28-0 decision over host Memphis.

Despite the wet conditions, Lounsbury's first kick split the uprights as holder Mason Erla was able to spot an off-target snap for the team's first conversion point on the night.

From there, Lounsbury's kicks became nearly automatic, each one better than the one before. His last point after kick would have cleared the goal post from 20 yards out. Lounsbury's left

leg will give Coach Scott Cuthrell another option to put points on the board throughout the season.

Keith is the son of Lynn Lounsbury and Amy Abbe.



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Varsity Football

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/28	CC 28, Brown City 14	
9/3	CC 28, Memphis 0	
9/11	Harbor Beach	7:00 p.m.
9/18	EPB Lakers	7:00 p.m.
9/25	Bad Axe	7:00 p.m.
10/2	Vassar (HC)	7:00 p.m.
10/9	Reese	7:00 p.m.
10/16	USA	7:00 p.m.
10/23	Caro	7:00 p.m.

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H.S. VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 1 vs. Bad Axe, 6 p.m.

JV FOOTBALL

Sept. 2 vs. Memphis, 6:30 p.m.

Cross Country

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/27	Birch Run Invite	4:15 p.m.
9/3	Brown City Invite	9:00 a.m.
9/12	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/16	Ubyl Invite	3:00 p.m.
9/19	Holly Invite	7:40 p.m.
9/24	Frankenmuth	TBA
9/26	Laker Invite	10:00 a.m.
10/3	Wagener Park Invite	7:30 a.m.
10/6	Bad Axe Invite	4:30 p.m.
10/10	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.
10/17	Reese Invite	9:30 p.m.
10/20	GTC League @ BC	4:30 p.m.
10/24	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:00 a.m.
10/30-31	Regionals @ Deckerville	TBA

Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/28	Bad Axe (JV)	9:00 a.m.
8/29	Bad Axe (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/1	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
9/10	USA	6:00 p.m.
9/12	Caro (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/15	Reese	6:00 p.m.
9/17	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
9/19	Bay City Western (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/19	Caro (JV)	8:30 a.m.
9/22	EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
9/24	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
9/26	USA Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/29	USA	6:00 p.m.
10/6	Reese	6:00 p.m.
10/13	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
10/15	Caro	6:00 p.m.
10/17	Marlette (V)	9:00 a.m.
10/20	EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
10/24	Laker Invite (V)	8:00 a.m.
11-2/7	Districts	TBA

Tennis

Sept. 21 vs. Sandusky, 4:00 p.m.

Jr. High Volleyball

Sept. 14 vs. Vassar, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity Football

Sept. 11 vs. Harbor Beach, 7 p.m.

Jr. High Football

Sept. 29 vs. Memphis, 6 p.m.

Cross Country

Oct. 10, Cass City Invite, 9 a.m.

J.V. Football

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/27	CC 66, Brown City 20	
9/2	Memphis - Cancelled	
9/10	Harbor Beach	6:30 p.m.
9/17	EPB Lakers	6:30 p.m.
9/24	Bad Axe	6:30 p.m.
10/1	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
10/8	Reese	6:30 p.m.
10/15	USA	6:30 p.m.
10/22	Caro	6:30 p.m.

Junior High Girls' Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/14	Vassar	5:30 p.m.
9/16	Memphis	5:30 p.m.
9/21	Reese	5:30 p.m.
9/23	Harbor Beach	5:30 p.m.
9/28	USA	5:30 p.m.
9/30	Brown City	5:30 p.m.
10/5	Vassar	5:30 p.m.
10/7	Memphis	5:30 p.m.
10/12	Reese	5:30 p.m.
10/14	Harbor Beach	5:30 p.m.
10/19	USA	5:30 p.m.
10/21	Brown City	5:30 p.m.

Tennis

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/26	Saginaw	4:00 p.m.
8/28	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
9/1	Yale	8:00 a.m.
9/9	Caro	4:00 p.m.
9/10	Sandusky	9:00 a.m.
9/12	Hemlock Tourney	TBD
9/15	Cros-Lex	4:00 p.m.
9/17	BC John Glenn	4:00 p.m.
9/21	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
9/24	Saginaw Nouvel	4:00 p.m.
9/30	BC John Glenn	4:00 p.m.
10/8-10	Regionals	TBD

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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 Victor Bennett, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated May 22, 2013, and recorded on May 31, 2013 in Liber 1281 on Page 670, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand One Hundred Nine and 49/100 Dollars (\$71,109.49).

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 September 24, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5 and the South 1/2 of Lot 4 of Block No. 1, of Bishop's Second Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 65, now being Page 13B, Tuscola County Records.

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.

Dated: August 26, 2015
For more information, please call:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-5422
File #454854F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jared K. Smith, a married man and Angela H. Smith, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2012, and recorded on August 29, 2012 in Liber 1258 on Page 1049, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Independent Bank 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 Ninety-Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven and 44/100 Dollars (\$94,427.44).

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 September 24, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land located in the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 22, thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 05 seconds East along the East line of Section 22 a distance of 2376.23 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said East line of said Section, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 05 seconds East 300.00 feet to the East 1/4 corner of Section 22; thence North 88 degrees 53 minutes 22 seconds West along the East and West 1/4 line a distance of 1339.02 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line of Section 22 as occupied; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 02 seconds East along said East 1/8 line a distance of 347.82 feet; thence South 88 degrees 53 minutes 22 seconds East parallel with said East and West 1/4 line a distance of 1087.18 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 05 seconds East parallel with said East line of Section 22, a distance of 47.86 feet; thence South 88 degrees 53 minutes 22 seconds East, 250.00 feet 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.

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: August 26, 2015
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stephan H. Wilding and Rose Wilding aka Rose M. Wilding, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 2005, and recorded on December 21, 2005 in Liber 1065 on Page 1429, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on July 21, 2015 in Liber 1333 on Page 1179, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Nine and 20/100 Dollars (\$88,549.20).

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 September 24, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 12 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 13 North, Range 8 East then East 33 Feet to the point of beginning; then North 144 feet; then East 132 feet; then South 144 feet; then West 132 feet to the point of beginning.

Otherwise described as Lot 14, Block 3, Assessor's Plat of the Village of Akron

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.

Dated: August 26, 2015
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304
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File #405818F04

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Mortgagee's attorney.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Bradley Dunham and Tina M. Dunham, Husband and Wife to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 16, 2003 and recorded October 13, 2003 in Liber 959 Page 696 Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$87,856.81) including interest 6.375% per annum. 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on September 24, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The West One-half of the Northeast One-quarter of the Northwest One-quarter of Section 21, Town 11 North, Range 9 East Commonly known as 1875 Clark Park Road, Fremont Township MI 48744 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under 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: 08/26/2015 CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 15-26036

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Carol F. Franks aka Carol Fern Franks, a single woman of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to FirstMerit Bank, N.A. dated the 24th day of September, 2014, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 1st day of October, 2014, in Liber 1316, Page 175 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to FirstMerit Bank, N.A., thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$74,346.08 (seventy-four thousand three hundred forty-six and 08/100) plus accrued interest at 6.000% (six point zero zero) percent per annum, late charges, and other charges pursuant to the mortgage and/or statute. And no suit proceedings 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 the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 8th day of October, 2015, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro,

Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Arbela, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Arbela, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: Lot 27 of Oak Grove Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 40. Commonly known as: 10253 Baker Dr. Tax Parcel No.: 003-300-000-0270-00

If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 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. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

Dated: September 2, 2015
By: Foreclosing Attorneys
Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084
WWR# 10137184

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason L. Hulburt, a married man and Shari L. Hulburt, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Signature Mortgage LLC its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 13, 2006, and recorded on March 21, 2006 in Liber 1074 on Page 1245, and modified by agreement dated October 10, 2012, and recorded on November 20, 2012 in Liber 1265 on Page 749, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on May 19, 2008 and recorded on May 22, 2008 in Liber 1150 on Page 108, and assigned by mesne assignments to MidFirst Bank 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 One Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight and 12/100 Dollars (\$197,358.12).

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 October 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 30 acres of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 Section 13, Town 14 North, Range 11 East. Affidavit of Affixture recorded in Liber 1079, Page 421 and further evidenced by Affidavit of Scrivener's Error recorded in Liber 1298, Page 835

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.

Dated: September 9, 2015
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304
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31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #136701F07

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy W. Stahl, A Married Man And Jessica A. Stahl, His Wife, As Joint Tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Ross Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 20, 2013, and recorded on May 21, 2013 in Liber 1280 on Page 581, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 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 Ninety-One Thousand Three Hundred Four and 12/100 Dollars (\$91,304.12).

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 October 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of said Section 10; thence Westerly along the South line of said Section 200 feet; thence North parallel with the East line of said Section 600 feet; thence Easterly parallel with said South Section line 200 feet to said East Section line; thence South 600 feet along said East line 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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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used

for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by KEVIN GOSSON a/k/a KEVIN E. GOSSON and BARBARA GOSSON, husband and wife (collectively, "Mortgagor"), to CHEMICAL BANK, a Michigan banking corporation, having an office at 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640-6511 (the "Mortgagee"), dated July 24, 2012, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on August 9, 2012, in Liber 1257, Page 237 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight and 76/100 Dollars (\$128,938.76). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro, Michigan on Thursday the 15th day of October, 2015, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Part of the NE 1/4 of Fractional Section 31, T12N, R9E, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 31; thence along the East line of said Section 31, S 00°12'57" W, 327.88 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said East line of Section 31, S 00°12'57" W, 351.60 feet; thence S 90°00'00" W, 2653.25 feet; thence along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 31, N 00°06'26" W, 351.60 feet; thence in N 90°00'00" E 2655.23 feet to the point of beginning.

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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period. Dated: September 9, 2015

CHEMICAL BANK

Mortgagee
Timothy Hillegonds
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County recycling center gearing up for hazardous waste collection Sept. 12

The Tuscola County Recycling Center in Caro will be hosting a fall hazardous waste and latex paint collection Saturday, Sept. 12, starting at 9 a.m. Residents must make an appointment to participate in this collection.

"Now is the time to clean out the unwanted hazardous wastes you may have in your house, garage or barn," said Tuscola County Recycling Coordinator Mike Miller, who defined hazardous waste as any product that is toxic, flammable, caustic or chemically active.

"Key words to look for are 'danger', 'poison', 'warning' or 'caution'," Miller said. "These are items that should never be poured down drains, onto the ground or put into the waste stream. Some examples include oil-based paints, stains, home repair products, cleaners, contaminated oil, pesticides, herbicides and mercury-containing items."

Miller noted that water-based paint will also be accepted during the upcoming collection, which is free of charge to all Tuscola County residents.

"We encourage you to take part in this environmentally friendly program," he added. "Reducing the amount of hazardous waste you have starts with limiting the amount that you buy. Instead, look for items that are environmentally friendly."

For more information or to make an appointment, call the center at (989) 672-1673. Residents are also encouraged to email the center at recycle@tuscolacounty.org and check out the website, www.tuscolacounty.org/recycling.

Obituaries

Donald Smith

Donald Jack Smith, 78, of Decker, died Monday, August 31, 2015 in his home. Don had been ill and in the hospital for the past 5 months with chronic pneumonia and congestive heart failure. He fought vigilantly and long enough to be able to go home to the house he was born in, where he died peacefully with his loving and devoted wife by his side.

He was born December 2, 1936 on the Smith family farm, the youngest of four sons born to Glenn Harmon and Ruth Wightman (Durfee) Smith. Don lived and worked this farm his entire life.

He married Janice Laura Dunlap November 12, 1955 in Deford. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

Don attended Leslie School through the 8th grade, leaving to work on the family dairy farm. Don and Janice raised their family on the farm in Decker. He worked for Active Industries, then Guerdon Industries for a few years to help support his family. Don loved farming. He was a dedicated farmer and never shied away from work, whether at home or helping neighbors and friends. He loved his John Deere "toys" and loved his large family. Don often attended his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's sporting events. He enjoyed working in his yard and loved his annual fishing trips with his sons. Don had a wonderful sense of humor that always made everyone smile. He will be truly missed by family and friends.

Don is survived by his wife, Janice; children: Randall (Jacquelyn) Smith of Decker, Deborah (Raymond) Buerkle, Jr. of Sandusky, Sally (Jeffrey) Moore of Cass City, Julie (Robert) Schroder of Boise, ID, Donald (Marcy) Smith, Jr., of Chelsea; grandchildren: Monica (Kevin) Rushlo, Randy (Heidi) Smith II, Dan Smith, Liza (Ken) Periso, Jessica Smith, Josh (Megan Walker) Smith, Josette (Josh) Horst, Austin Buerkle, Laura (Jason) Gaeth, Scott (Mandi) Moore, Sam (Kelly) Moore, Ella Schroder, Claire Schroder, Jack Smith, Emma Smith, Aleya Smith; 19 great-grandchildren; brother, Wayne (Joyce) Smith of Lewiston, ID; sisters-in-law: Bonnie Smith of Decker, Yvonne Roe of Sandusky; several nieces and nephews; step nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his great-granddaughter, Alexis Smith; brothers: Lawrence Smith and Dean Smith.

Funeral service were held September 3 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Jackie Roe of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in Elkland

Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr. Smith will be his grandsons: Randy Smith II, Dan Smith, Josh Smith, Austin Buerkle, Scott Moore, Sam Moore and Jack Smith.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Lana Puterbaugh

Lana Jean Puterbaugh, 60, of Snover, died Friday, September 4, 2015 in her home with her family by her side.

She was born July 2, 1955 in Cass City to Ryerson and Dorothy (Pallas) Puterbaugh.

Lana graduated from Cass City High School in 1973. She attended Delta College for a short time, studying photography. Lana worked on the family dairy farm for many years. She was also an Independent Consultant for Tupperware for many years. She was a member of Shabbona Community of Christ Church for most of her life. Lana enjoyed sewing, crocheting, taking pictures and playing cards, especially Euchre and Canasta, and felt if there were four people in the room they should be playing cards. Lana



loved working in her flower and vegetable gardens. She enjoyed the canning and baking that went along with the harvest. Lana volunteered as a 4-H leader when Klyn was a child. She was caregiver to her parents in their final years. Lana knew many people and had many friends, she will be dearly missed.

Lana is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Klyn and John Fowler of Snover; brother, Larry Puterbaugh of Snover; sister, June (Duane) Samons of Snover; sisters-in-law: Nancy Peuterbaugh of Shelby Township, Patricia Peters of Emmett; nieces and nephews: Kurt (Cari) Puterbaugh of Snover, Ashley (Antoin) Akl of Watertown, MA, Renee (Jeremy) Bolsby of Snover, Jason (Lisa) Samons of Snover, Jessica (Brian) Doran of Howell, Andy (Kristen) Cherniawski of Snover, Candice (D.J.) Muska of Gagetown; great nephews: Caden, Westin, Cole, Casen; many half nieces and nephews; great and great great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a nephew, Brian Puterbaugh; parents, Ryerson and Dorothy Puterbaugh; half brothers: Chester (Mildred) Puterbaugh, Bruce Puterbaugh, and Harold Peters.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, September 8 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Pastor Judy Doerr and Pastor Karen Bouverette officiating.

Interment will be in Evergreen Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Lana: John Fowler, Jason Samons, Andy Cherniawski, Kurt Puterbaugh, Timmy Puterbaugh, Duane Samons.

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