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ACA forcing schools to cut hours or go broke

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Public School District is among hundreds of school systems across the country that have been forced to change the way they

do business, thanks to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which is forcing officials to face significant health insurance costs or cut employees’ hours.

And in many cases, those changes are being felt most by rural districts

and employees who can least afford it.

“One of the law’s key mandates is forcing many public schools to cut employee hours or privatize non-core services,” Jonathan Moy, who recently served as a research intern

at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, noted in a viewpoint commentary the center published earlier this month. The Mackinac Center is a research and educational institute headquartered in Midland.

“At issue is the ACA’s requirement that employers with 50 or more full-time workers provide health insurance to any employees who work 30 or more hours per week,” Moy explained. “School districts, particu-

larly small and rural ones, are struggling to meet these new federal demands.”

In fact, Moy said, smaller districts in rural areas, where low population densities and fewer insurance providers limit options for complying with the law’s extensive mandates, are facing some difficult decisions now that the ACA’s health insurance rules are going into effect.

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SANILAC COUNTY native Fred Powell is pictured above next to one of the largest pumpkins he grew this year at his Greenleaf Township residence, where he’s been growing the giant squashes for a dozen years or so. Powell says his largest specimen this year – estimated to weigh nearly 800 pounds earlier this month – has already topped his previous record of 792 pounds.

The Great Pumpkin?

Powell patch drawing some doubletakes in Sanilac County

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Motorists traveling east on Bay City-Forestville Road, just east of M-53, shouldn’t be surprised if the driver in front of them slows down a bit when passing Fred and Terrie Powell’s place on the north side of the road.

Double-takes aren’t uncommon among passersby, but that doesn’t surprise Fred Powell, whose skill in growing giant pumpkins is hard to miss this time of year.

Curious onlookers aren’t the only ones interested in the Powell’s field in Sanilac County’s Greenleaf Township; Fred Powell has been keeping an eye on the largest of five super-sized pumpkins that are still putting on weight as fall settles into the Thumb.

Still a few days away from harvesting the giant squash, he already knows at least one specimen among this year’s crop will top his own personal best of 792 pounds, grown back in 2007.

“These will break our record –

they’re 800-plus (pounds). The smallest is, maybe, 600 pounds,” Powell commented Saturday afternoon at the field where he and his wife, Terrie, also raise a variety of produce sold at their F n T Home Grown Produce roadside stand. The couple grows and sells sweet corn along with a variety of pumpkins.

“I’ve always wanted to grow the big pumpkins,” commented the Thumb native, who got his start a dozen or so years ago after getting

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Weiss wrapping up work on time capsule

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

When representatives of Cass City Parks and Recreation Committee approached local wood craftsman Dan Weiss with a request to build a

time capsule in honor of the village’s sesquicentennial celebration, he didn’t hesitate to volunteer his time and skill.

Weiss has enjoyed a lifelong love for working with wood, nurtured by his late grandfather, Harold Dettloff,

a master craftsman and Thumb native. In recent years, he says that passion has become a lifesaver by giving him a meaningful activity to enjoy and keep him busy in retirement.

“They (village) called me a couple months ago and wanted to know if I was interested in donating my time to build the time capsule,” Weiss recalled over the weekend while working on the time capsule in the workshop next to his Doerr Road home.

The time capsule will hold photos, local business and family histories, and other documents related to the people in and around the Cass City Community, according to Nancy Barrios, chairman of the Cass City Parks and Recreation Committee. She said the capsule will also contain “guest pages” signed by area residents and visitors to the village.

“The time capsule will be presented to the public and sealed at the Cass City Homecoming game on Oct. 2,” Barrios added, noting the box is scheduled to be opened in 50 years, sometime in 2065.

Village officials provided Weiss with the wood – walnut – from a tree harvested not far from his residence.

“They told me the tree came from where the (DFA) milk plant is. I guess the tree was cut down and the village had it saved, which is pretty cool,” he said, adding walnut was a

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CASS CITY WOOD craftsman Dan Weiss is nearly finished with the time capsule he’s building for the Cass City Parks and Recreation Committee in honor of the village’s sesquicentennial celebration.

Thumb officers arrest Elkton pair in break-ins

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Thumb law enforcement agencies say they believe the arrests of two Huron County residents over the weekend put an end to a home burglary spree in Huron and Tuscola counties.

According to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, the arrests were made possible after his department received a tip Saturday morning regarding a pair of Elkton residents leaving the area, allegedly with stolen property they planned to pawn or sell in Bay City or Saginaw.

Deputies issued a “be on the lookout” notice over the Law Enforcement Information Network, notifying police agencies in Tuscola, Bay and Saginaw counties as well as Huron County.

Later in the afternoon, deputies were dispatched to a Caro Road residence in Sebawaing Township, where the homeowner had just returned home to find his house open with an unknown vehicle in his driveway, Hanson

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Armed bicyclist cuffed, then threatens officers

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A reported burglary and suspicious person riding a bicycle in Tuscola County led to the arrest of a suspect in possession of not only a shotgun, but also ammunition and ballistic armor.

The suspect may have added to his troubles by threatening to kill law enforcement officers involved in the case.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent said the incident unfolded early Friday afternoon.

“Sgt. Matlin was dispatched to a residence in the north end of the county for a breaking and entering. The homeowner had come home and found his

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MEMBERS OF THE Friends of the Playground Committee who were on hand for Thursday’s birthday party for Cass City’s Fun in the Thumb Playscape – also a celebration marking recently completed extensive maintenance work at the local play area — included (from left) Christin Hempton, Amy Tamlyn, Tammy Schefka, Tracey Jaworski, Beth Kittle, Roselyn Martin and Danielle Laming. (See story, page 8)

Event set to honor WWII vets

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The passing of time hasn’t lessened the respect Americans should have for the men and women who have served their country in the armed forces, but the years have whittled down the number of servicemen and women who served during World War II and are still around to share their experiences.

In an effort to honor local World War II veterans, Cass City VFW Post 3644, Cass City, has organized an open house slated for Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m.

“We only have four” remaining World War II veterans, VFW Post 3644 Commander Joe Merchant said. “We did one of these a few years ago, but

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ACA forcing schools to cut employees' hours

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"Faced with crippling increased costs," he added, "rural schools are considering ways to avoid the health insurance mandate while maintaining the level of services they provide students. Their options include privatizing services, reducing staff size and hours, or paying a penalty."

Schools can avoid the mandate's costs by shifting more employees to part-time status, a measure Cass City School officials have opted to imple-

ment, according to school Supt. Jeff Hartel.

The local district has also hired part-time para-professionals and bus drivers, although some school officials say it's hard to adjust to having multiple part-time educators throughout the day.

"It (ACA requirements) affects bus drivers, food service (employees), para-pros, daycare workers," Hartel said. He noted roughly 35 Cass City Schools employees have been impacted by the new rules.

"We started cutting hours last year so that this year, we are fully implemented," he said, adding district employees used to working five days a week are now working four days a week.

The alternative is to pay for a portion of those workers' health insurance premiums – nearly \$6,000 a year for an employee with no dependents.

"So what it's done is cost them a day's pay. What it's done is hurt the hourly people," Hartel said. "We had to cut back all these employees' hours so we don't burn the district with the insurance costs. That's truly the bottom line."

School officials say that adhering to the new rules has cost the district additional cash anyway. For example, the Cass City Public Schools has invested \$2,100 to be part of an intermediate school district cooperative established to help schools track employee hours. Another \$4,000 is being spent annually for software that enables local school employees to clock in and clock out via computer each school day, allowing the district to keep close tabs on the number of hours worked.

According to Moy, the magnitude of the costs involved in meeting the new federal guidelines can be seen in districts of all sizes. The Parsippany School District in New Jersey, for example, estimated that providing health insurance for 185 para-professionals would cost \$4.5 million a year. "Likewise, the school district in Vigo County, Ind., would have had to pay \$6 million annually to provide coverage for support staff."

"These rising costs can have rippling effects," Moy said. "In Michigan's rural Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker School District, officials report the health insurance mandated increased their cost to nearly six figures, which forced them to lay off certain staff members. Consequently, classroom sizes rose."

"Due to a combination of low enrollment and remote locations, rural school districts are hit the hardest by the ACA's employer mandate," Moy concluded.

"These districts have limited options for coping, and in many cases, compliance means they must stop providing other benefits for both students and staff. There is no one-size-fits-all solution for school districts trying to cope with the ACA, which like many government programs has caused consequences not foreseen by its authors," he said. "For school districts, this is no exception."

Deputy arrests armed bicyclist

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house broke into, and reported a suspicious person in the area of his house on a bicycle," Skrent said.

"(after) arriving in the area, Sgt. Mattlin saw a person matching the description given by the victim," he added. "Upon contact with the person, a loaded handgun was found on his person. Also in his possession in a backpack were a broken down shotgun, ammo, and ballistic armor."

During his investigation, Mattlin found the suspect was possibly not involved in the breaking and entering, according to the undersheriff, who said the 43 year old male, currently residing in the Akron area, was arrested for outstanding warrants, possession of body armor by a felon, illegal possession of a handgun and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

"Michigan State Police assisted in transporting the suspect to jail while Sgt. Mattlin investigated the breaking and entering," Skrent said. "While being transported to jail, the suspect made threats to kill the deputy and the troopers, and attack the jail once he was released."

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In Our OPINION...

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Kids depend on you for passenger safety

There’s plenty to think about during the back-to-school season, which is why the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is joining the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning in asking residents to always place child safety while riding in motor vehicles at the top of their “to do” lists.

Gov. Rick Snyder proclaimed the week of Sept. 13-19 as Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week in Michigan, but officials say proper use of car seats should be a year-round priority.

“Making sure that you are using a car seat or booster seat correctly can save lives,” says Nick Lyon, director of the MDHHS.

“Unfortunately, an estimated 73 percent of car seats and booster seats are not used correctly,” Lyon added. “But the good news is there are resources in communities all over Michigan to help families make sure that their child is riding as safely as possible.”

Car crashes are a leading cause of injury-related hospitalization and death for kids under the age of 19 in Michigan.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle deaths have gone down by 43 percent for children age 12 and younger over the past 10 years. However, more than 800 additional lives could have been saved if all children up to age four years had been properly restrained during this same time frame.

All across the state, community-based Safe Kids Coalitions are dedicated to making sure kids are safe passengers.

As part of Child Passenger Safety Week and throughout the month of September, coalitions are ramping up their efforts. More than 950 people in Michigan have taken intensive training to become a Certified Child Passenger Technician. Families can find one to help install their child’s car or booster seat, or to locate an inspection site by [visiting: http://www.safercar.gov/cpsApp/cps/index.htm](http://www.safercar.gov/cpsApp/cps/index.htm).

It is recommended that children ride in a rear-facing seat from birth to age two, or until they reach the upper weight or height limit of their seat. When a child outgrows their rear-facing seat, they should be buckled in a forward-facing car seat until at least age five, or when they reach the upper weight or height limit for that seat.

A booster seat should be used until the seat belts fit properly; the recommended height for proper seat belt fit is 57 inches tall.


The belt fits properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs – not the stomach – and the shoulder belt lays across the chest – not the neck.

It is important that all vehicle occupants, including pets, are safely secured in the vehicle, and that the inside of the car is free of any loose objects which may become dangerous projectiles in the event of an accident.

There’s no place for procrastination when it comes to the health and welfare of our kids, so please take a few minutes now and make sure they’re protected when you get behind the wheel.


Parents can learn more about these and other safety tips by logging onto the website, <http://www.safekids.org/car-seat>.

Slices of Life



by Jill Pertler

Who is Hoover?



Years ago, someone at our house (okay, me) gave my husband the nickname, “Hoover,” and like a piece of toilet paper on a tennis shoe in a restaurant bathroom, the name stuck. He remains our Hoover to this day.

The name doesn’t come from a reference to the U.S. president or from the first director of the FBI, although they would be first-rate role models from which to borrow a nickname.

Both of those Hoovers had formidable beginnings. Herbert Hoover nearly died at age 2, lost his father at age 6 and was an orphan by age 9. He never graduated from high school, but studied at night school and later attended Stanford University. By the time he was 40, he was a self-made millionaire and great humanitarian. He later became the 31st President of the United States, among other things.

J. Edgar Hoover stuttered as a child and was rejected when he tried out for the football team because he was too small. He graduated as valedictorian of his class, but lacked the money needed for college and was unable to attend. Instead, he worked and took night classes to pursue a law degree. By the ripe young age of 29, he was the director of the FBI, a position he held for 48 years under eight presidents.

Despite their last names, and penchant for achievements, Herbie and Eddie were not related. Nor is either of these men linked in any way to the source of my husband’s nickname, which stems from the Hoovers of suction fame.

When we refer to Hoover® at our house, we aren’t talking about a man; we are talking about a machine. A super cyclonic, mega suction, amped with amps, deep down cleaning appliance.

My husband is a vacuum. Well, he’s like a vacuum. I guess. It’s more simile than metaphor.

He doesn’t actually have a suction tube attachment; he simply gets rid of stuff. It’s beyond straightening or de-cluttering. He throws non-garbage away. (At least I deem it to be non-garbage.) I guess it’s because he gets more joy out of having things debris-free than he does of having things in general. I get his point. To a point.

Except we have differing definitions of debris. I will walk across the house, through three rooms and down an entire staircase to save one errant Lego. I repurpose aluminum cans and Popsicle sticks. I don’t knowingly throw away rubber bands or twist ties. I

Letters to the Editor

No easy or simple answers in suicide

Editor,

Some thoughts on an uncomfortable topic: suicide. Suicide is not a choice; it’s what happens when someone feels they have no choice.

Death by suicide will get more compassion if done by an older or terminally ill person. Young people are supposed to have so much to look forward to, unless in their mind they see a future of darkness and loneliness. Mental anguish is as painful and hopeless as any physical disease.

Suicide is not the greatest sin one can commit. You will not find that statement in the Bible. That declaration was made by uninformed church officials in an attempt to control the faithful. Please turn to page 4.

Why not value and respect all creation?

Editor,

In response to Pastor Todd Gould’s article titled, “One day the world will see the lion of all lions” (Sept. 9 issue of the Chronicle):

I find it unfortunate, the need to devalue animals’ lives to raise the importance of human lives.

As a preacher of God’s Word, I would think it better to raise the importance of caring for and valuing all life, to value and respect all that God created and meant for us to be caretakers of, which includes humans, animals and the earth.

Cecil wasn’t killed for food; his life was taken because Walter Palmer saw no value in his life.

Humans’ brutal inhumanity and indifference towards not only our fellow humans, but to all creatures and the planet itself, will never be remedied by asking people to care less.

Ruby Doerr
Cass City

have a plastic bag I use to house plastic bags. I call my actions frugal (smart, even); my husband calls them clutter.


So he hooves and I occasionally check the contents of our garbage to see if there’s anything worth saving. (Yes, I just confessed to rummaging through the garbage.)

My husband keeps me from being a total hoarder; I keep him from being a total Hoover. After twenty-something years of marriage, I’ve learned that debris-free is often a good place to be. He’s learned it’s okay to reuse aluminum foil in a pinch and together we manage to keep what we need and get rid of what we don’t.

And after all this time, we’ve never hoovered each other, which fits perfectly with the vacuum company’s slogan: “I love my Hoover.”

Which I do. His hooving inclinations have grown on me over the years; and I wholeheartedly admit that not having him around well, that would suck.

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)

Officials with the Pet FriendZ organization in Tuscola County say their recent “Cutting a Rug for Rescue” dance and silent auction fundraiser in Caro generated more than \$2,700, enough cash to help with 52 to 91 pets in the group’s spay/neuter assistance program.

Pet FriendZ spokeswoman Patricia Trisch lauded a host of individuals and businesses that helped out, saying the organization is very grateful for all of the community support.

One for the ages.

It comes as little surprise here that local resident Bill Kritzman shot a tidy round of one-under par last week at Cass City’s Rolling Hills Golf Course. The former Cass City clothing store owner recorded birdies on back-to-back holes – number 5 and number 6 – en route to a score of 34.

Witnessing the fete were Jack Burns, Don Warner and Daryl Iwankovitsch. Oh, by the way, Kritzman is 83 years young.

Speaking of golfers, I played a round over the weekend with former Cass City teacher Michelle Ancomb. Now 61 years of age, the Frankenmuth resident looks pretty much the same as she did in the early 70s while roaming the halls of the district’s middle school building. And just like Kritzman, she too can kick my butt on the links.

It seems it’s always something with the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers. At Friday’s Greater Thumb West football contest over a dozen Cass City students ended up with paint on their clothes after leaning on the freshly painted fence surrounding the field on the visitor’s sideline.

Most likely, I believe, it was a bad prank from a green and white fan. At best, school officials should have had signs up warning spectators of the hazard.

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

Thursday, September 24

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
- Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

Friday, September 25

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

Monday, September 28

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.
- 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.
- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, September 29

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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

First Monday:
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•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
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

Third Wednesday
•CANCELLED FOR SEPTEMBER - 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.

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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.

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

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

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Luke A. LeBlond, 21, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to charges of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a Taser and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer April 24 in Vassar Township.

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

*Zachary L. Link, 24, Bay City, received a six-month delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer between Feb. 25 and Feb. 27 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

Link was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$466 plus restitution of \$60.

*Patricia A. O'Dell, 45, Caro, pleaded guilty to stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder Dec. 30 in Caro.

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

*Gregory R. Coats, 52, Millington, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address and/or a change in employment March 7 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Brent S. Emmons, 43, Vassar, pleaded no contest to two counts of attempted criminal sexual conduct, second degree, and one count of capturing/distributing an image of an unclothed person between May 1, 2014, and March 16, 2015, in Vassar Township.

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

*Dennis L. Powell, 22, Mayville, pleaded no contest to a charge of operating/maintaining a laboratory involving methamphetamine April 20 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Powell pumpkin patch impressive this year

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acquainted with an experienced pumpkin grower who was offering some genetically-promising seeds for sale.

"I think I made every mistake there is the first year," Powell said of his first attempt at growing giant pumpkins. "I'm still learning. It takes a lot of effort and time. It takes an extra 20 hours a week" in the garden.

Powell, whose "day job" takes him to Bad Axe, where he's worked at Thumb Tool and Engineering for the past 30 years, joined the Michigan Giant Pumpkin Growers Association. The organization sent him a sample of coveted Atlantic Giant pumpkin seeds – which typically go for \$20 to \$40 each — in exchange for his \$20 membership fee.

But securing seeds with the genetics to grow the enormous squash is only one ingredient in the recipe for giant pumpkin success, according to Powell.

You start with the basics, which include working an ample amount of compost and manure into the soil. Testing the pH level is important, too.

"You want to get them (plants) in as early as possible," said Powell, who gets a good head start by germinating his seeds indoors utilizing a high quality seed starting mix such as Miracle Grow, which comes with fertilizer mixed in. "I want the seed in (the ground) by the first of May. You build a little hut – a cold frame – to keep them warm, until the weather gets better. I want a pumpkin set by the first of July."

As the plants mature and male and female flowers start to open, Powell hand pollinates the plants and uses a tie to close the flower tops to prevent bees from cross pollinating them. This year he pollinated flowers from plants grown with seed he purchased, with flowers grown on plants from seeds he harvested from the 792-pound pumpkin he grew in 2007.

The work continues as the pumpkin

plant's vines begin to spread. Fred and Terrie work together to remove all but two or three fruits on the vines, and then gradually remove all but one on each vine in order to encourage the plant to focus all of its energy and nutrients into that one pumpkin.

Powell pointed out consistent, daily fertilization is vital to growing extra-large pumpkins. It's a comprehensive process involving use of a high nitrogen formula in the spring, a high phosphorous fertilizer later in the growing season and, later still, a high potassium formula. Applying liquid calcium is another key because it significantly increases plants' ability to take up nutrients.

Timely applications of insecticides and fungicides can also mean the difference between a good year and an outstanding year for pumpkins.

Powell applies a liquid fertilizer to the leaves and vines. "Trench feeding" is another component of his growing regimen and involves burying portions of the vines in small trenches, and then applying a fish emulsion/seaweed fertilizer and an inoculant to the trenches in order to encourage root growth along the buries vines. The goal here is to

increase the plant's ability to take in as many nutrients as possible.

"When there is rapid growth, they'll (pumpkins) grow 20 pounds a day," he said.

Powell knows he doesn't have a state record – the new Michigan record of 1,947.5 pounds was set last year – but he noted there is plenty of motivation in growing the largest pumpkin. "If you raise a pumpkin that is a record for the state, you'll get \$50 a seed from that pumpkin," he said. "That's where the money is."

For now, Powell is keeping a close eye on his largest pumpkins in anticipation of a state pumpkin weigh-off he's planning to participate in early next month in Dundee. Powell last projected the weight of his biggest pumpkin at 798 pounds Sept. 8 using a formula that takes into account measurements of the fruit.

"We set a goal of 1,000 pounds this year. We might be shy, we might come close," said Powell, who indicated this year's success or disappointment will fade when another growing season approaches.

"You have another chance (next year)," he added. "It's like deer hunting; you never know."

Letters to the Editor

There's no easy or simple answers following suicide

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attempt to discourage suicide.

It doesn't matter how people die, but that they've died. Those left behind from suicide may be in greater need of compassion than by any other death.

Next month will mark 20 years since my youngest son, John, died of suicide. I still sometimes wonder what I could have done to prevent it. We humans don't have that power. If we did, our loved ones would still be alive.

Don't be afraid to speak the name of the person who has died. As a parent/sibling/spouse, we want to remember them. We loved them and miss them and want to hear stories you have of them.

Yes, we'll cry. Don't be afraid of our tears; they're just a reflection of the love we felt.

Please don't make wrongful misjudgments about suicide. And especially don't even think the family could have prevented it in some way. We carry those thoughts ourselves.

Connie Westbrook-Schulte
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Reporter’s notebook



Like a bag with that?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I love a good laugh, and sometimes the best ones come out of nowhere.

Take the other day for example. I stopped by a grocery store and was in the checkout lane, minding my own business, when I nearly dropped my loaf of bread thanks to the guy in front of me.

“Would you like a bag, hon?” the checkout clerk asked him.

“Nope, I left her out in the car,” he replied without missing a beat.

I didn’t mean to, but I laughed out loud. I couldn’t help it – this guy’s timing and delivery were, simply, perfection. Even the clerk chuckled. I couldn’t help but grin broadly as I headed out to my car and saw the same guy get into his car, where a woman who looked to be around his age did, indeed, appear to have been waiting.

I resisted the urge to salute him as he drove away, a tear of admiration slowly making its way down my cheek.

I later posted the exchange on Facebook, prompting one of my mean-spirited daughters to suggest I was probably jealous because I hadn’t thought of this guy’s wisecrack first. She was right, of course.

As for my wife, Deb, she laughed when she heard it, too. Truthfully, the only thing that surprised her was that she hadn’t heard me say it first in a checkout line. She’s always been sensitive like that, as if I devote half of my columns to making fun of her.

Actually, my long-suffering and slightly older better half has always been a good sport when it comes to my sense of humor, although it’s a taste – perhaps tolerance is a better word — that is certainly acquired. I’m not sure where my odd brand of humor came from, but there are times when I wish I could train my mouth to wait until it receives the full signal from my brain before it lets loose, you know?

On the other hand, our willingness to find something to laugh about in just about any situation has gotten us through some tough times over the years.

It’s also been helpful now that we’re empty nesters and gradually adjusting to and embracing our aloneness at home. We’ve learned that, after spending years raising four kids, we still pretty much like each other. And we’ve started to do more things together again, a habit you can get out of when the craziness of keeping track of a houseful of youngsters becomes the priority and romance takes a back seat to schedules.

It’s easy to become strangers that way, which I guess is why so many marriages fall apart after all of the kids have grown and left the nest.

Maybe more marriages would survive if husbands and wives lightened up a bit and just laughed together a little more?

I’m no marriage counselor, but I am sure that spending quality time together is a key, and when the nest is empty, there are plenty more opportunities to do just that. And I’m not talking about dining out and long walks on the beach.

Deb is like most wives, I suppose, in that she likes me to accompany her on various mundane outings such as shopping, and I’ve found myself obliging her more and more – sometimes without even uttering more than a couple smart remarks.

One of these days we’ll complete an entire grocery trip, hand in hand, looking deep into each other’s eyes — from the produce aisle to the meat section to the checkout line — with nary a snarky comment coming out of my big mouth.

Well, as long as the clerk doesn’t ask me if I want a bag.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2010)

Kevin Hoppe, the Elkland Township Fire Department’s fire prevention officer, took some of the mystery out of seeing a fireman in full turnout gear during the department’s 125th anniversary open house last fall by letting youngsters try on some of his equipment, including Sam Mack, 6, and his brother, Abraham, 3, of Ubly. Hoppe annually shares fire safety tips with Cass City students during their visits to the fire hall in the fall.

The 2010 Cass City homecoming king and queen candidates are: Rob VanAuken, Joey Doerr, Alex Varney, Justin Ketterer, Mitch O’Dell, Brooke Hartwick, McKensie Parrish, Hayley Peters, Krista Guinther, Kelsey Cooper and Amanda Clifton, Dylan Miller.

The 2010 Owendale-Gagetown homecoming king and queen candidates are: Lauren Mandich, Holly Errer, Megan McLaren, Brandon Clapper, Sam McCreedy, Clyde Rhodes and Mitchel LaPratt, Shonna Elliott.

Cass City’s 2005 royalty are seniors Ashley Hendrick and Chris Johnson. The pair highlighted Friday’s half-time homecoming ceremony, before the Red Hawk gridiron team cruised to a 74-13 victory over Valley Lutheran.

Bill E. Zeidler, Jr. has been advanced to chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy. Zeidler is stationed at Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine, and he and his wife, Amanda, reside in Topsham. Zeidler is the son of Bill and Bonnie Zeidler of Cass City.

Family and friends recently honored area resident Mike Stec on his retirement. Stec’s 50 years on the job included a 10-year stint as an EMT in Cass City and Caro, and 2 to 3 years in the maintenance department at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy had as guests from Tuesday until Saturday forenoon, Mr. and Mrs. Luke VanVeen of Kitchner, Ont. Wednesday evening they all visited Mrs. Olive Stark.

Monday evening, about 20 guests surprised Mrs. Ruth Morell on her birthday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. James Dennis, Mrs. Mike Fader and Heather of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laurie, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Laurie, Guthry and Evan, Mr. and Mrs. Loren O’Harris, Jonathon, Rebecca and Lauren Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Laurie and Maegan, all of Cass City, and Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Anthes of Gagetown.

The Cass City Intermediate School Student Council recently elected officers for the new school year. They are Ben Hobbs, president; Erica Frederick, vice-president; Leana Edwards, secretary, and Charity Gaszczynski, treasurer.

Navy Airman Apprentice John W. Lowe, son of John R. and Bonnie J. Lowe, 2075 S. Phillips Rd., Kingston, has completed the Aviation Electrician’s Mate Course. A 1989 graduate of Kingston High School, Lowe joined the Navy in September 1989.

Army Spec. 4 Pete Gamet is now serving with the 197th Support Battalion attached to the 197th Infantry in Saudi Arabia. Gamet is a 1987 graduate of Cass City High School and he is the son of Garry Gamet and Kris Gamet, both of Cass City.

Senior Kathy Wildman has been named “Student of the Month” for September at Owen-Gage High School. The daughter of Don and Carol Wildman, Cass City, she has been active in a variety of school-related clubs and athletics during her high school career. A member of the National Honor Society for the past 2 years, Wildman currently is serving as president of her class, newspaper editor, and vice-president of the French and 4-H Teen clubs. She also is active as junior leader of her church youth group and is a member of the Student Council, Business Professionals of America, the all-school play, Honors Club and Trip Club. In athletics, Wildman is in her fourth year as a member of the volleyball squad. She also played softball in her freshman and sophomore years. Her future plans include majoring in psychology and minor-ing in computer science at Lake Superior State University, Concordia College or Western Michigan University.

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

Brad William is the name of the son

born Sept. 14 in Hills and Dales General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. David Deering of Deford. The baby weighed eight pounds and Mrs. Deering and baby left the hospital Sept. 16. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Deering of Mayville and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kritzman. Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Louis Behr of Argyle, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kritzman of Sandusky and Byron Williamson of Deckerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dorman of Snover, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knoblet and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Putnam were callers recently at the Russell Harrington home and at a Port Huron funeral home because of the death of an aunt, Mrs. Janet Klemmer, 92.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hopper announce the birth of an eight-pound, 13 ounce son, Matthew Theron, Sept. 16 in Hills and Dales General Hospital. Mrs. Hopper, the former Marlene Chapman, and baby came home from the hospital Friday. Grandparents are Mrs. Onnalee Hopper of Deford and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chapman of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otto Keilitz of St. Helen, Mrs. Celia Johnson, in the county medical care facility, and Mrs. Eva Bair, Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorn Brinkman of Southfield, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strecker of Saginaw, Mrs. Jessie Goodall and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lounsbury were at Mackinac Island from Saturday until Monday. While there, they visited the Leslie Lounsbury’s daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boglarsky.

40 YEARS AGO (1975)

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sattelberg announce the birth of a second son, Steven Patrick, Sept. 14. He was born at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe and weighed seven pounds and five ounces. Their other son, Billy, is two years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Derengowski of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Morley Hare of Caro.

In honor of the baptism of Rebecca Lynn Avery, weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Avery were the Bruce Averys of Holt, the Douglas Averys of Troy and the Jon Averys of Taylor. The baptism ceremony was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmack Smith of Westland are with her mother, Mrs. Herman Stine, who returned home Saturday from Hills and Dales General Hospital where she had been a patient for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zimba of Deford marked their 25th wedding anniversary with a dinner given in their honor by their children at Zehnder’s in Frankenmuth, Sunday, Sept. 7. The Zimbos were married Sept. 9, 1950, at Our Lady of Grace Chapel in Dearborn Heights. They moved to this area following their marriage. They are members of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Wilmot. The couple have seven children, Mrs. Jim (Bernadette) Walters of Cass City, Mrs. Eugene (Rita) Kaake of Gagetown, and Jessie, Lisa, Jennifer, Edward and Matthew, all at home.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

Mary Lou Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Spencer of Tyre, has been named one of the semifinalists in the Merit Scholarship competition, according to Principal Arthur Holmberg. Miss Spencer is among the highest scoring students in Michigan who took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last March. The test was administered in 17,600 schools across the nation and 14,000 semifinalists were appointed. Next step for Mary Lou will be a second test which substantiates her qualifying test. She must also submit recommendations by her school and fulfill routine requirements.

A surprise birthday party was held for Mrs. Paul O’Harris Wednesday, Sept. 15, at her home. Guests were Mrs. Loren Trathen, Mrs. Pete Rienstra, Mrs. Edna Rienstra and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rabideau and Mr. and Mrs. Roy McNeil and son, Wayne.

The Region 11B fall convention of the Future Homemakers of America is slated Oct. 2, at Millington High School. Chapters in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties are expected to attend. The Owengage chapter is furnishing the convention programs. Candidates for office from Owengage are Joan Anthes and Nancy Good. Voting delegates are Leeann Horst and Linda Kretzschmer.

Local residents won prizes at the

Saginaw Fair last week. Walter Goodall of Cass City, showed the champion ram and ewe in the Romney sheep class. Mrs. Orrie Reiman, Kingston, exhibited the blue ribbon jelly and had the top display by an individual exhibitor.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

The building of new homes in Cass City for a long period of years has not shown as much activity as in the year of 1940 and the movement will lessen to some extent the acute shortage for places to live. At the present time ground is being broken for basements for three new homes, other new residences are ready for plastering and some are nearing completion. Excavation is being made for a basement for a bungalow of five rooms and bath for Miss Martha Striffler on her lot at the corner of Pine and Sherman Streets. Warren Wood is preparing to erect a residence on West Church St. this fall. M. E. Kenney has sold a lot on South Seeger St., just north of St. Pancratius Church, to Miss Ada Cole of Chicago and her sister, Mrs. Robt. Spurgeon, of Cass City and workmen are busy excavating for the basement for a new house which will be erected at once. Ed Quick started the framework this week for a cottage he will build on the Doerr Road at the western corporation line of the village. Work on new residences is well under way for Arthur Kettlewell and Floyd Ottaway on South Seeger St., Dr. H. T. Donahue on North Seeger, Harvey Battle on West Pine, and James Doerr on North Leach St. New residences completed earlier in the season are one for Myron Spencer on Woodland Ave. and a farm residence a half mile north of town for Harold Perry.

Donald Cragg, who is training with the United States Marines in Platoon No. 77, Recruit Depot, Marine Barracks, Paris Island, South Carolina, writes his mother, Mrs. Herman Cragg, at Cass City, that he is “champ” of his platoon: in marksmanship. Only seven of the group qualified. Donald lacked three points of a sharpshooter record, and when the test was completed the closest man to him was 10 points behind, so Donald still is champ of No. 77.

L. Roche, a magician of Caro was brought to the Rotary Club here by Andrew Barnes, program chairman, Tuesday and he presented an amusing and entertaining program. Among the guests of the club were Jean Muck, Don Koepfgen, Leslie Smith and Bruce Stine, members of the Cass City 4-H Club. Bruce Stine, in a brief talk, said prizes of local club exhibitors at the Michigan State Fair will exceed \$1,000 this season. He paid tribute to the supervision and instruction of Willis Campbell, club adviser, in this and previous years’ programs of the club. John Thompson of Owen Sound, Ont., district governor, will attend the Rotary luncheon here next Tuesday.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

Frank Hall of Cass City was elected president of the Tuscola Co. Rural Carriers’ Association at a recent meeting of the association. The chief topic of the evening was the new schedule which takes effect October 1, when fifteen of the seventy-two carriers, will lose their positions and the remaining fifty-seven will have more miles to travel over new territory.

The Chronicle offers three prizes for the best window trim in Cass City stores and competent judges will be asked to view the displays. Advantageous display of merchandise, power to draw attention and appropriateness to season will all be considered. Judges will be asked to decide from the standpoint of the display of merchandise alone and not from the size of the windows or architecture of buildings. While the contest is instituted primarily for employees, it does not bar proprietors from giving suggestions and assisting or entering the contest themselves. Prizes of \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00 are offered.

Local Items: Mrs. Leo Tyo spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. William Kilo, in Pontiac. Miss Ethel Striffler spent Thursday and Friday at the home of Dr. C. W. Clark at Care. Hazen Carson went to Ypsilanti Thursday to take a course at Cleary’s Business College. Miss Ella Cross of Bad Axe spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cross. Miss Grace Meiser returned Saturday from a two weeks’ visit with Mrs. Harry Hill in Pontiac. Mr. and Mrs. William Weldon and Mrs. Charles Kasonke spent Sunday at Canboro and Elkton.

Get Involved: Cass City Rotary Club

Editor's note: This is the first in a four-part series the Chronicle is publishing on local service clubs. Stories focusing on the Cass City Lions and Gavel clubs and the Knights of Columbus will be featured in future editions of the paper.

by Mark Karwowski, president
Cass City Rotary Club

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Obituaries

Arthur Caister

Arthur James Caister, 83, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Sunday, September 13, 2015 in his daughter's home in Deford.

He was born September 22, 1931 in Detroit, the oldest of five children born to Wilford and Mary (Schweitzer) Caister.

He married Marjorie Ann Bader April 12, 1952 in the Decker United Methodist Parsonage.

Arthur was a graduate of Cass City High School, Class of 1949. He joined the U.S. Air Force, serving in Greenland where he learned the cooling and refrigeration trade. Arthur attended Cass Tech in Detroit for two years, receiving his Class III Electrical License. He worked for General Cable in Cass City as an Electrician, retiring after many years of service. Arthur also worked for Thumb Appliance and his own business, Caister Service Center, repairing small appliances and heating and cooling systems. He was a member of Shabbona United Methodist Church since 1965. He sang in the choir, taught Sunday School and was a member of the United Methodist Men. Arthur was a member of the Thumb Two Cylinder Club.

Arthur had a great capacity to love. He was a man of strong faith. He was a member of the generation who did great things with so little. Arthur could fix or make anything using only his imagination to guide him. He built three houses and two campers from the ground up. He was very well read and especially enjoyed Louis L'Amour Western novels. He also enjoyed fishing. Arthur's favorite place was Buckley, Michigan where he enjoyed his annual deer hunting trips with his sons and many family members and friends for the past 45 years.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Marjorie; children: Daniel Caister of Cass City, Durrell (Susan) Caister of Bay City, David (Rebecca) Caister of Caro, Deanna (Jeff) Schaufele of Deford, Douglas (Andrea) Caister of Cass City; grandchildren: Melanie (Rick) Hartwick, Jaime (Chris) Anthes, Dan (Missy) Caister, Nathaniel Caister, Allison Caister, Jessica (Ivory) Smith, Rachel Caister, Jasmine Caister, Rebecca Caister, Jenna Schaufele, Joshua Schaufele, Justin Schaufele, Hunter Caister, Jade Caister; great grandchildren: Laiken, Olivia, Janelle, Quenten, Kendall, Carson, Caden, Mia, Weston, Wiconi, Victoria, Adoro, Crimson; brother, Derald (Janet) Caister; sisters: Joanne (Eldon) Beachy; Janet Schwannecke; sisters-in-law: Helen Hubbard of Kingston, Donna (Gerald) Auten of Cass City, Sandra Bader of Cass City, Wanda (Ronald) Parrott of Mio, Audrey Halas of Royal Oak; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant child, infant grandchild and sister, Mary Lou (Herbert) Pallas.

A funeral service was held September 17 in Shabbona United Methodist Church with Pastor Jayme Palaszkeski officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mr. Caister: Dan Caister, Nathaniel Caister, Joshua Schaufele, Justin Schaufele, Hunter Caister, Rick Hartwick, Chris Anthes.

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

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Geneva Richards

Geneva Richards, 83, of Cass City, died following a long illness Saturday, September 19, 2015 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City.

She was born September 19, 1932 in Independence, MO to E.Y. and Nellie (Smith) Hunker.

She married Donald B. Richards June 21, 1958 in Harbor Beach.

Geneva was a graduate of William Chrisman High School, Independence, MO. She attended Graceland College in Lamoni, IA and Saginaw Valley State University. Geneva was a substitute teacher and library aid. She served as Elder and Pastor in the Community of Christ congregations of Owendale and Marlette. She also was the church pianist, organist and loved directing family and youth camps. Geneva was an avid reader and especially enjoyed helping others find good books. She enjoyed knitting and needlepoint, animals and nature. Geneva sang in several choirs, offering solos in several choirs also. She played the piano and organ and especially enjoyed her role as President of the Cass City Tom Thumb Singers choir for many years. Her family was her first priority, and she enjoyed following them in all their activities.

Geneva is survived by her husband, Donald; children: Marci (Robert) Anderson of White Lake, Eric (Theresa) Richards of Salem, OR, Scott (Janet) Richards of Cass City, Julie (David) Bitzer of Unionville; grandchildren: Ryan (Nikia) Anderson, Theresa (Russell) Andersoning, Kylie Richards, McKenzie Richards, Stephanie Richards, Allyn Richards, Jennica Richards, Janel Bitzer, Trevor Bitzer; great-grandchildren: Noah, Claire, Emrik, Myrna, Alexa, Kaleb, Griffin and Cameron; sisters: L. Juanita (Robert) Sutherland of Gulf Breeze, FL, Roberta (Jack) Caldwell of Crosswell.

Geneva was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, William Hunker.

The family will be present to receive friends at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City on Sunday, September 27, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, October 25, 2015 in Northwood Meadows Gathering Hall with Community of Christ ministers officiating, with a meal following the service.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Home and Hospice Advantage, Hills and Dales General Hospital, Rawson Memorial Library or Owendale Community of Christ congregation.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

William Sieggreen

William Joseph Sieggreen, 71, of Cass City died Wednesday, September 16, 2015 in Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw.

He was born March 11, 1944 in Saginaw to Norman and Meletine Rita (Gase) Sieggreen.

Bill served in the U.S. Navy for more than 16 years, including two tours as a Special Forces Operative in Vietnam. He then began a long career in the U.S. Merchant Marines, spending many hours at sea. Bill served as a Reserve Police Officer in Hawaii for a time. He loved riding his Harley and hanging out at Wild John's with his friends each morning. Bill had a great sense of humor and loved to make people smile.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Brandy (Richard Yaworski) Sieggreen of Midland; brother-in-law, Larry Hollis of Cass City; nephews and their families: Lawrence (Tina) Hollis of Virginia Beach, VA, Richard (Connie) Hollis of Cass City, Steve Hollis of Salsburg, NC.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Ron Sieggreen, Butch Sieggreen; and sister, Carole Hollis.

A funeral service was held September 21 in Kranz Funeral Home Cass City with Chaplain Perry Parker officiating.

Interment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center Volunteer Services. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfureralhome.com.

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VOLUNTEERS GET ready to serve cake donated by Hills and Dales General Hospital while Thumb National Bank employees (background) continue to prepare hotdogs for dozens of area residents in attendance during the Cass City Playscape birthday party.

“Fowler Fright Nights” set to get underway next month

The Fowler Center for Outdoor Learning will be kicking off its seventh annual Fowler Fright Nights Saturday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m.


Area residents are invited to enjoy the center’s Haunted Hayrides for \$5 per person (appropriate for all ages) and/or explore the Fear Farm Barn Walk for \$8 (the suggested ages for this activity are 13 and up).

“Both attractions are available for the discounted price of \$11 per person,” noted Thomas Greer, group events supervisor. “We also have an attraction for the kids; our Haunted House Hunt is an attraction for kids where they can search for clues to win prizes. In addition, we have a family-friendly Halloween video playing in the barn and concessions will be available.”

The activities will be open every Saturday in October (except Oct. 31) from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Fowler Center is located at 2315 Harmon Lake Rd., Mayville.

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Sweet 16

Community celebrates playscape facelift with recent birthday bash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

For five days in September 1999, hundreds of area residents came together to create a beautiful playscape located near the corner of Seeger and Rose streets, site of the former Cass City Intermediate School building in Cass City.

The hard work and pride that went into the project didn’t end there, however. More than 15 years later, volunteers began planning again, this time with an eye on renovating/maintenance work at the playscape, which has provided thousands of hours of fun for youngsters of all ages.

Those volunteers along with dozens of other area residents gathered Thursday afternoon to celebrate the now-completed facelift, as well as mark the playscape’s 16th birthday.

“We love this playground. We want the families of our community to enjoy it for years to come,” said Roselyn Martin, a member of the Friends of the Playground Committee, which was formed by Kate Van Auken and Paula LeValley after the playground was constructed. Martin along with a handful of other volunteers – Christine Hempton, Amy Tamlyn, Tammy Schefka, Tracey Jaworski, Beth Kittle and Danielle Laming – organized the recent project.

“Like our own homes or personal properties, it is our responsibility to take care of this playground and be good stewards of a gift the community gave to the children some 16 years ago,” Martin added.

The work involved removing all of the old wood chip mulch, adding additional pea stone, replacing black mesh barrier fabric, installing new environmentally-friendly rubber mulch (82 tons delivered in four semi truck loads), freshening up all of the painted surfaces and murals, staining and sealing all of the wood structures, repairing/replacing broken pieces of the pirate ship and tall towers, missing or broken swings and broken fence pickets, and leveling the exterior with landscaping mulch.

“Fundraising started in the fall of 2013, with \$40,000 raised by late fall 2014,” Martin said. “Planning continued with new rubber mulch becoming an important long-term investment for the playground as a whole.”

Volunteers rolled up their sleeves and started the repairs and painting the week of June 22, and in four short days the following week, the playground was transformed with new rubber mulch just in time for the July 4 holiday weekend and Cass City’s annual Freedom Festival.

In late July, the committee organized a community-wide staining project, giving the playscape a much needed facelift.

“This community gift and treasure has been restored to its glory now with the culmination of a sweet 16th birthday celebration generously sponsored by Thumb National Bank,” Martin said, adding Chef Jerod Davidson of the Hills and Dales General Hospital Food Service Department prepared three birthday cakes for the occasion.

Martin is also quick to credit the small army of volunteers – roughly 200 in all over the course of the summer — who made the renovation project a success.

“It was a team effort,” she said. “We had a together, ‘we can’ attitude. We worked through every decision as a team (and) our focus was the kids having this place to enjoy.”

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CASS CITY’S Parker Haire (85) squares off against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port defender Jacob Kretzschmer during Friday’s GTW contest.

Stimpfels, Gusa continue to shine on cross country stage

Just like a winding river, the Cass City boys’ cross country team continues to roll.

The Red Hawks traveled to Holly Saturday and finished third at the 17-school mega meet, despite missing their top runner. Earlier in the week, Coach Jon Zdrojewski’s gang easily won the Ubyl Invitational.

“Bransen Stimpfel did not run (Saturday) as he participated in the MSU Spartan Elite 5K on Friday. Bransen finished 18th out of 105 runners from all 4 divisions representing the best of the best in Michigan. He completed the elite race in an impressive time of 16:12,” said Zdrojewski.

Notwithstanding the loss of their number one runner, the Red Hawks had another impressive showing over the weekend. CarLee Stimpfel was the Division 4 individual champ with a winning time of 16:49, while Jose Torres and Zane Wright added top-20 performances for Cass City. Torres finished in 16th place with a time of 18:01 and was followed closely by Wright in 20th place with a time of 18:24.

Also for Cass City, Michael Rader came in 31st place and was clocked at 18:59, while Gabe Farver came in 60th place with a time of 20:13 to complete the list of point winners for the Maroon and White.

Hanover-Horton captured the team banner with 29 points, while Pewamo-Westphalia (85), Cass City (127), Bath (149) and Whitmore Lake (187) round out the top 5 listings.

Hawk spikers show progress

After a sluggish start to open their season, the Cass City volleyball team is starting to find their groove.

The Red Hawks traveled to the always tough Bay City Western Invite Saturday and advanced into the elimination rounds, where the host Broncos ended their day with a hard fought 3-game decision.

“We played well and had a good day. Our blocking was much better, which helps our back row by not allowing hitters to spike directly into our court. There were times when our lack of defense experience showed, but we managed to enjoy the game and continue to learn. Every match we play we are getting stronger,” said Cass City Coach Bill Potter.

In pool play, Cass City defeated Pinconning 25-19, 25-14 and South Lyon 25-22, 25-16, while Bay City Central handed the Red Hawks defeats of 25-23 and 25-18.

“We finished pool play 4-2, one game behind Bay City Central. This got us into the gold division to take a run for the championship,” Potter said.

But after winning the opening set 25-16 against the hosts, Cass City bowed 25-21 in the second set and 15-13 in the deciding third set.

“We held an early 6 point lead only

“We continue to run well and regionals should be a close competition with Hemlock, Cass City and Caro vying for the title,” Zdrojewski said, adding his final two varsity competitors on the day were Tyler Laster and Race Woloshen with times of 21:21 and 21:50, respectively.

In a heated girls’ competition, Hanover-Horton edged Saugatuck 75-76 for team bragging rights, while Pewamo-Westphalia finished third with 78 points.

For the Lady Red Hawks, Lauren Fernald placed 68th out of 116 runners with a time of 23:48 and Ilana Blattner crossed the end line in 33:33 to place 113th.

UBLY INVITE

Cass City registered just 28 points Wednesday to dominate the Ubyl Invitational as all 5 Red Hawk scorers finishing in the top ten spots.

Ubyl was the runner-up in the team standings with 62 points and was followed by Sandusky in third place with 77 points.

“It was a very hot day on a course with a variety of running surfaces that varied from roads to woods to fields to an abandoned gravel pit that is sandy,” Zdrojewski said.

As usual, the winners were paced by brothers Bransen and CarLee Stimpfel. Although Bransen was the meet medalist with a time of 16:37, it was his younger sibling that drew the most praise from his veteran coach.

“CarLee posted a season-best time of 17:08 on the traditionally slow course with lots of different surfaces and many turns,” he said.

The Red Hawk team effort also had Torres (18:43) in 6th, while Wright (18:58) came in 9th place and Michael Rader (19:23) filled the 10th spot with his personal-best time of the season.

For runner-up Ubyl, Nathan Gilbert came in 7th, Nicholas Swanson 11th, Jonathan Wright 12th, Evan Franzel 17th and Blake Schumacher 21st.

Turning to the girls’ field, Ubyl was best with 42 points, while Bad Axe (68) and Sandusky (71), Deckerville (81), Brown City (111) and Mayville (116) complete the team standings.

Bearcat Haili Gusa was fastest in the field of 52 with a time of 21:26, while teammate Janelle White placed third in 22:06. Also for the hosts, Emma Hembrough completed the 5K in 24:59, Shannon Particka in 25:10 and Sabrina Schumacher in 25:13.

Closer to home, a lack of numbers continue to hinder the Lady Red Hawks.

“Cass City is still lacking the numbers for a full team. I expect to be at full team numbers within the next couple of meets and I am looking for a full team for the league finals,” commented Zdrojewski, who had Fernald finish in 7th place and for the first time in her career placed well within the top 10 at a meet.

Also for Cass City, Layna Mathewson (26:05) finished in 21st place followed immediately by DeeDee Haley (26:28) in 22nd place. The final finisher for the Lady Red Hawks was Ilana Blattner (34:44) finishing in 45th place.

Cass City stumbles in GTW gridiron opener

In a battle between Greater Thumb West (GTW) contenders, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port outlasted visiting Cass City Friday night.

The Lakers recorded a pair of quick touchdowns in the opening half and then held on for a spine-tingling 14-13 victory to open GTW play for both schools.

After a scoreless opening quarter, controlled mostly by the Red Hawk’s running attack, the Lakers used a couple of long runs to take a 14-0 advantage into the halftime break.

Cass City actually looked like they would get on the scoreboard first, taking the opening kick off and marching 54 yards on 15 plays down to the Laker 6-yard line where the host defense stiffened and allowed the Lakers to take over on downs.

Both teams then traded punts before Keegan Valentine found pay dirt with 10:16 remaining on the clock on a 41-yard gallop.

It didn’t take long for the Lakers to strike again as Brandon Wolschlagier intercepted a Mason Erla pass on the next series near midfield. Hunter Seeley made the visitors pay moments later on a 35 yard scamper and following Valentine’s second point after kick, the defending GTW champs enjoyed a 14-0 gap.

Unable to establish much of a running game, Cass City went to the air on their next procession, but completed just one of 5 pass attempts before handing the ball back to the Lakers.

However, a Brandon Horne fumble recovery would give Cass City a golden opportunity to break into the scoring column. Instead, Seley came up with another interception that helped the Lakers reach the red zone for the third time in the initial half,

but unable to pad their lead.

Neither team scored in the third period, but early in the final stanza Sawyer Cuthrell sliced the margin to 14-7 as he capped an 80-yard drive with a 9-yard run.

Cass City scored again on their next drive on a Nick Perry plunge from 2-yards out with 5:16 remaining. However, the point after kick sailed wide right and allowed the Lakers to remain in front, 14-13.

Although Cass City was able to get the ball back, they weren’t able to prevent Lakers quarterback Brennan Wissner from scrambling for a pair of first downs that left Cass City with only 1:01 on the clock and 70 yards from the end zone. Four plays

later the Red Hawks returned the ball to the Lakers who took a knee to seal the deal.

Seely and Wissner combined for 140 rushing yards, while Valentine finished with 121 total yards including 4 pass receptions for 80 yards. Wissner completed 9-of-13 tosses for 115 yards. Defensively, Bailey Krzeszewski had 8 tackles for the winners.

For Cass City, Perry ran for 61 yards, Horne 59 yards and Cuthrell 52 yards, while Erla was 3-of-16 passing for 79 yards. Defensively, Parker Haire led the way with a game-best 9 tackles including one for a loss, while Perry chipped in 6 stops.

Bulldogs remain unblemished

The high scoring Owen-Gage Bulldogs dropped 68 points on Michigan School for the Deaf Thursday to improve to 4-0 on the season.

The hosts totaled over 600 yards on offense during the 68-28 victory, including 246 rushing yards by David Binder on 20 totes.

Still, it was far from a one-man show for the winners as Dylan Fritz added 129 rushing yards and 2 scores, while quarterback Jacob Wright was near perfect completing 6-of-7 tosses for 182 yards and 2 scores.

Jake Warack was on the receiving end of both touchdown strikes from Wright including one from 65 yards out and Dan Good caught 3 passes for another 58 yards through the air.

Defensively, Binder and Dylan

Fritz each recorded 8 solo tackles to lead the Bulldogs, while Luke Retford added 6 tackles including a pair of sacks and Warack had 5 stops.

Up next for the defending Mid-Michigan 8-Man champs is Friday’s league contest at Akron-Fairgrove. The Vikings enter the contest with a 3-1 mark.

Coaches

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| FOOTBALL STANDINGS | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Greater Thumb West | | | | |
| Team | W | L | W | L |
| EPBP | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| USA | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Cass City | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Vassar | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Bad Axe | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Reese | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Greater Thumb East | | | | |
| Team | W | L | W | L |
| Sandusky | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Ubyl | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Brown City | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Marlette | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Memphis | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Harbor Beach | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Mid-Michigan 8-Man | | | | |
| Team | W | L | W | L |
| Owen-Gage | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| B. Madison | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| NH Merritt | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Akron-Fair. | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Caseville | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Hale | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Flint MSD | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| NCTL - 8-MAN | | | | |
| Team | W | L | W | L |
| Deckerville | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Peck | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Kingston | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Dryden | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| CPS | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| North Huron | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |



OWEN-GAGE’S Dan Good rumbled for a good gain after this pass reception Thursday against visiting Michigan School for the Deaf.



THE 2015 Owen-Gage volleyball team members include: (front row, l-r) Hanah Cole, Ashlee Woodruff, Adrianna Woodward, Emma Green and Alivia Roehrig (middle row) Coach Stacy Frappart, Carlee Rievert, Natasha Dubs, Nohelia Lopez and Alondra Lopez (back row) Alexis Urban, Megan Badgley, Hailey Schave, Brooklyn Kain and Emalee Bach.



GRIFFIN Weiler, age 7, shot his first deer - this dandy 8-point buck –during the youth hunt in Sanilac County. He is the son of Dave and Heather Weiler of Cass City.



CASS CITY 11-year-old twins Madison, left, and Jacob Ware bagged trophy bucks over the weekend during the 2015 Liberty Hunt. Madison used a 20 gauge shotgun to down her wide-tined 8-point, while Jacob harvested his high-tined 9-point with a blast from a 12 gauge. The twins’ parents are Mike and Bonnie Ware.

Schneeberger's

ATHLETE of the WEEK

CarLee Stimpfel is Schneeberger’s selection for this week’s “Athlete of the Week” award winner.

The Cass City sophomore shined at the Holly Cross Country Invitational Saturday, recording a winning time of 16:49 that helped propel the Red Hawks to a third place team finish. He was the only runner in the 100+ field to break the 17-minute mark.

Also last week, CarLee finished second at the Ubyl invite, cruising the 5K course in 17:08.

“CarLee posted a (then) season-best time on a traditionally slow course that has

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Cass City spikers earn easy GTW victories

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GTW CONTESTS

Earlier in the week, Cass City recorded Greater Thumb West victories over Reese and Vassar in straight games.

On Thursday, the Red Hawks traveled to Vassar and posted wins of 25-13, 25-14 and 25-16.

“Another good night with the team playing comfortable and in rhythm. Our serving and hitting was good and our back row did a great job,”

Potter said.

Individually for Cass City, Potter had 30 assists, 6 aces, and 5 digs, while Rasmussen had 9 kills and 2 errors; Dickinson, 6 kills and 2 errors; LeValley, 16 kills and 2 errors; Kelsey Bouverette, 2 kills; Nicholas, 6 digs; and Murphy, 5 digs.

On Tuesday, Cass City defeated guest Reese by lopsided scores of 25-12, 24-11 and 25-17.

Potter felt his girls played well together and it was good to see them win. “We needed that to give us the boost we needed,” he said.

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|------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Friday, Sept. 25 | Cass City | Cass City | Cass City | Bad Axe |
| Cass City at Bad Axe | Vassar | EPBP | Vassar | Vassar |
| Vassar at EPBP | USA | USA | USA | USA |
| USA at Reese | Sandusky | Sandusky | Sandusky | Sandusky |
| Sandusky at Ubyl | O-G | O-G | O-G | O-G |
| O-G at Akron Fairgrove | Kingston | Kingston | Kingston | Kingston |
| Kingston at Morrice | Caro | Lakeville | Lakeville | Caro |
| Caro at Lakeville | | | | |
| Last Week's results | 5-3 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 5-3 |
| Season Results | 24-8 (75%) | 22-10 (68%) | 19-13 (59%) | 24-8 (75%) |

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FALL '15

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Varsity Football

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 8/28 | CC 28, Brown City 14 | |
| 9/3 | CC 28, Memphis 0 | |
| 9/11 | CC 27, Harbor Beach 12 | |
| 9/18 | CC 13, Lakers 14 | |
| 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. |

FOLLOW THE HAWKS AT HOME

Varsity Volleyball

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

JV Football

Sept. 24 vs. Bad Axe, 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. 30 vs. BC John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity Football

Oct. 2 vs. Vassar, 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 | CC 56, Harbor Beach 14 | |
| 9/17 | CC 36, Lakers 6 | |
| 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. |

Junior High Football

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 9/22 | Vassar | 6:00 p.m. |
| 9/29 | Memphis | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/6 | Reese | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/13 | Harbor Beach | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/20 | USA | 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/27 | Brown City | 6:00 p.m. |

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public ven-

due, 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.

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Dated: September 9, 2015
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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:

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ner 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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ABOUT 60 PEOPLE took part in Saturday’s second annual Central Thumb Knights of Columbus Council 8892 5K Run and Mile Fun Walk in Cass City. The event, co-sponsored by Our Lady of Consolata Parish, raised \$3,000 in sponsorships plus participant registration fees, which organizers were still tallying at press time. The proceeds will be used to benefit the Revive Ministries and St. Agatha food pantries in Cass City and Gagetown, respectively.

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ALEX AND CASSIE Williams of Caro claimed the first-place trophies in the men’s and women’s divisions this year.

Deputies arrest 2 in burglaries

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reported.

“An unknown suspect had also been seen coming from behind his house and getting into the unknown vehicle and quickly left,” he said. “The vehicle turned out (to be) the suspect vehicle from earlier in the morning. The homeowner also found that he foiled a robbery because his medicine cabinet had been gone through and his TV was on the floor.

“A little while later, the Sebewaing Village police located the vehicle at a Sebewaing residence, but no one was around,” Hanson continued. “It was then learned when that resident returned home, that he was an acquaintance of the suspect.

“Apparently the suspect had asked the acquaintance for help in locating his girlfriend because he claimed they had gotten into a fight on Caro Road and she had gotten out and started walking. When they never found her, they returned to Sebewaing to get some gas. After waiting for the suspect to return from paying for the gas, he went in to check on him, only to find out that he had fled on foot.”

While deputies and officers from other assisting agencies were looking for the suspect, they learned he had been seen by a restaurant’s dumpster, across the street from the gas station.

“He also fled on foot from there,” Hanson said. “A Michigan State Police tracking dog was then brought in and the suspect was located. The 31-year-old suspect from Elkton was taken into custody without further incident and taken to our jail.”

Officers then went to the Caro Road address to search for the second suspect, who was believed to be a female, also from the Elkton area.

“While they were doing so, a motorist pulled up with that suspect,” Hanson said. “Apparently (she) had asked for a ride to Elkton after she was confronted by the motorist/resident, who lives about a half-mile from the scene, whose dog had been making a commotion. Not knowing what had really happened, the resident agreed to take her to Elkton. However, once she saw the patrol vehicles on Caro Road, she became suspicious of her passenger. That’s when she decided to go directly to the officers.”

The 33-year-old suspect was then taken into custody without further incident and transported to the Huron County Jail.

“As of press time, both suspects remain lodged in our jail on felony related breaking and entering/burglary charges, as well as a resisting charge on him and an unrelated contempt of court charge on her,” the sheriff said. “Their bond has been set at over \$10,000 cash per person and formal charges will be sought from the Huron County Prosecutor’s Office.

Hanson indicated he anticipates the suspects will face additional charges in Huron and Tuscola counties stemming from at least four other break-ins police believe are related.

More (crimes) may have occurred and the victims may not yet be aware that they’ve been victimized,” he added, noting agencies assisting his department over the weekend included the Sebewaing Village and Bad Axe City police, Michigan State Police and the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department.

Weiss finishing work on time capsule

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great choice for the 24-inch by 14-inch by 14-inch time capsule he’s been crafting, completed with a cedar-lined interior bottom and handmade hinges, since village officials delivered the wood.

“It’s really a remarkable wood,” he noted. “I use a lot of hand tools – it’s what I’m known for – and really easy to work with.”

Walnut is also pricey, and for good reason, according to Weiss, who has called Cass City home for the past 30 years. “It’s prized for its grain and color and beauty. It’s an exceptional wood – it’s hard, but it’s more like a soft maple, it’s a stable wood and it’s rot-resistant.”

Weiss’ knowledge about wood came naturally, thanks in part to his grandfather.

“He was an amazing craftsman and I grew up watching him,” said Weiss,

who recalled his grandfather demanded quiet when he was working. “I used to sit in his shop and straighten nails and not talk. So I learned to have patience I didn’t know I had. “For 16 years I straightened nails for him.”

Weiss’ years watching his grandfather nurtured an appreciation for wood working, not to mention many of the skills he has polished on his own since those days.

Weiss, who along with his wife, Lori, has three grown children and three grandchildren, with another on the way, says he’s devoting more time than ever to his hobby since he retired eight years ago from his dry-wall business.

Open house set to honor WWII vets

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we’ve lost some since then, and we thought it would be a good thing to do it again.”

Refreshments will be served, according to Merchant, who encourages area residents to stop by anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. to meet the veterans.

Among those expected to be on hand are World War II veterans:

*Emerson Kenney, who served with the 1st Infantry Regiment, 6th Division, which provided replacements for marines in the Philippines, then in Korea as part of the occupation force there.

*Bruce Sherman, who served with the U.S. Army in the Philippines. He served in a variety of roles, including transportation inspector, charge of quarter and guard duty.

*Bob Stickle, who served with the 306th Engineer Battalion. Stickle made the D-Day landing with the second wave as a demolition technician, and was sent to the Pacific after Germany capitulated; and

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