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School officials outline contract proposal details

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City School officials took the gloves off Monday in their effort to negotiate a new contract with the local teachers union, a process that's been underway since last spring and still hasn't netted a labor agreement acceptable to both sides.

In an unusual move during a monthly school board meeting – in open session — Cass City Board of Education President Alice Zaleski outlined specific items in the school bargaining team's offer.

Zaleski offered a list of nearly a dozen concessions she said school officials have offered – but union bargainers have declined to accept – including a

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Time capsule sealed in Monday night ceremony

Council hires new WWTP Supt.

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

A crowd spilling out into the halls of the Cass City Municipal Building Monday was on hand to take part in the Cass City Time Capsule Sealing and Committal Ceremony that preceded the regular meeting of the village council.

The event was organized in conjunction with the local 150th anniversary celebration. Time Capsule Committee Chairman Nancy Barrios led the gathering that included remarks from village leaders Carl Palmateer, Joe Merchant and others before locking the wooden box – made by village resident Dan Weiss – in the vault located inside the building at 6506 Main St. for the next 50 years.

Also taking part in the ceremony were several “junior time capsule ambassadors.” Barrios says the area youths will be invited back in the year 2065 to unseal the container, which is packed full of memorabilia from the area, along with a letter from President Obama. Among the children selected to

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Gierhart named new chief judge in county

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart has been named the county's chief judge for 2016-17.

For a third consecutive two-year term, Tuscola County's entire judicial system will be led by a single chief judge, who will oversee the 54th Circuit,



The Honorable Amy Grace Gierhart

needed to succeed in this role. I also practiced extensively in both of Tuscola County's (criminal) courts and courts in other jurisdictions, so I have a broad array of practices to which I can compare ours.

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Huron Co. man dies in crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Huron County man died in a single-vehicle traffic accident last week on Port Austin Road (M-25) in Hume Township.

“Preliminary investigation is indicating that the 30 year old driver and sole occupant was westbound when apparently the driver's rear tire blew, causing his Lincoln passenger vehicle to lose control and impact with trees on the north side shoulder,” said Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, who later identified the victim as Jason R. Ezell.

“It is not known exactly when it occurred because a passerby came across the accident,” Hanson added, noting deputies were dispatched to the scene shortly after midnight Thursday.

Port Austin fire fighters freed the victim from the wreckage. Ezell was not wearing a seatbelt, according to reports, which state he was pronounced dead at the scene by a Huron County Medical Examiner's Office investigator.

“Accident investigators from our office responded and processed the scene,” Hanson said. “The investigation continues.”

Thumb Ambulance Service and victim advocates from the Huron County Sheriff's Department assisted deputies.



KENNA NYE, A Cass City High School sophomore (seated in cart above) recently accomplished what no other youth has – capturing back-to-back Youth Cart Class titles during the World Clydesdale Show earlier this month in London, Ontario, Canada. She also earned a second-place ribbon in the Sr. Youth Team competition.

Cass City teen wins back-to-back titles in world Clydesdale contest

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

While many of her classmates may not have been thrilled to face the start of another school year, Kenna Nye might view the daily grind of classes and homework as a vacation compared to the schedule she keeps during the summer months.

Nye spends her vacation caring for and competing with Clydesdales raised by her grandparents, Harrison residents Glen and Pat Perkins. Nye is just 15, but the Cass City High School sophomore is already a seasoned competitor at the state, national and world class levels.

In fact, she recently brought home the first place ribbon in the Sr. Youth Cart Class at the third annual World Clydesdale Show in London, Ontario, Canada, where she competed against roughly 40 other youths ages 15 to 18.

The world class show is held every four years, and Nye's performance earlier this month gave her something no other competitor in her age division has ever accomplished – back to back titles – she took first in the Youth Cart Driving Class (for competitors ages 10 to 18) in the last world competition four years ago in Madison, Wis.

“It was more of a challenge this year. The kids I competed against were really good,” Nye said.

The competition involves youths riding a cart pulled by a single horse, according to Nye, the daughter of Gary and Christie Nye of Cass City, who explained judges critique the rider's ability while having their horse walk, trot and reverse direction.

It's a challenge compared to working with smaller breeds such as quarter horses, she acknowledged. “I think it takes a lot more strength to do something like this (because of) the power they have,” she said.

“When you get up into (competing with) multiple horses, it's more about getting the horses to work together as a pair,” added Christie Nye.

The Clydesdale is a breed of draft horse derived from the farm horses of Clydesdale, Scotland, and named after that region. The breed, originally one of the smaller breeds of draft horses, has evolved over the years, today standing at an impressive 16 to 18 hands high (64 to 72) inches and weighing 1,800 to 2,000 pounds or more. Another unique characteristic is the extensive white feathering on their lower legs.

In addition to the cart classes, Nye participates in a number of competitions at Clydesdale shows, including junior judging (in which youth try their hand at judging competitors, and then have their critiques compared to that of a professional judge), senior showmanship (leading horses

with a halter and setting the animals in the proper stance in front of the judges), and decorating (basically involving the skills of preparing a horse for competition, including grooming and braiding the mane and tail).

Nye also competes in the horse team competitions, but she isn't alone – both her mom and grandmother also participate in showing Clydesdales each summer.

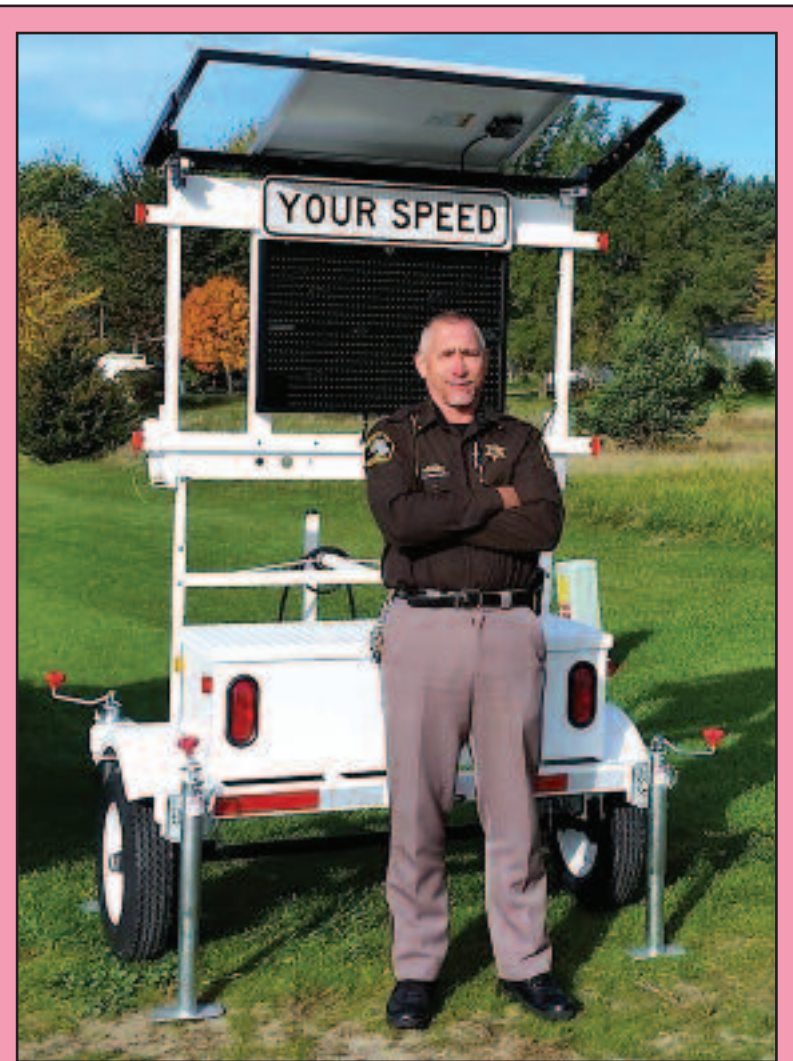
“We compete in everything from the single horse up to the eight-horse

hitch classes,” noted Christie, whose parents established Glenview Clydesdales – a favorite among Freedom Festival Parade goers in Cass City every year – back in 1997.

“My dad's a very compassionate man, and he saw a couple (Clydesdales) that he felt needed rescuing. And then two grew into two more, and two more,” she recalled, adding today her parents have 28 of the majestic horses.

Kenna, the second oldest of the

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Here's your (speed) sign...

TUSCOLA COUNTY Undersheriff Glen Skrent stands in front of a radar display trailer now in use by the department. “The trailer displays the approaching vehicle speed. It has warning lights for speeds over the posted speed limit. It also records speeds to be used for traffic safety studies,” explained Skrent, who said a grant covered the lion's share of the \$10,500 price tag. “We often receive citizen complaints of speeding in their neighborhood. We can set this trailer up in those targeted areas,” he added. “Traffic engineers call this a ‘calming effect’. This increases safety not only for motorists but pedestrians and (bicyclists) also.”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 8892 recently organized a 5K-Run/Mile-walk fundraiser for Revive Ministries of Cass City and St. Agatha Food Pantry of Gagetown. The group raised \$3,500 from event sponsors, runners and walkers. In the top photo (left to right) Revive Ministries representatives Rob Sangster, Jaime Fritz and Gail Tuckey are pictured accepting a check from Dale Churchill, event chairman, and Grand Knight Rodney Mazure. Above, accepting a check for the St. Agatha Food Pantry are (in the middle) Regina Salcido and Edna Kujawski from Treasurer Dave Barrios and Mazure.



Perrys celebrate 25th anniversary

The former Ginger Michelle Elrod and Gary Duane Perry, both of Cass City, were married November 3, 1990, at the Novesta Church of Christ in Cass City. Rev. Charles Emmert performed the ceremony. The couple have 2 children, Rebecca Linn (Zach) Monsue, White Bluff, TN and Eric Scott Perry of Charlotte, TN. The Perrys now reside in Charlotte, TN.

McCabe new WWTP Supt.

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Turning to the council meeting, a pair of short public hearings kicked off Monday's session, paving the way to establish an Industrial Development District for Walbro LLC, which is required to award the Cass City manufacturer an Industrial Facilities Exemption.

Walbro employee Shelli Herford attended the proceeding and informed the council that the 50 percent tax abatement on village taxes—for a period of 12 years – will allow Walbro to invest \$675,000 in new machinery that will increase the company's customer base and sales, while creating two new jobs.

Trustee Steve Erickson backed the request, saying the tax relief is one key to helping companies expand and grow. His fellow trustees agreed and the motion for reduced taxes was quickly approved.

In other business, Cass City officials introduced new Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Dennis McCabe to the small group that remained in attendance during the monthly meeting. McCabe replaces former Supt. Rick Mohr and will start his new role Nov. 2. McCabe has been with the city of Bad Axe Wastewater Treatment Plant for the last 12 years as its working foreman. The Kinde resident has a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Saginaw Valley State University and a MDEQ Class B Wastewater Certification.

Also Monday, the council: *Heard that the local Pinkober campaign – spearheaded by Joey Kreeger - has raised an estimated \$10,000 during the month during activities that have included the third annual Elkland Township Cemetery Walk as well as the pink party tickets and bake sales to assist Thumb families affected by cancer. *Accepted the financial statements ending Sept. 30, showing a cash balance of \$1,886,291.



Ginger and Gary Perry Now & Then

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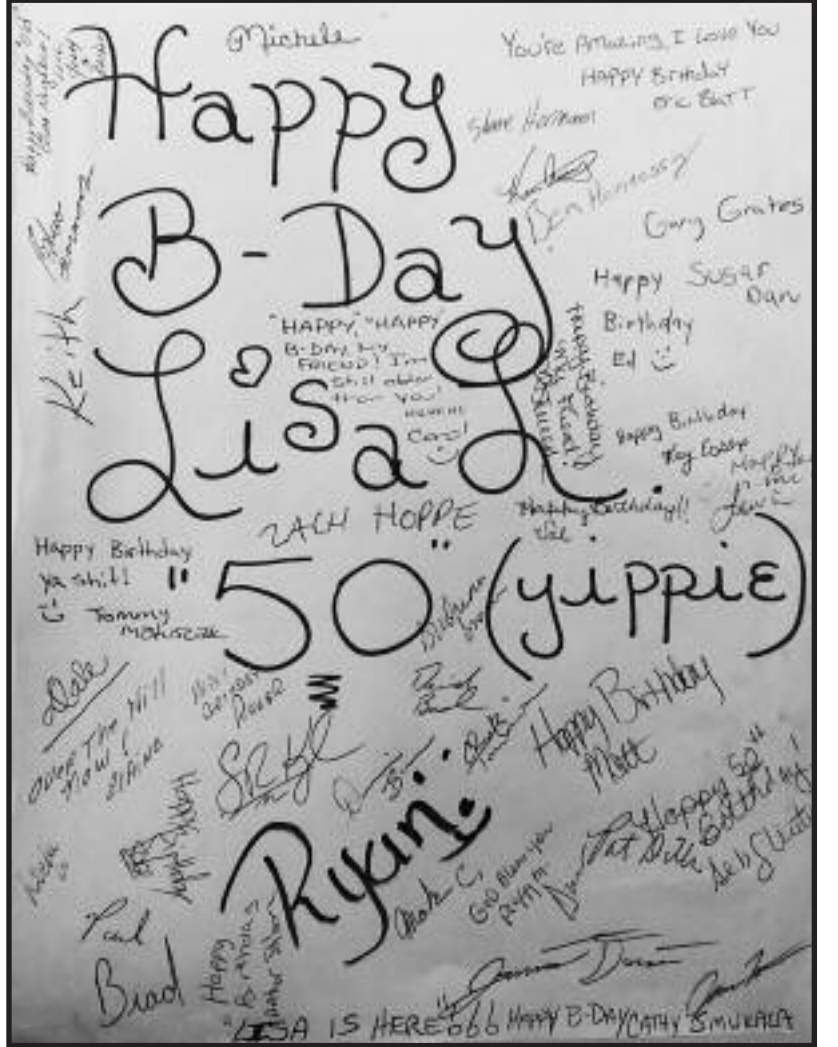
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Change batteries in CO, smoke alarms

As you set clocks back one hour and “fall back” to daylight saving time this weekend, adopt the life-saving habit of also changing the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

Eastern Standard Time officially begins Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2 a.m.

The risk of dying in a house fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms, according to Michigan State Fire Marshal Richard Miller. “Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom and in the basement. And make sure they work,” Miller says. “Smoke alarms usually fail because of missing, disconnected, or dead batteries.”

A report issued by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) indicates that in 2007-2011, three out of five house fire deaths resulted from fires in homes without working smoke alarms.

The importance of working smoke alarms can't be overemphasized because their early warning of danger provides lifesaving seconds to escape, particularly for children and senior citizens who are most at risk and need extra seconds to get out safely.

According to Miller, the peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. when residents are typically sleeping. An average of three children per day die in home fires and 80 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Children are at an increased risk of dying in a home fire because they can become scared and confused when a fire erupts.

Families are encouraged to practice two ways to get out of the house in case of fire. An escape plan is vital because fire is unpredictable and moves quickly – in as little as three minutes, a home can become engulfed in flames.

Conduct fire drills at least a couple times each year and make sure every family member understands the escape plan and the importance of crawling low, below the dangerously thick smoke and intense heat created by fire.

Have a designated meeting place outside your home, and never – never – go back into a burning home.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is another major concern, especially with the cold weather and heating season here.

Carbon monoxide is difficult to detect, however, carbon monoxide poisoning is completely preventable. And now is the best time to ensure that furnaces and water heaters are working properly, and that carbon monoxide detectors are installed and have fresh batteries.

Michigan's carbon monoxide poisoning tracking system found 34 unintentional deaths and 789 non-fatal unintentional carbon monoxide poisonings in Michigan in 2013, the most recent year of complete data. Faulty furnaces and water heaters were the most common cause of the poisonings.



Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas that kills more than 500 Americans each year. It is produced by all fuel-burning devices. The warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning include flu-like symptoms such as headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness, and confusion.

Never use generators, grills, camp stoves, or other fuel-burning devices inside your home, basement, or garage. If you use a generator, be sure it is located outside at least 25 feet away from your home. Also, park your car outside while it is warming – never in the garage. Running a car in an enclosed garage can create deadly levels of carbon monoxide in minutes.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Growing Up

Blowing out 18 candles on your birthday cake is a huge milestone. It happens in an instant. You are an adult! As such, you can vote and get married. You can serve in the military, get a tattoo, go to a casino, donate blood and get called for jury duty. You can even win the lottery (because you are finally old enough to buy a ticket).

Even though you can do all these things (and more) being 18 does not make you a grown-up.

I've witnessed this firsthand with some of my own kids. They are young adults and independent in so many ways but they are not yet grown-ups because being an adult and being a grown-up are two different things. One is immediate and automatic, the other is not.

A grown-up has the ability to discern a running toilet from anywhere in the house. This is accompanied by the inability to ignore a running toilet from anywhere in the house – even and especially at 2:00 a.m. An adult flushes and doesn't give it a second thought or listen.

When you are an adult, you eat when you are hungry, whatever time of the day (or night) that might be – even and especially at 2:00 a.m. When you are a grown-up you anticipate other people's hunger more than your own.

When a grown-up sees a police car in the rearview mirror he experiences a sense of security. An adult breaks out in a sweat and hopes he wasn't speeding – again.

Adults have been known to lie about their age by increasing it. Grown-ups have been known to lie about their age by decreasing it.

Adults pay the rent; grown-ups pay the mortgage. Adults have jobs; grown-ups have careers. Adults stay up way past midnight; grown-ups attempt to stay up past midnight when they are waiting for their adults to return home. Adults wake up late on a Saturday morning; it's the perfect time to catch up on sleep. Grown-ups see the weekend as a perfect time to catch up on some yard work.

Grown-ups cut the cheddar on the cutting board. Adults cut the cheese wherever they can. Grown-ups secure the bread bag with the twist tie after making a sandwich. Adults aren't aware there is an actual purpose for a twist tie.

Adults put their dirty dishes in the sink. Grown-ups rinse their own dishes along with whatever other dishes adults have left in the sink, put them in the dishwasher, run the dishwasher and return two hours later to unload it.

When you are an adult, the best part of the holidays is getting presents. When you are a grown-up, the best part is giving them.

Adults do not consider it out of the ordinary to watch an entire season of “The Walking Dead” on Netflix in one day. Grown-ups watch one episode each week. They are aware there is a way to buzz through commercials, but that seems like a lot of work.

Adults run to the grocery store to grab something for dinner – usually from the frozen foods section. Grown-

ups go to the store with a list and spend a considerable amount of time contemplating produce and whether organic really is worth the extra money.

Grown-ups keep an accurate budget of spending and income. Adults say, “Budge-what?”

Adulthood is awarded to you on your eighteenth birthday. Growing up is a process. For some of us, it is a never-ending one. I've always said, “Growing up is realizing there is no such thing.” If this is true, none of us will ever be completely done growing up. I kind of like that thought.

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)



Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County clerk, wants to let everyone know that county officials have launched something new and exciting for area voters.

“A voter can sign-up through our website to have an email sent to them

when there is an upcoming election happening in Tuscola County. A

reminder email will be sent approximately two weeks ahead of the

election and then a second reminder email will be sent the day before

the election,” explained Fetting, who noted it's very simple for residents to sign up for this added service.

Just visit www.tuscolacounty.org/elections. Enter your email address

and that is it. The reminders will be sent automatically. Voters will

also receive notification when results are available on election night.

With everyone's busy schedules, the email sent two weeks ahead of time

will allow time for a voter to request an absentee ballot if they

qualify to receive one. It also provides a reminder the day before to

allow for residents to look at the ballot one last time prior to entering

the polls. Sample Ballots can also be found at www.tuscolacounty.org/elections.

Letters to the Editor

Our debt to nation's vets can't be repaid

For all Americans, especially veterans, Veterans Day serves as an important reminder of the millions of courageous men and women who valiantly served their country.

Most Americans profess to truly love our veterans, especially at gatherings, parades, etc. And while their feelings are sincere, it is important to remember that veterans are defending us 365 days a year.

The heroism that has been demonstrated time and time again by veterans from the American Revolution to the war on terrorism is sometimes unnoticed by those of us who enjoy the security that their sacrifice has provided.

Our debt to these heroes can never be repaid, but our Please turn to page 6.

TAPS haunting notes inspire awe, respect

No other song will bring tears more quickly to an American's eyes than TAPS. Although it is a simple tune, the haunting notes inspire awe and respect as a hero is laid to rest.

The first time I was called on to play TAPS at a military funeral was as an eleventh grade band student. I was happy to oblige, as it meant an afternoon of missing class. My band director felt that I would do a decent job and if I remember correctly, I did okay. Mr. Zuercher also mentioned that I'd get extra credit - which I usually needed.

As an adult I received an occasional call to pay tribute to a fallen veteran. Sometimes years would pass before Please turn to page 6.

I'm not much of a baseball fan, but I'll be cheering for Kansas City to capture the 2015 World Series crown.

I have a little connection with the Royals, having visited Kauffman Stadium in the mid-1980s when I took a road trip to help Cass City High School and Central Michigan University grad Rod Hutchinson relocate after accepting a position with Kansas City Power and Light Company.

Rod must have liked the move as he recently retired from the Missouri utility business.

Cass City's time capsule was put to bed Monday night – for the next 50 years – during a special ceremony that preceded the local village council meeting. On hand to help with the service were Time Capsule Committee members Jeff Hartel, Kate Van Auken, Jenny Zawilinski, Marilyn Biefer, Steve Erickson and Nancy Barrios. Job well done, folks.

The villages of Cass City, Mayville and Millington have been selected to be locations for a pilot program for recycling centers. The program is funded by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Collections will start the week of Oct. 30 in Cass City in the parking lot behind the municipal building from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be no collection during inclement weather and on holidays.

No need to fret, says Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano, who reports local residents will still have regular curb-side recycling as part of the rubbish collection.

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Wednesday, October 28

- 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.
- After School Adventure, First Presbyterian Church, until 4:15 p.m. For more information call 989-872-5400.
- Bible Study, 7 p.m., Fraser Presbyterian Church. For more information call 989-872-5400.
- 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, October 29

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- AAUW Carnival and Elementary School Spook House for ages 3-12. Cass City Elementary School from 5-7 p.m. For more information, call (989) 872-4504.

Friday, October 30

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

Monday, November 2

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.
- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Meadow Lane, 150 Meadow Lane, Bad Axe, 1-3 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

Tuesday, November 3

- 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.)
- First Presbyterian Church Bible Study at 11 a.m. For more information call 989-872-5400.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

- First Sunday:**
•Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 donation.
- First Monday:**
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
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- Second Monday:**
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.
- Second Tuesday:**
•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Second Wednesday:**
•Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City. (989) 872-4604 for take outs.
- Second Thursday:**
•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Third Tuesday:**
•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.
- Third Wednesday**
•Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.
- Third Thursday:**
•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Fourth Monday:**
•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
- Fourth Wednesday:**
•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Fourth Thursday:**
•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
•Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.
- Last Monday:**
•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.
- Every Monday:**
•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.
- Every Tuesday:**
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
•First Presbyterian Church Bible Study at 11 a.m. For more information call 989-872-5400.
- 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.
•After School Adventure, First Presbyterian Church, until 4:15 p.m. For more information call 989-872-5400.
•Bible Study, 7 p.m., Fraser Presbyterian Church. For more information call 989-872-5400.
- Every Thursday:**
•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.



TWO REESE TEENS were injured when their vehicle collided with a semi-truck hauling milk last week in Juniata Township. Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene – Dixon and Higgins roads – Tuesday shortly after noon and found that a westbound vehicle driven by an 18-year-old female had failed to stop for a stop sign at the intersection and struck the northbound truck. She and a 16-year-old female passenger were transported to a Saginaw hospital for treatment. The truck driver, a 36-year-old female from Sandusky, was not hurt. The names of the occupants were not released.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Gregory V. Davis, 56, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (deferred on a month-to-month basis) and 60 months probation following his plea of guilty to 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).

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

*Rodric L. Huffman, 53, Marlette, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 21 in Caro.

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

*Rachelle L. Neal, 35, Mayville, pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to deliver/manufacture methamphetamine/Ecstasy between Dec. 23, 2014 and June 30, 2015 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Nicholas A. Scott, 21, Fostoria, was sentenced to 93 days in jail (deferred for one year) and 12 months probation following his pleas of guilty to charges of interfering with electronic communications, and assault or assault and battery June 12 in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,408 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Raymond K. Baker, 44, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 28 in Caro.

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

*Christopher L. Ulin, 31, Unionville, pleaded no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer and one count of domestic violence Aug. 30 in Unionville. 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 \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Doris A. Mosher, 23, Vassar, pleaded no contest to two counts of retail fraud, second degree, and one count each of being a prisoner in possession of contraband, being a prisoner in possession of a cell-phone, attempted stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device-holder, and possession of marijuana between Aug. 7 and Aug. 10 in Caro.

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

*Lekai R. Spencer, 24, Detroit, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 24 months probation following pleas of no contest to home invasion 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). In addition to jail time, Spencer was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,576 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$5,370.

*Josue M. Perez, 33, Vassar, was sentenced to 93 days in jail (delayed) and 12 months probation following his pleas of no contest to charges of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), domestic violence, and malicious destruction of property totaling less than \$200 July 26 in Tuscola Township.

Perez was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,826 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Zachary J. Bearinger, 20, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his conviction on a charge of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer July 2 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*King Whiplash, 28, Reese, received a six-month delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 21 in Reese.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$798 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

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Reporter's notebook

Nag the women in your life this month

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I tease my wife frequently about being a big nag, but she and my grown children will tell you (with pleasure) that I'm the biggest nag in the house.

They're right, but I like to think of myself as being a good "reminder".

It can be a bad habit, but not when it comes to protecting your loved ones from breast cancer.

Area residents have been hearing plenty about October's designation as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. If you've passed through Cass City lately, no doubt you've seen large pink ribbons and business window displays of all kinds promoting awareness during the community's annual Pinktober celebration to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

The effort will also hopefully serve as a reminder that a diagnosis of this horrible disease doesn't have to be a death sentence. Far from it. But it takes a proactive approach to beat this killer, something many area residents know firsthand. Countless others have also experienced the dread of hearing the word "cancer" — after all, how many of us haven't been touched in some way by breast cancer, whether it involved a mom or grandmother, a sister or niece, or a close friend?

Experts say breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths and is the most frequently diagnosed cancer. In 2012, nearly 7,600 women in Michigan were newly diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, and 1,384 women died of the disease in 2013.

The American Cancer Society estimates that 231,840 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and 40,290 will die of the disease in this country in 2015.

Although breast cancer claims thousands of lives each year, many women survive.

Just ask my mom.

I was 16 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She spent her 40th birthday in a hospital bed after surgeons removed her left breast. It was a devastating experience for her.

But that was 37 years ago. At the end of August, mom celebrated her 77th birthday.

Doctors say early detection is the key to survival. With regular screening, breast cancer is more likely to be detected at an earlier stage, when it is most treatable. The five-year survival rate among women whose breast cancer has not spread beyond the breast at the time of diagnosis is 99 percent.

Now, I'll be the first to say breast cancer isn't the easiest topic for a man to bring up with the women in his life. But any discomfort you might feel simply doesn't compare to the dread of having to schedule an appointment with an oncologist. Or sit in a hospital waiting room while someone close to you is undergoing a mastectomy.

Like I said, it's all about early detection.

So go ahead, guys, remind your wife, your daughters, your mother and your sisters about the importance of doing monthly breast self-exams, scheduling an annual clinical exam by their health care provider, and getting a mammogram every year if they're over the age of 40.

And then, remind them again.

Do whatever it takes to prevent your loved ones from becoming another statistic in a book that might be quite a bit thinner if we all did a little more nagging.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2010)

Mitchel LaPratt has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for October. LaPratt has been very active in school activities during high school. During high school, LaPratt has served as class treasurer his freshman year, class secretary his sophomore year, and has been his class president the past 2 years. He was a member of the E.P.I.C.S. program at Owen-Gage as a sophomore. As a junior, he served on the prom committee. He has been a class representative each year for homecoming and was recently named the 2010 homecoming king. LaPratt has been a staff member of the school's newspaper/yearbook/web page staff the past 2 years and currently serves as the editor of the school's newspaper. As a senior, he is a member of the 3.0 Club. LaPratt has been a member of the Owendale United Methodist Church Youth Group all 4 years of high school. In his spare time, he also enjoys hunting. LaPratt is the son of Scott and Tena LaPratt of Cass City. He plans to attend Delta College, then transfer to Ferris State University and eventually to Wayne State University. He hopes to become a funeral director.

10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Army Reserve Sgt. Jose M. Garcia was honored at a special Welcome Home Warrior Citizen Award ceremony in recognition of the soldier's personal sacrifice, exceptional duty performance, and honorable service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The reservist is assigned to the 88th Regional Readiness Command headquartered at Fort Snelling, Minneapolis, Minn. He is a member of the 323rd Combat Support Hospital, Southfield. Garcia, a mental health specialist, is the son of Lazaro Garcia of Edinburg, Texas. His wife, Febe, is the daughter of Robert C. and Carmen Lopez of W. Washington St., Snover.

Cassandra D. Plowman has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for October. Plowman has been on the honor roll all 4 years of high school and has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club since her junior year. As a freshman, she was chosen as one of her class representatives for the homecoming court. Her senior year, she was one of the 4 senior girls nominated to vie for homecoming queen. Plowman has been a member of the school's newspaper yearbook staff the past 2 years and has also served as the newspaper's co-editor her junior and senior years. She also was named a "focus" student her sophomore and junior years. Plowman is the daughter of Jennifer Guinn of Gagetown and Bradley Plowman of Fairgrove. Her future plans are to attend Michigan State University to become a veterinarian or a zoologist.

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Cass City BPW Club President Clara Gaffney recently presented engraved serving trays to Geraldine Fischer and Leota Anthes, the club's 1990 "Women of the Year."

The Happy Dozen Euchre Club met at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe Thursday for dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wills' 50th wedding anniversary. After dinner the group went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind where cards were played. High prizes were won by Gerald Wills and Mrs. Tony Cieslinski. Low prizes were won by Bryce Hagen and Reva Silver. Mrs. Gerald Wills won the traveling prize. Mrs. Kind served a lunch and anniversary cake and ice cream.

Cass City village officials recently installed a plaque at the village park in recognition of the Robert G. Orr family, which was instrumental in the creation of the 70-acre recreational complex. According to officials, the park's beginnings date back to 1889, when the fairgrounds property (20 acres) was purchased by the village from Robert G. Orr. The land served as the site of the football field, track, tennis courts and municipal buildings. Nearly 80 years later, "Ors Woods" (22 acres), Rawson building, walking trail and the sledding hill, was purchased by the village from Robert G. Orr's son, Morton H. Orr, and his wife, Lottie B. Orr. Another 26.4 acres, sold to the village in 1972 by Morton H. and Lottie B. Orr's daughter, Winnifred M. (Orr) Bauman, served as site of the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool and lighted softball diamonds. The final 1.6 acres of the Orr farm, including the original homestead, was purchased by the village in 1982 from Winnifred M. (Orr) Bauman

and serves as a future municipal building.

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

Miss Agnes Milligan, Mrs. Loraine Donnelly, Mrs. Marie Roch and Mrs. Esther McCullough traveled by Delta Coachline to Toronto, Ont., Thursday where they spent four days. They arrived home Sunday night.

The following students have been named to the first marking period honor roll at Evergreen Elementary School: Fifth grade — Kristy Marshall, Cathy McNulty, Raquel Rockwell and Dean Whittaker (all A's). Sixth grade — Scott Wright, David Steely, Wendy Smith and Randy Izydorek.

The following students have been named to the first marking period fifth grade honor roll at Deford Elementary School: Vickey Englehart, Timothy Mozden, Krista Nummerger, Stacey Patera, Raymond Stachura (all A's) and Julie Wrona.

Two-year-old Brad Whittington doesn't have to wait for a visit from the Great Pumpkin. He has his own, grown by his parents, Don and Tracy Whittington of Englehart Road, Cass City. The biggest weighs 111 pounds.

Co-Thumb B Association Champions Cass City placed six players on the all-conference squad selected Monday night by coaches in the league. On defense Tim Sontag was the leading vote getter and was named the defensive captain. The second Hawk named to the defensive first team was Randy Severance at linebacker. Earning second team births were Jim Adkins and Chuck Erla in the line and Shawn Papp at linebacker. Honorable mention on defense went to Randy Stine. On offense, Bob Leslie, end; Clayton Harmer, guard; Brian deBeaubien, quarterback, and Rob Sawdon, back, were first team selections. Second team honors went to Dave Osentoski, guard; Dave Whittaker, tackle, and Terry Sweeney, center. Honorable mention honors were earned by Scott Stine and Phil Zawilinski.

40 YEARS AGO (1975)

Brownie Scout Troop 641 met Wednesday, Oct. 8, and Marsha Lopez, Kim Wildman and Lora Dunn were invested into the troop. The troop has two new leaders. Sharon Rockefeller is leader, assisted by Mary Ann Goslin. They were pinned by their daughters, Carla Rockefeller and Karen Goslin. Brownies and their leaders took a nature hike. They gathered wild flowers and weeds. Mrs. Rockefeller showed them how to arrange and paint them. Refreshments were furnished by Marsha Lopez and the meeting closed with a friendship circle and singing songs.

John Thybault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thybault of Gagetown, has been selected to receive the DAR Good Citizenship Award for the 1975-76 school year, Owen-Gage School officials announced this week. The award is presented annually by the Ezra Parker Chapter of the DAR. Thybault participates in football, basketball and track, is a member of the varsity club and was president of his Sophomore and Junior class. He is president of the student council and last summer was sponsored to Wolverine Boys' State by the American Legion of Sebawaing, Owendale Lions Club and the Gagetown Athletic Club. The award is based on qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

The possibility of using wind power to generate electrical energy will be studied in Michigan by four Michigan State University researchers who have been awarded one of the first National Science Foundation grants for such a project. The studies will be made at Hart, located between Muskegon and Ludington, which is in a high wind energy area near Lake Michigan. Hart, a community of 2,000, has its own municipal power plant and is ideally located to take advantage of winds averaging more than 13 m.p.h. The MSU Researchers, headed by Dr. Jes Asmussen, professor of electrical engineering, will not build any windmills but will conduct detailed studies on the possible use of such energy in the community.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

General Cable Corp. General Manager William Leverich presents United Fund collector Pat Martin with a check for \$1,000, making the company the largest single contributor so far this year. Willis Campbell, UF general chairman, reports that 40 solicitors have reported so far and that contributions are about the same

as last year. Campbell predicts that the goal of \$6,500 will be reached by the end of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson are the parents of a daughter, Perri Lynn, born Oct. 26 in Carson City Osteopathic Hospital, Carson City. The baby weighed six pounds, 10 1/2 ounces. Mrs. Johnson expects to return to her home Friday.

Six Cass City area women are expected to take part in two Girl Scout workshops to be held in November in Bad Axe and Bay City. Mrs. Patrick Rabideau, Cadette leader and troop counselor, will attend a workshop on the Cadette program to be held Tuesday, Nov. 2, at the First Presbyterian Church in Bay City from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Badges, troop government, program planning and Cadette Challenges will be discussed. Five other women will be attending a basic leadership workshop to be held in three sessions at Bad Axe. Slated to attend the session, according to Mrs. K. I. MacRae, neighborhood chairman, are Mrs. Howard Bacon, Mrs. Arie VanderMeer and Mrs. Dwaine Peters, all of Cass City, and Mrs. John Laszlo and Mrs. Harold Deering, both of Deford.

Although Frankenmuth had little trouble rolling over Cass City Friday, it wasn't the fault of Duane DeLong. Coach John Bifoss picked the senior linesman as his player of the week for the Hawks. DeLong will have earned his second letter in football at the end of this season. He plays offensive center and defensive end. The Hawk grider is a three-sport man at Cass City. As a Junior he earned letters in basketball and baseball last year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don DeLong.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

Sixty-five key workers of the Tuscola County Chapter of the American Red Cross gathered at the Hotel Montague at Caro Friday evening to attend a dinner and hear addresses by Red Cross officials. The group were welcomed by Village President A. R. Meredith and the response was made by J. Ivan Niergarth of Cass City, vice chairman of the county chapter. Guy W. Landon, chapter chairman, presided.

Within the past week, the first cement was poured for the abutments of a new Cass River bridge on M-85 at Caro. The contractor, Andrew T. Barnes, of Cass City, says that besides the two abutments, six piers rising 21 feet or more from the river bed, are required to carry the structure. The [bridge will have a 40-foot roadway and specifications call for reinforced concrete and steel. Mr. Barnes' bid on the project was \$73,319.18. It is to be completed by July 1.

E. B. Schwaderer, Cass City contractor, who with the H. L. Prisinger Construction Company of Ann Arbor, is building three miles of four-lane highway at Fort Custer, has the work half completed. This is the first military highway to be built under the new National 1 Defense program.

Dr. Grey F. Lenzner of Bad Axe son of Franklin Lenzner, of Cass City and Miss Laura Louise Jaus, daughter of Fred Jaus, also of Cass City, were quietly married Friday, October 25, at Geneva, Ohio, by Rev. Roy J. Striffler.

Andrew Most of Mayville, who has served as a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Jeffrey since Most became of age a year ago, has been made a member of the Michigan State Police and will enter the state police training school at East Lansing Monday for a six weeks course. Most is a fine looking young man and will make a splendid appearing officer in uniform.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

Harry Vickers and Miss Ida Yakes were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Katherine Yakes, at Cass City Tuesday morning at six o'clock. Rev. H. C. Hayward, pastor of the Baptist church, performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives. The couple were unattended. Immediately after the ceremony, a dainty wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Vickers left on the morning train Tuesday for a three weeks' trip to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and New York City. While absent, Mr. Vickers will pursue a short course in butter-making, thus increasing his knowledge in the creamery business and making his services more valuable as manager of the local creamery. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vickers are active members of the Baptist church and members of that society together with their many friends in Cass City join in wishing them a happy wedded life.

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Canfield: House plan to fix state's roadways a compromise package

State Rep. Edward "Ned" Canfield touted the House's passage of a multi-bill package to fix Michigan's roads last week as a compromise plan focused on what area residents are demanding: better roads.

According to Canfield (R-Sebewaing), the plan would dedicate \$600 million in general fund revenue to fix roads and bridges while also raising \$600 million in new restricted revenue for the same purpose, totaling \$1.2 billion in transportation funding when fully phased in over five years.

"In addition, the package increases the Homestead Property Tax Credit by \$200 million for middle-class families, low-income residents and seniors," he said.

Canfield, who serves as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Transportation and sponsor of one of nine bills in the package, called the House proposal a common-sense

solution to fix the roads.

"This is the compromise plan," he added. "The results of Proposal 1 told us that Michigan residents want a roads-focused plan. This plan is about roads."

Canfield's bill specifically would require a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for all projects over \$100,000 for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Local road agencies must do RFP's for all projects, excluding routine maintenance, over \$100,000, unless the local road agency affirmatively finds that they can do it themselves for less.

"The plan also creates more than \$1 billion each year for our infrastructure by increasing registration fees by about \$55 on average for all vehicles," Canfield said. "In addition, the bills phase in a 3.3-cent gas tax increase per gallon by 2019."

The bills now go to the Senate for consideration.

Gierhart appointed county's new chief judge

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"I am coming up on my third anniversary on the bench in December, and this feels like the next logical step to take."

The Michigan Supreme Court names chief judges for each trial court in Michigan. Unless the Supreme Court specifies otherwise, each chief judge serves a two-year term from Jan. 1 of an even-numbered year until Dec. 31 of an odd-

numbered year.

In past years, each trial court in Michigan utilized a separate chief judge, but recently the Michigan Supreme Court has been naming an increasing number of multi-court chief judges, according to Pavlik. The goal, he said, is to have one leader who can find efficiencies and other improvements by looking across and not merely within departments of the judiciary.

However, as Gierhart noted, "This

is nothing new in Tuscola County."

As for her goals during her term as chief judge, Gierhart stressed the maintenance of a positive relationship with the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners as a top priority.

"Tuscola County's government faces ongoing financial pressures, and I want the court system to do its part to help out," Gierhart said. "I am open to taking a fresh look at everything we do to try and find cost-saving efficiencies."

Letters to the Editor

Debt to our nation's vets can't be repaid

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gratitude and respect must last forever. We must remember them - we must appreciate them.

Veterans need advocates, and that is why veterans' organizations exist. They are here to serve veterans, their families and our community. Veterans need each other, but more importantly, our country needs veterans. Veterans have a special pride, knowing they served when called to defend Americans' freedom.

Fewer than 10 percent of Americans can claim the title "veteran". Far less than one percent of our population is currently defending us in the global war on terrorism.

Veterans have given us freedom, security and the greatest nation on earth. It is impossible to put a price tag on that.

As we look to the Middle East, there is a large, dangerous and committed group of satanic fanatics that want us dead. And while these terrorists lack conventional weapons,

their evil intentions are a threat to the freedom we enjoy.

Bill Day
Bad Axe

TAPS notes inspire awe

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I'd pull out the tarnished trumpet and practice frantically. The twenty-one gun salute was my cue to belt out TAPS.

When my husband fell ill to the effects of Agent Orange from his time in Vietnam, the song took on much more significance. When my son came home from his Afghanistan and Iraq deployments, deeply afflicted by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, the song truly scared me.

My husband and son lost their lives from service-connected afflictions. TAPS was played as I said good-bye to my favorite war heroes. There was an air of respect as the song rang over their final resting places.

It has been twelve years since my husband's death and three years since our beautiful son lost his battle. Overwhelming grief can fill some of my days. That grief takes a back seat when I'm called on to play TAPS for a war hero's final salute.

Each note honors my son and husband as well as their fallen brother or sister. I'm pretty sure they'd be proud.

Deborah Robinson
Cass City

Remembrance service on tap

Kranz Funeral Homes of Cass City and Kingston will again be hosting their annual Service of Remembrance next month.

The service is slated for Sunday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m. at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

"The Service of Remembrance is a time of remember and celebration," Kranz Funeral Home owner Debra Kranz explained. "Anyone who has had someone close to them die will appreciate this service. It is not a funeral, but a time for us to come together as a community in remembering those we have loved."

"Many talented musicians from the area participate," she said. "There is also a time for family members to make a floral tribute. Family members are invited to bring a flower to place in tribute of their loved one."

The annual event is a non-denominational service. All area clergy are invited to participate or to attend in support of their church members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend.

"Death is one thing that touches all of us. It is one thing we all have in common," Kranz said. "We need to encourage our families in their grief process, allow them to still grieve, to still remember, and show them we remember, too. The Service of Remembrance facilitates this."


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Obituaries

John Laszlo

John Laszlo, 81, of Deford, died October 18, 2015 in St. Mary's of Michigan following a brief illness. John was born May 11, 1934 in North Branch to the late Stephen and Julia Takarics Laszlo.

John married Janet Elaine Peters on September 2, 1960 in Deford.



John worked for Cass City Concrete as a heavy equipment operator and later for Fuelgas, where he was a service technician of furnaces and appliances. John served in the United States Army as a Military Policeman. He enjoyed woodworking, tinkering and modifying many different contraptions around the house, yard and his workshop. John also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved spending time with his family, especially with his granddaughters.

John is survived by his wife, Janet; daughter, Gail and Steven Klein of Brighton; granddaughters: Lindsey Jaeger of Wyoming and Paige Jaeger of South Lyon; brother, Michael and Donna Laszlo of Prescott; sister, Elizabeth Zajac of Kingston; and several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his son, Mark; his parents; brothers and sisters: Steve Lasko, Frank Laszlo, Andrew Laszlo, Mary and Dan Gyomory, Julia Vinci, Rose Hancock and Helen Laszlo.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, October 21 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Christian Tabares of Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery. Military honors under the direction of Cass City V.F.W. Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City V.F.W. Post #3644 or Great Start Tuscola Imagination Library. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

James Smithson

James Willard Smithson, 74, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Monday, October 19, 2015 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born February 6, 1941 in Cass City to Roy and Alice (Robbins) Smithson.

He married Joann Zawilinski September 21, 1963 in Cass City.

Jim graduated from Cass City High School and was employed by General Cable, working with computers and scheduling. He was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City and Cass City Gagetown Knights of Columbus Council #8892. Jim enjoyed woodworking, bowling and golf. He was forever loyal to the Detroit Tigers and Lions.

Jim is survived by his wife, Joann; children: Jim (Deb Poyser) Smithson, Jr. of Fort Wayne, IN, Julie (Barry) Patterson of Warren and Jeff (Gretchen Gersonde) Smithson of St. Joseph; grandchildren: Rob Smithson and Megan and Kelsey Patterson; brother, Edward (Saralie) Smithson of Sandusky; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ilene Smith; nephew, Kevin Smith.

A funeral service was held Friday, October 23 in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church with the Rev. Christian Tabares officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius Catholic Church or Revive Food Bank.

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NYE TAKES A victory lap after claiming first place in the Youth Team Class during the National Clydesdale Show, held in conjunction with the Indiana State Fair in August.

Nye claims back-to-back world youth titles

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Perkins' six grandchildren, shared her grandparents' passion for Clydesdales at an early age. "I've been around them since I could walk, pretty much. (I love) being around them. They're really gentle," she said. "You've got to be patient with them, take your time" working with them. "They're known as gentle giants," Christie said, adding her daughter "started showing them when she was eight. She has a way with them – the horses respond really well to her."

That's not surprising, considering Kenna spends virtually her entire summer at her grandparents' ranch. "I'm up there working with them. We've got three new horses, so they've all needed work, and we have some young ones that need to be driven," Kenna said. "You want them to work together. You want them to listen to you."

Her summer vacation days typically start at 6:30 a.m. and don't end before late afternoon. The daily chores include exercising the horses and oiling their feathers (white, plume-like hair around their lower legs), along with taking care of the other basics – feeding and watering them, for example. The horses are groomed twice a week and shod every six weeks. "Two days before

each show, they get baths (with a hose and step ladder," Christie noted.

The family travels to and competes in a half-dozen or so draft horse shows annually. This past summer's competitions included the Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show and Pull at MSU – the largest draft horse show in North America – the Indiana State Fair/National Clydesdale Show, the Michigan State Fair, the Wisconsin State Fair, the Huron Community Fair and the Michigan Draft Horse Breeders Show.

Kenna, who is active in softball, Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the equestrian team at Cass City High School, acknowledged that her summer show schedule requires some major planning and travel arrangements, starting with loading a pair of 53-foot semi-truck trailers.

"We have a semi for our horses and a semi for our equipment," she explained, adding one of the trailers is a custom, nine-stall horse trailer.

Show days are long, starting at 6:30 a.m. with exercising and feeding the horses, and ending around 8 p.m. after taking care of the horses, removing mane and tail braids, and putting away harnesses and other equipment.

"It doesn't seem like work to us," Christie said.

"I always put it to her (like this): I don't care if you win or lose – the day you stop having fun is the day you'll stop doing this," she added. "I don't see that happening, though."

Kenna agreed, saying she would like to make a career out of caring for and raising Clydesdales. "I just love being around the horses," she added.

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Red Hawks race into playoffs with 71-6 thrashing of Caro

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Like a finely tuned American muscle car, the Cass City Red Hawk football team powered into the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) playoffs with a 71-6 victory over Caro Friday to wrap-up play in the regular season.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Greater Thumb West				
Team	W	L	T	W
Vassar	5	0	0	8
Cass City	3	2	0	7
USA	3	2	0	5
Bad Axe	2	3	0	3
EPBP	2	3	0	4
Reese	0	5	0	1

Greater Thumb East				
Team	W	L	T	W
Sandusky	5	0	0	9
Ubyly	4	1	0	7
Harbor Beach	3	2	0	4
Brown City	2	3	0	2
Mallette	1	4	0	5
Memphis	0	5	0	1

Mid-Michigan 8-Man				
Team	W	L	T	W
Owen-Gage	6	0	0	9
NH Merritt	5	1	0	7
B. Madison	4	2	0	4
Caseville	3	3	0	4
Hale	2	4	0	2
Akron-Fair	1	5	0	3
Flint MSD	0	7	0	0

NCTL - 8-MAN				
Team	W	L	T	W
Deckerville	5	0	0	8
Peck	4	1	0	6
Kingston	3	2	0	4
North Huron	2	3	0	5
Dryden	1	4	0	2
CPS	0	5	0	0

With the shellacking, Coach Scott Cuthrell's team improves to 7-2 and will now travel to meet host Ubyly Friday in a Division 7 Pre-District contest. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

The Bearcats enter the post season following a 40-28 win over Bad Axe that upped Ubyly's mark to 7-2. During the year, Ubyly and Cass City faced the same foes six times, with both schools winning five of the contests. Unlike the last meeting between the Greater Thumb Conference neighbors - a 41-6 Ubyly victory in 2003 - expect this reunion to battle back and forth to the final whistle.

"Congratulations to the Cass City football team for a great regular season. Please come and support your football team at Ubyly for the start of the playoffs," said Cuthrell.

Fans that make the short journey to Ubyly will witness two high-powered offenses. The Red Hawk offense, in particular, has been on a tear since

their week six loss to Vassar. In their last 3 outings, Cass City has tallied 159 points while allowing just 26.

Cass City scored on every first-half possession against Caro to build a 57-6 advantage at the intermission. Although the Red Hawk running attack led the way, the winners were hitting on all cylinders - offense, defense and specially teams - throughout the evening in a complete showing.

Sawyer Cuthrell rushed for 139 yards on 14 carries and four touchdowns, and Mason Erla ran for 73 yards on three totes, with three touchdowns, to pace the Cass City offense, while Shaede Perzanowski chipped in 39 yards rushing on eight attempts and one marker.

Actually, Cass City struck first on a rare pass play, when Cuthrell hauled in a 25-yard toss from Erla after taking the opening kick and moving 59 yards to pay dirt.

After forcing a Caro punt, Cuthrell

would find the end zone again, this time on a 17-yard jaunt, to make the score 13-0 with just over five minutes remaining in the initial frame.

Unable to keep the Cass City offense off the field, the Red Hawks would take a 20-0 gap into the second quarter when Erla scrambled 50 yards on the team's next drive, covering 70 yards in the blink of an eye.

Noah Carr put Caro on the scoreboard early in the second quarter when he broke loose for a 19-yard touchdown run with 10:07 remaining in the half. Carr gained 42 yards on 19 carries.

Leading 20-6, offensive touchdowns by Perzanowski, Erla, Cuthrell and Branden Horne would help to extend the Red Hawk advantage before the break.

While the Red Hawk offense was running up and down the field at will, Cass City's defense was equally impressive. A team effort saw TJ Moore with five tackles, while Parker Haire, Nick Perry and Jose Nazario were credited with four stops apiece. The hosts' defensive effort also benefited from a pick-six by Cuthrell in the opening half and a Brad Hacker interception in the closing half. Erla added a fumble recovery.

Nazario, the Red Hawks' sophomore defensive lineman, had a career moment when he blocked a punt and was able to find the end zone in the third quarter. Hacker scored on a five-yard run in the final stanza to complete the whipping for the winners.

Cass City earns rare GTW championship

Cass City had an easy time running to the Greater Thumb West (GTW) League Meet championship last week, but there's little time for the Red Hawks to rest on their laurels.

Coach Jon Zdrojewski's men's team dominated the action in Brown City with an impressive winning team score of only 17, just two short of a perfect score in cross country of 15.

Bad Axe finished a distant runner-up at the GTW finale with 60 points,

while Reese (73), Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (103) and Unionville-Sebewaing Area (114) complete the team standings.

As usual, GTW all-conference honors were earned at the league meet with the first 7 runners landing on the first team, while the next 7 finishers are second team performers and the next 7 make up the honorable mention selections.

For Cass City, GTW First Team all-Please turn to page 10.

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District volleyball play starts Monday at USA

In their final tune-up before district play, the Cass City volleyball team couldn't get past undefeated Greater Thumb West champion Brown City Saturday at the Laker invite.

Up next for the Lady Red Hawks is Monday's Class C district match-up at Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School, where Coach Bill Potter's team will face fellow Greater Thumb West foe Bad Axe at 6 p.m. The 2 squads split during the regular season, with both teams recording wins on the road.

Also slated for district action on opening night are Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (EPBP) and Harbor Beach,

who will square off in Monday's late game at approximately 7 p.m.

On Wednesday night, district favorite USA awaits the EPBP, Harbor Beach winner, while Ubyly will face either Cass City or Bad Axe. Wednesday night's action starts at 6 p.m. and Thursday's final is scheduled for first serves to fly at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Cass City posted a 3-2 record in their pool play matches, falling to Brown City, while splitting matches with Deckerville and sweeping Memphis.

The Green Devils used wins of 25-Please turn to page 10.

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IS THIS a moose? Nope, it's a unique buck - check out the webbed antlers - taken Saturday morning, October 24th, in Greenleaf Township by Thumb hunter Dave Wright.

Stimpfels finish on top at Caro

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conference showings were turned in by meet medalist Bransen Stimpfel, while CarLee Stimpfel placed second, Jose Torres third, Zane Wright fifth and Michael Rader, with a personal best time of 18:36, was the sixth runner to cross the end line on the day. With times of 16:12 and 16:48, the Stimpfel brothers were the only racers to break the 17-minute mark.

Second team GTW all-conference honors went to Red Hawk Gabe Farver for his 11th place finish and honorable mention praises went to Jamison Biskner-Kruse in 15th place, Race Woloshen in 18th and Tyler Laster in 20th.

"Nine of the 21 spots for all-conference honors went to Cass City athletes. Hayden Larkin finished 24th, narrowly missing the all-conference honors. Great day to race and a lot of fun to dominate a meet like that in our typically very difficult conference," Zdrojewski said.

In the GTW women's field, Reese defeated Bad Axe 21-49 to take home the championship banner, while Cass City (76) and Unionville-Sebewaing Area (84) round out the team rankings.

For the Lady Red Hawks, outstanding efforts were turned in by Lauren Fernald who finished in 9th place to receive second team all-conference status, as did Layna Mathewson with her 13th place finish. Honorable mention all-conference praises went to DeeDee Haley in 19th place and Kate Stimpfel in 21st. Ilana Blattner finished in 28th with a season-best time of 31:07.

THUMB AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

Despite a first and second place finish by Bransen and CarLee Stimpfel, along with a personal-best time from Gabe Farver, who finished below 19 minutes for the first time at 18:52,

the Red Hawks took third at the Thumb Area Cross Country Meet Saturday in Caro.

Coach Zdrojewski claimed the conditions were almost ideal for running over the weekend; however the result were not, as the Red Hawks were bested for a second time on the year by the host Caro Tigers.

The top 5 teams at the mega gathering had Yale on top with 79 points followed by Caro (91), Cass City (93), Crosswell-Lexington (108) and Uibly (141).

"They (Caro) had a runner beat some of our guys for the first time this season with a personal best time and that was the difference. With regionals only a few days away we will have to work very hard this week to prepare for both Hemlock and Caro as they have both beaten us in previous meets," Zdrojewski said, noting the regional in Deckerville Saturday will provide another chance for area fans to witness the Thumb top runners in action.

For Uibly, a balanced effort saw Alex Grifka recorded a time of 17:01 to place 6th, Nicholas Swanson came in 20th with a time of 18:03, Nathan Gilbert 23rd with a time of 18:08, Jonathan Wright 42nd with a time of 19:03 and Blake Schumacher was 67th with a time of 19:51.

Turning to the women's field, the top 5 team rankings included Crosswell-Lexington with 75, Imlay City 77, Yale 121, Uibly 127 and Reese 177.

For the Bearcats, Haili Gusa was placed second with a time of 19:56, Janelle White 11th with a time of 19:37, Emma Hembrough 36th with a time of 22:57, Sabrina Schumacher 39th with a time of 23:03 and Shannon Particka 51st with a time of 24:03.

For the lady Red Hawks, which did not have a full team with only the 4 runners, Fernald (23:45) continues to lead the team followed closely by Mathewson (23:58), Haley (25:28) and Stimpfel (26:37).

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Cedarville at O-G	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Peck at Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Last Week's results	8 - 0	7 - 1	6 - 2	6 - 2
Season Results	58- 16 (78%)	54-20 (72%)	52-22 (70%)	55 - 19 (74%)

Schneeberger's Athletes of the Week



Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honors go to the Cass City Cross Country Team.

Not only did the Red Hawks capture the school's first Greater Thumb West crown since 2008 last week in Brown City, Coach Jon Zdrojewski's distance kings did so in record fashion, falling just 2 points short of a perfect score that included 5 of the top 6 times on the day.

For the champs, Bransen Stimpfel, CarLee Stimpfel, Jose Torres, Zane Wright and Michael Rader were first team all-conference performers, while all-conference second team honors went to Gabe Farver and honorable mention praises went to Jamison Biskner-Kruse, Race Woloshen and Tyler Laster. The 2015 Cass City boys' cross country team members include, from the left, Gabe Farver, Michael Rader, Jamison Biskner-Kruse, Bransen Stimpfel, Race Woloshen, CarLee Stimpfel, Hayden Larkin and Coach Jon Zdrojewski. Missing are Jose Torres, Keith Lounsbury, Zane Wright and Tyler Laster.y.

Brown City handles Hawk spikers

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21 and 25-16 to start the day on a sour note for the Red Hawks, who bounced back to trade decisions against the Eagles 19-25, 25-21, before having their way with the Yellowjackets 25-15 and 15-16.

In elimination play, Brown City sent the Red Hawks packing with hard fought victories of 25-21 and 25-23.

"Maegan LeValley was back to her usual high hitting percentage," said Potter, adding that the Red Hawks played most of the day without setter Lauren Potter.

LeValley recorded 24 kills to pace Cass City, while Taylor Rasmussen added 17 kills, 9 aces, 12 digs; Lauren Dickinson, 22 sets, 11 assists; Baylee Murphy, 10 aces, 12 digs; and Tara Nicholas, 10 digs.

Earlier last week, Cass City closed out their Greater Thumb West campaign with a victory over host EPBP. The scores on the night were 25-17, 22-25, 25-13 and 25-9.

Individually, LeValley registered 12

kills; Macy Dickinson, 10 kills; Taylor Rasmussen, 9 kills; and Kelsey Bouverette, 7 kills; while Potter chipped in 36 assists, 8 aces; Baylee Murphy, 12 digs, 6 aces; and Nicholas, 22 digs.

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Greater Thumb West		
Team	W	L
USA	9	1
Bad Axe	8	2
Cass City	7	3
Reese	2	8
EPBP	2	8
Vassar	2	8
Greater Thumb East		
Team	W	L
Brown City	10	0
Marlette	8	2
Harbor Beach	5	5
Sandusky	4	6
Uibly	3	7
Memphis	0	10

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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	CC 54, Bad Axe	6
10/2	CC 21, Vassar	56
10/9	CC 55, Reese	20
10/16	CC 49, USA	0
10/23	CC 71, Caro	6

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VARSITY FOOTBALL

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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	Ubly 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	Wagner 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

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	CC 56, Bad Axe	8
10/1	CC 30, Vassar	0
10/8	CC 74, Reese	42
10/15	CANCELLED	
10/22	CC 34, Caro	0

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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Legal Notices

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 KELLY M. EBERLINE-CHERRY, a single woman ("Mortgagor"), to CHEMICAL BANK, a Michigan banking corporation, having an office at 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640-6511 (the "Mortgagee"), dated June 20, 2013, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on June 26, 2013, in Liber 1284, Page 879 (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 Forty Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine and 43/100 Dollars (\$40,689.43). 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 12th day of November, 2015, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2, excluding the North 57 feet of Lot 2, Block 4 of the Jesse Fox Addition to the Village of Cass City, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Together with all the improvements erected on the real estate, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures a part of the property, and all replacements and additions.

Commonly known as: 4557 Seeger Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726 P.P. #79-035-500-254-0100-00

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: October 7, 2015

CHEMICAL BANK

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10-7-4

MORTGAGE SALE
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Krystal A. Freeland, a/k/a Krystal A.

Long, a single woman, mortgagor, to Mayville State Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated December 7, 2004, and was recorded on December 13, 2004, in Liber 1020, on page 828 of the Tuscola County records, and subject to a modification of mortgage recorded at Liber 1188, Page 771. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$53,379.32, including interest at 8.75% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on November 5, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Denmark, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

A parcel of land in that part of the S half of the SE 1/4 of Section 33, T12N, R7E, Denmark Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, lying SW 1/4 of Hwy. M-15 described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commence at the SE corner of said Section 33; thence N 01°57'20" E on the E line of said Section, 23.96 ft to the constructed centerline of Hwy. M-15; thence N 56°39'00" W on said centerline, 1,288.00 ft to the point of beginning of this description thence S 33°21'00" W perpendicular to said centerline, 225.00 ft; thence N 56°39'00" W parallel to said centerline, 150.00 ft; thence N 33°21'00" E, perpendicular to said centerline, 225.00 ft to said centerline; thence S 56°39'00" E, on the centerline of Hwy. M-15, 150.00 ft to the point of beginning.

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If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the Mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

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Dated: October 1, 2015

By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Mayville State Bank, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
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Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18 Kalamazoo MI, 49009

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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 certain mortgage made BY Susan Moore, a single woman, whose address is 5190 Park Dr., Fairgrove, Michigan 48733, as original

Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., being a mortgage dated December 26, 2007, and recorded on January 10, 2008 in Liber 1138 Page 1359, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated February 21, 2013 and recorded on March 11, 2013 in Liber 1274 Page 132, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated March 20, 2014 and recorded on April 15, 2014 in Liber 1305 Page 411, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FIFTY-TWO AND 97/100 DOLLARS (\$100,052.97).

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, at public sale to the highest bidder at the AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN TUSCOLA COUNTY, at 10:00 a.m. on November 5, 2015.

Said premises are situated in the Village of Fairgrove, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8 of Hillcrest subdivision to the Village of Fairgrove, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 27 of Tuscola County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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: October 7, 2015 For more information, please call: (312) 541-9710, Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. File No.: MI 15 3036

10-7-4

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry J. McPherson, a married man and Ann E. McPherson, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 23, 2004 and recorded November 30, 2004 in Liber 1019, Page 175, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Four and 89/100 Dollars (\$89,604.89), including interest at 6.5% 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 at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on NOVEMBER 5, 2015.

Said premises are located in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

A parcel of land located in the North half of Section 16, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 16; thence West along the North line of Section 16 a distance of 941.14 feet to its intersection with the Westerly line of Gleason Street thence South 00 degrees 45 minutes 33 seconds East along said Westerly line and parallel with the North and South quarter line of Section 16 a distance of 1027.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, of this description; thence continuing along said Westerly line of Gleason Street South 00 degrees 45 minutes 33 seconds East 19.0 feet; thence West parallel with said North line of Section

16 a distance of 330.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 33 seconds West 94.00 feet; thence East 180.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 45 minutes 33 seconds East parallel with said West line of Gleason Street 75.00 feet; thence East 132.00 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: October 7, 2015
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 15-014541

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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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 Jennifer S Dymond and Charles L. Dymond, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2011, and recorded on May 10, 2011 in Liber 1222 on Page 113, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Five and 35/100 Dollars (\$61,935.35).

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 November 12, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Commencing 300 feet West of the Southeast corner of the East half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence North 200 feet, thence West 140 feet, thence South 200 feet, thence East 140 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the East half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Town 12 North, Range 7 East.

Parcel 2: Commencing 300 feet West and 200 feet North of the Southeast corner of the East half of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence North 80 feet, thence West 140 feet, thence South 80 feet, thence East 140 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan.

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

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: October 14, 2015
For more information, please call:
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 132.0 feet of the East 143.50 feet of the West 343.50 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, more particularly described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 13, which is East 200.0 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 13; thence continuing along said North line, East 143.50 feet, thence South 02 degrees 25 minutes 45 Seconds East, 132.0 feet; thence West 143.50 feet; thence North 02 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds West, 132.0 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.

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Said premises are situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 8 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 29, now being Page 30A.

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: October 21, 2015
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary Knapp a married man and Marsha Knapp his wife, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 19th day of February, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of March, 2004 in Liber 983 of Tuscola County Records, page 1318, said Mortgage having been assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Seventy-eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-one and 95/100 (\$78,661.95), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of December, 2015 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 5.750% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Arabela, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

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Dated: 10/28/2015 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP 700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 362-2600 BOA FHA KnappGa

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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 mort-

gaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 10, 2015 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449K, in which case the redemption period shall be 3 months, or under MCL 125.1449v, 30 days from the date of such sale.

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20130924029313 CONV

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Cass City School officials outline contract proposal details

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"half-step" pay increase — incremental salary increases based on years of service — for teachers on steps one through 10 in each year of a proposed two-year contract, and a one-percent increase for those at step 11. Zaleski noted a half-step pay hike equals roughly 2 to 3 ½ percent.

Other items school negotiators have agreed to, Zaleski said, include:

*Increased life insurance by \$10,000 per employee.

*Increased dental services annual maximums from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per employee.

*Increased sick day payout from 66.7 percent of the substitute rate to 75 per day.

*Decreased sick day payout from 100 days to 90 days.

*Increased "cash in lieu" (an amount paid to employees who agree not to accept health insurance bene-

fits because, for example, their spouse already purchases coverage through their employer) from \$115 per month to \$200 per month (if a minimum of six employees opt for the payout) and \$300 per month if 10 or more employees participate.

*Increased the number of employee sick days from six to 12 per year (six per semester).

*Increased overload pay (additional reimbursement for teachers with class sizes that exceed numbers specified in the contract) at the elementary school from \$7 to \$7.50 per day per student, and from \$2.25 per hour per student to \$2.40 per student per hour at the high school.

Zaleski noted school officials also prematurely increased the insurance cap amount as of July 1, even though they weren't obligated to do so until after a new contract is ratified, representing a savings for all Cass City Education Association (CCEA)

employees.

School officials said the union initially agreed to the school's offer, but later backed out pending the results of the district's 2014-15 fiscal year audit.

As it stands now, Zaleski said, bargain-bargainers, who are working with a state mediator, won't be returning to the table until January due to scheduling conflicts.

School Supt. Jeff Hartel said school officials are continuing to work with the union in an effort to come up with a contract both sides are willing to ratify. "I think we're getting very close," he added. "There's a lot of money on the table here, and you know our enrollment. (But) I think we can get it done."

CCEA representatives on hand Monday night declined to comment at this time.

Cass City teachers started the 2015-16 school year without a new con-

tract following the expiration of their previous two-year pact in mid-August.

The local teaching staff was more than a month into the 2013-14 school year before that contract was ratified. Negotiations had started months before — in early spring — and bargain-bargainers had agreed on much of what the pact would include, with the key exception being salaries for the district's 56 teachers.

Both sides came to an agreement in late October 2013, adopting the previous two-year contract, which lifted a five-year freeze on step pay. At the time, the board agreed to add 1 ½ percent to each step and move all instructors up a step.

The union, meanwhile, agreed to concessions that included increasing class sizes before "overload" pay kicks in.

Hartel estimated the contract would cost the district an additional \$100,000 in 2013 and another \$70,000 in 2014.

The Cass City Public Schools' financial picture has improved significantly since the last teachers' contract was ratified. At that time, school officials were projecting a year-end fund balance of close to \$800,000, an amount equal to 8.7 of the schools' 2013-14 general fund budget.

According to the district's 2014-15 annual audit report presented Monday, school officials were able to add \$211,000 to the fund balance going into the current (2015-16) fiscal year, which began July 1. Currently, the fund balance stands at about \$1.4 million.

ENROLLMENT

Turning to enrollment, Hartel briefly discussed the numbers following the latest of two official statewide student counts.

As expected, the Oct. 7 tally revealed another dip in enrollment for Cass City — and the numbers are down significantly. "This year we are down 38 kids," Hartel said. "We're at 1,017 (students), which is minus-four percent from last fall."

Hartel said school officials had projected a loss of 25 kids — which translates into about \$185,000 in state funding — for the purpose of budgeting this year. The loss of an additional 13 students means the board will have to determine where to make up for an additional \$96,000 or so in lost revenue, he added.

According to Hartel, the latest tally revealed a total of about 545 students at the elementary school, with another 472 in grades seven through 12 for the total district enrollment of 1,017. The high school enrollment includes 298 in grades nine through 12, which is the figure used for athletic classification.

This is the first time in memory that Cass City High School's enrollment (grades nine through 12) has dipped below 300.

Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state, which "blends" student counts conducted

twice a year by districts; once in the fall and again the following February. The state's blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools' foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. Cass City, for example, is slated to receive roughly \$7,391 per student for the 2015-16 school year, a \$140-per-student increase compared to 2014-15.

Although school officials know they're in line for a state funding increase this year, there's no way to predict fluctuations in the student population week to week due to kids coming and going via Schools of Choice — and when they come and go, they take/bring their state funding with them.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Also Monday, the board:

*Received a clean bill of financial health from the firm of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran, PC, which conducted Cass City's 2014-15 annual audit. "Overall a very good year for the district — you added to your fund balance and did a very good job of budgeting," company CPA Angela M. Burnette said during her presentation to the board.

Burnette noted Cass City's \$1.4 million fund balance — an amount equal to 14.3 percent of the district general fund — is considered healthy, although experts recommend a balance in the neighborhood of 15 to 20 percent. On the other hand, she added, the average among Michigan's schools is just shy of 8 percent.

*Adopted a resolution in support of the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC), which has enabled Cass City and dozens of other schools to purchase energy at bargain rates via a cooperative. All nine public school districts in the Tuscola County participate in the cooperative, according to Hartel.

"It's very important to our district," he added, noting Cass City has saved a combined \$188,000 in energy costs since joining the organization back in May 2001.

*Heard from teachers Jane Reif and Kris Milligan, who invited board members to visit classrooms during American Education Week, which is slated to get underway Monday, Nov. 16. Milligan also presented each board member with a certificate of appreciation.

*Read two letters, including one lauding the Cass City High School Marching Band's performance during the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival. In addition, Rawson Memorial District Library Kate Van Auker penned a note thanking Cass City Schools Technology Director Lyle Severance for helping to set up a Skype interview with a book author for a recent program at the library.



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