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Molter announces grocery store plans for village

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Few details were released, but Texas native Mark Molter made an

announcement Monday that should have local residents smiling with anticipation.

Molter says he plans to open a new grocery store in downtown Cass

City. "Cass City will soon have a new, 20,000-square-foot grocery store located in the heart of downtown," Molter stated in a news release.

Molter said he has vast experience in owning an operating successful community grocery stores, and with his recent purchase of a downtown site, the new store will feature locally-made products, high quality food items, fresh produce, meats, full deli and fresh breads.

Molter didn't specify the location for the new business or when it will open, saying only that construction

will begin soon.

Molter said he and his wife and the couple's four children "are excited to become a part of the Cass City community."

"One of the reasons (we) chose Cass City was because of the high quality of life, community support, and highly valued school system," added Molter, who said he is an avid Please turn to page 7.



THE CASS CITY Junior-Senior High School Student Council teamed up with Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Mark Swales and other county and local emergency first responders to present a mock fatal crash in an effort to remind students of the dangers of drinking and driving. Students, including Emily Czapl and Ilana Blattner (top photo), along with staff members posed as victims and witnesses in the demonstration, held just three days prior to Cass City's prom.

Thumb sobriety court boasts more than 30 "graduates" and counting

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

In just a little over two years, the DWI/Thumb Regional Sobriety

Court has graduated more than 30 defendants who successfully completed the intensive program designed to end the cycle of drunken driving arrests by giving repeat

offenders the tools they need to get and stay sober.

The promising program is delivering positive results and changing lives, according to Tuscola County Chief Judge Amy Grace Gierhart.

"I would say that we've seen amazing stories of success," said Gierhart, who along with Tuscola County District Court Judge Kim D. Glaspie led the charge to establish the program in the Thumb.

The first offenders accepted as participants in the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court began their year-long journey to "graduation" in early 2014.

"So far, we've had 33 people graduate," said sobriety court Program Coordinator Rebecca Turner, who noted another eight participants did not successfully complete the program, and one individual was discharged early due to medical issues.

In general, the state measures the success of regional sobriety courts based on the rate of recidivism (repeat offenses), and the state's success rate has been 65 to 70 percent. "On our last reporting period, we had 86.7 percent" of participants successfully completing the program, Turner said. "That number is climbing."

"We have 32 people (in the program) right now. There are four awaiting sentencing (and expected to

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TRUST, ACCOUNTABILITY, Honesty and Success are the words inscribed on the coin above, held by one of the first graduates of the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court, which was established in late 2013 through a partnership of the trial courts in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties in an effort to break the addiction cycle involved in cases of individuals charged with repeat drunken driving offenses.

Ignition locks boost success of sobriety courts

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A new research report evaluating Michigan's efforts to prevent repeat drunk driving by chronic offenders through the use of ignition interlocks concludes that the devices, when used in conjunction with a sobriety court program, contribute to significantly better success rates among offenders.

Offenders participating in the state's DWI/sobriety courts without the use of interlocks were found to have three times greater odds of fail-

ing out of sobriety court than those ordered by the court to use the devices.

The same sort of success is being reported by Thumb Regional Sobriety Court officials, who say the ignition interlock devices not only help to ensure sobriety court participants are staying sober, but have also enabled court officials to effectively address the challenge of transportation for participants to meet obligations ranging from attending 12-step meetings to keeping court appointments.

An ignition interlock device con-

nects with a motor vehicle's ignition and other control systems. The interlock device measures the driver's bodily alcohol content through their breath and keeps the vehicle from starting if the Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) is .025 or higher. The device also will ask for random retests while the person is driving.

The state report, commissioned by the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) to evaluate the first five years of the DWI/Sobriety Court Ignition Interlock Program, was Please turn to page 6.

Kingston Schools plan second bond issue vote

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Kingston Community School District officials will again ask voters to approve a bond issue this summer in an effort to generate funding for what school officials have described as a myriad of long-overdue building and equipment upgrades ranging from technology needs to roof replacement.

The Kingston Board of Education, meeting in special session last Wednesday, approved the language for the proposal, which has been reduced in scope following voters' rejection of a \$6 million bond issue request in March.

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Deputies nab 3 in recent prescription drug probes

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A trio of arrests in Huron County last week underscored the area law enforcement community's efforts to reduce prescription drug trafficking in the Thumb.

Officials say an increase in prescription drug abuse of epidemic proportions across the state and nation is largely to blame for the rise in abuse of and overdose deaths related to cheaper but much more unpredictable street narcotics such as heroin.

The latest arrests included one last Wednesday morning in Caseville, where Huron County Sheriff's deputies, assisted by Caseville police, took a 46-year-old Caseville woman into custody for allegedly delivering hydrocodone – a powerful opioid painkiller – in Caseville.

"The suspect, Rebecca P. Williams, wife of Etroy Williams, who is being sentenced later this month in the 52nd Circuit Court for trafficking heroin in Caseville, was arraigned in the 73B District this afternoon on the felony charges that were authorized by the Huron County Prosecutor's Office," said Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson. "She remains lodged in our jail on a \$75,000 cash bond, with further charges pending due to her being on Please turn to page 6.

Cooking up a class

Student's passion for cooking leads her to Extension expert

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

She may be no Betty Crocker, but Cass City High School junior Paige Bagnall knows the recipe for success.

When Bagnall, 16, went in search of a cooking class at school but couldn't find one, she decided to propose creation of one to school officials. She also discovered a free class that MSU Extension offers to teens like herself, and Please turn to page 8.



CASS CITY High School junior Paige Bagnall recently helped organize an MSU Extension "Cooking Matters for Teens" class. About 18 area teens signed up and have been learning about cooking and good nutrition under the guidance of Extension Nutrition Program instructor Karly Creguer and Cass City Public Schools Food Service Director Shari Bock (pictured above, second from left).



THE CASS CITY Jr. High Student Council is always looking for ways to do their part in the community, from fun activities for the student body to hosting drives for local charities, and even a Veterans Day event to support our local heroes. This year's council members are (front, l-r) Kristofer Nika, Ryan Pisarek, Riley Copeland and Alexis Hull; (back) Addy Battel, Madi Tschirhart, Macey White, Alex Perry, Hailey Beckrow, Ryan DeLong and Sierra Spry.

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Owen-Gage announces students of month

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for April is being a "Goal Setter". A student who is a goal setter sets goals and priorities in the following areas: personal, career awareness, financial and family living. The following students have been chosen: Nolen Gruehn, kindergarten (elementary level), son of

Nathan and Kamryn Gruehn; Dana Morrish, sixth grade (junior high level), daughter of Janet Abfalter and Mark Morrish; Boyd Evans, seventh grade (junior high level), son of Maurice and Tanya Evans; Carlee Rievert, ninth grade (high school level), daughter of Ed and Ame Rievert; and Devon Lorenz, twelfth

grade (senior student), son of Rena Lorenz and the late Scott Lorenz.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Devon Lorenz. Devon has been active in sports throughout high school. He was a member of the football and baseball teams all four years. As a sophomore, he participated in band each year except his junior year, where he plays the trombone.

Devon has been a member of the yearbook staff since his sophomore year. As a junior, he was on the prom committee. His senior year, Devon was nominated as a king candidate for snowball. Devon has attended the Huron Area Technical Center enrolled in the auto technology program the past two years. He has been a member of the Sebewaing Methodist Church's youth group for the past three years.

Devon plans to attend Michigan Institution of Aviation Technology to pursue a career as an aviation mechanic.



Nolen Gruehn



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In Our OPINION..

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Look twice; share the road with motorcycles

Michigan has 488,765 residents with a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license and 249,547 registered motorcycles — numbers that serve as a reminder for motorists throughout the state to think about motorcycle safety, especially with the arrival of warm weather.

Statistics show that 80 percent of motorcycle crashes result in injury and death. To help avoid such tragedies, motorists are advised to:

*Watch out at intersections - they are the number one spot for crashes with motorcyclists.

*Scan approaching traffic carefully when making left turns — a motorcycle's smaller size makes it easy to miss. In other words, remember the slogan, "Look Twice, Save a Life".

*Double check blind spots when changing lanes.

*Keep at least three to four seconds between your vehicle and a motorcyclist.

*Treat motorcyclists with respect and courtesy — they have the same rights as any other driver and are legally entitled to a full lane.

Motorcyclists have an equally important role in ensuring they are prepared to ride. According to the Michigan State Police, nearly 50 percent of riders involved in a crash did not have a motorcycle endorsement.

Troopers say motorcyclists can avoid trouble by taking a motorcycle safety class, getting a motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license, always wearing the appropriate safety gear, and by choosing a motorcycle suited for your size and skill level.

To address the problem of unendorsed riders, the Secretary of State's Office and the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) are overseeing a multi-year program — called the Shadow Rider Campaign — that targets those without a motorcycle endorsement and informs them of the risks of riding without it.

"The Shadow Rider campaign is having a positive effect in reaching unendorsed riders," OHSP Director Michael L. Prince said. "Since the campaign started, the number of unendorsed riders has fallen from 50,000 to 40,000, which is a decrease of 20 percent."

The Michigan Motorcycle Safety Training Program offers classes for riders at all experience levels. Classes are provided through public organizations such as colleges and universities, and select Harley-Davidson dealers.

A motorcycle endorsement is required to drive on public roads. To obtain an endorsement, you must successfully pass a motorcycle safety course or pass a written and vision test at a Secretary of State office, obtain a motorcycle temporary instruction permit (which allows you to practice riding legally on the streets), pass a motorcycle skills test at a third-party testing organization, and present your skills test certificate at a branch office. The motorcycle safety course is required for teens.

Once you've dotted your I's crossed your T's, don't forget that safety on the roads is no accident. Regardless of your vehicle of choice, everyone shares a serious responsibility to watch out for the other guy, to be courteous on the roads, and to put away anything that might distract your attention while driving.

Let's make this a safe and enjoyable summer for all.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler




Excitement times two

Life can be exciting. And stressful. And sometimes exciting things — even though they are good things — create stress. Even though you promise yourself you won't let them this time.

You know you shouldn't complain. Excitement is excitement after all. You are aware you should take it all in. Don't sweat the small stuff (it's all small stuff) and simply enjoy the milestones that are headed your way. Your logical mind knows this. But knowing and doing are two different things and when you wake up at 2:00 a.m. worrying about invitation lists, plus-ones, napkin colors or whether a popcorn bar beats out a candy buffet you understand that you are not doing well at the celebratory portion of your impending celebration.

My son will graduate from high school in a month. Yay. He made it! Whew!

My daughter will get married two months after his graduation. Yay. She and her fiancé made it! Whew!

Graduations and weddings are delightful, festive, wonderful occasions. They signify the end of a successful journey and the promise of a new beginning. They are days to enjoy and celebrate.

But, before I can break out the champagne for a well-deserved toast, we still have things to do. So many things to do.

We have to get the announcements (graduation) and invitations (wedding) ordered and we have to pick a theme for the party (graduation) not to mention the food and my boys will need suits and shoes (for the wedding) and we'll want to find some lawn games and extra chairs (for the graduation). Speaking of that we need to rake the lawn and weed the garden before the (graduation) party and we have to come up with centerpiece ideas for both events and we've yet to decide between cake or cupcakes (wedding) while cookies might be an option (graduation) and I've still got to choose a dress (for the wedding) not to mention a dress for the bride and bridesmaids and flower girls and so many other things that need to get decided and get done.

Deep breath. Normally one big celebration is enough to keep me up at night. But two? That's enough to put a gal way over the edge.

Or not. Come on girl, get a grip.

I have two major life celebrations in the coming months. How lucky can a person get? I realized yesterday I was perseverating on the tasks involved and ignoring the joy that I should be feeling about these upcoming events and that's simply no way to celebrate. At least not if you want to celebrate successfully — which I most assuredly do. What would be the point otherwise?

The days will come — and go. Someone might notice if all the napkins don't match or if the cake leans slightly or if we run out of pulled pork, but I doubt it. And even if something does go wrong (and it probably will) and someone actually notices (and they probably won't), I doubt they'd care enough to even

notice that they noticed.


Because when we celebrate, we don't come to the party for the decorations or the games or the music or even the pulled pork. We come together to congratulate and wish the graduate or the bride and groom all the best. Because we care. It's as simple as that.

Anything beyond is just icing on the cake — or cupcake, depending on which way we decide to go.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. 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)

The Huron County Bean Board is looking for young ladies who are interested in participating in the 2016 Bean Queen Contest. To qualify, entrants must be unmarried; the daughter or granddaughter of a farmer who has grown dry beans within the past five years; and be between the ages 17 to 25 years old.

For those interested in participating, contact the MSU Extension Office by Monday, July 11, 2016.

Participants will be interviewed at a special dinner held in their honor the evening of Monday, July 25, 2016, with the Queen being crowned at the Huron Community Fair the evening of Monday, August 1, 2016. All entrants will receive a gift from the Bean Board for participating.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8892 held their recognition dinner on Sunday May 1st, 2016. Among our honorees this year were Family of the Year winners, Edna and Gordon Kujawski. They were elected because of their dedication to our Parish — Our Lady Consolata and our community says the group's spokesperson Daryl Iwankovitsch

"Gordy and Edna are instrumental in running the food Pantry in Gagetown, and other service projects to help Emaus House in Saginaw, and children in foreign countries, and other Christian Service Projects," he said.

Also lauded at the gathering was Bert Clincke - Knight of the Year.

"He was honored for his efforts to help at our fundraisers, recruiting a new member and his participation at other projects throughout the year," according to Iwankovitsch, who added, Nina Davis and Katie Jackson were also recognized for their lifetime of volunteering in the activities at the St. Pancratius Church—now Our Lady Consolata Parish and their efforts to support and participate in community projects such as the Community Thanksgiving dinner, the Octagon Barn, Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary, United Way in Cass City and others.

Country Music Legend David Frizzell will headline Police-A-Palooza, the Greater Thumb Fraternal Order of Police #148 Annual Springtime Music Concert Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Caro High School.

David Frizzell's duet with Shelly West "You're the Reason God Made Oklahoma" is a part of the Great American Songbook. Their #1 country hit, "I'm Gonna Hire a Wino to Decorate Our Home" is still one of the great titles in country music history. This is a night of country music no Thumb Area country music fan will want to miss. Circle the calendar, bring your friends and join the Greater Thumb Area F.O.P. #148 at the show.

Tickets are \$18.00 in advance and \$23.00 at the door. The special family ticket for grandma, grandpa, mom, dad and all the kids is only \$45.00. The Greater Thumb Area Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #148 calls the family ticket The Deal of the Century!

Call the ticket hotlines at (989) 673-3360 and (800) 205-7174.

Can you guess how many wind turbines are currently in Tuscola County?

Well, if you figured about 200 you're pretty close — actually 189. However, area commissioners say the county could potentially add another 100 to 120 windmills as State and Federal governments call for increased energy production from renewable sources.

In 2014, \$4,070,000 in total tax revenue was paid to taxing jurisdictions with wind turbines.

So, who is Cass City's top angler? Some say it's Matthew Lynch, shown here holding the 24" northern pike the well-known area fisherman took from the Cass River last week. "Used a lure to catch him," said Lynch, who has appeared in the Chronicle several times over the years with his trophy catches.



Letters to the Editor

Hats off to those who made complex reality

Editor,

If you'd like to see a prime example of what a community of volunteers can do, drive by the Little League complex on Ale Street here in Cass City. What an extraordinary sight!

Our hats are off to the Cass City Little League organization. With donations and financial support from the Pinney Foundation, Lions Club, Gavel Club, Little League organization, area businesses and individuals, and construction assistance from Justin and Chris Anthes, Troy Perry, Thomas LeValley, Al Patrick and Marlette Roofing Company, coaches, players and many others, they have completed a complex that our community can be proud of for years to come.

Complete with sod, shrubs, landscape rocks and new benches, the upgraded facilities are a showcase to behold. Driving through the park on Saturday, there had to be close to 200 hundred cars filled with families on the Little League and softball fields.

As an informational note, Cass City has a strong historical link to baseball, one that we should be proud of and recognize with pride, especially this time of year.

Cass City was the birthplace of Leland "Larry" MacPhail, who was born upstairs in the building that currently houses Osentoski Realty. He was born Feb. 3, 1890, and died Oct. 1, 1975. His resting place is in Elkland Township Cemetery, just east of town.

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Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Monday, May 16

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. 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.

Tuesday, May 17

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Uby Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Uby Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Uby MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Meadow Lane, 150 Meadow Lane, Bad Axe, 1-3 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

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

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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.

Third Saturday:

- Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

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., Uby. 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.

Every Tuesday:

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

Every Wednesday:

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Every Thursday:

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

County teens seriously hurt in crash

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a two-vehicle traffic crash that left two county teens seriously injured earlier this month.

The accident occurred during the early evening hours of May 1 at the intersection of Gilford and Ringle roads in Fairgrove Township.

Deputies responded and found that a vehicle had been northbound on Ringle Road and failed to stop for a

stop sign, striking an eastbound vehicle at the intersection.

"The northbound vehicle's driver and passenger were both seriously injured," Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent reported. "The driver was an 18-year-old male from Caro who was flown by FlightCare to a Saginaw hospital. The passenger was a 17-year-old male from Caro, transported by MMR (Ambulance)."

Fairgrove fire fighters used their

Jaws of Life to extricate both occupants from their vehicle, according to Skrent, who said the eastbound vehicle was driven by a 24-year-old female from Bay City, and she had three young children in her car. They suffered minor injuries and were transported by MMR to a Bay City area hospital.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro assisted deputies at the scene.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges last week

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

*Annette K. Hopkins, 52, Munger, was sentenced to 270 days in the county jail (180 days deferred without a date), with worksite privileges, following her pleas of guilty to attempted larceny in a building and the false reporting of a felony (armed robbery) Jan. 16 in Wisner Township.

She was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,326 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$339.79.

*Zachery J. Bearinger, 21, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to eight years in prison following his conviction on a charges of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and escape while serving a felony jail sentence Jan. 7 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$326.

*Scott J. Worth, 46, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 23 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Austin R. Vincent, 22, Gagetown, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release, following his plea of no contest to a charge of assault by strangulation Dec. 5 in Gagetown. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Mark A. Davis, 41, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufac-

ture of marijuana, and no contest to delivery/manufacture of marijuana Sept. 10-11 in Watertown Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

*Chad N. Hopkins, 31, Fenton, pleaded guilty to attempted larceny of \$1,000 to \$20,000 by conversion between July 1 and July 31, 2014, in Denmark Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Melissa M. Sharkey, 36, Caro, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building March 7 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was set at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Lance C. McDermitt, 29, Millington, pleaded no contest to charges of attempted discharge of a firearm in or at a building, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of a controlled substance, and domestic violence Nov. 5 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$30,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Eric D. Heuchert, 36, Millington, pleaded no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Feb. 11 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Ryan T. Moore, 28, Clio, pleaded guilty to charges of home invasion, second degree, breaking and enter-

ing a building with intent to commit larceny, larceny of firearms and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Dec. 24 in Millington Township. He also pleaded guilty to a charge of home invasion, second degree, stemming from an incident Nov. 19 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was revoked and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Shannon M. Diericks, 39, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance June 23 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

*Elaine A. Brisson, 60, Millington, pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) March 11 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Kyle R. Rick, 33, Cass City, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (deferred without a date) and 60 months probation following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years, subsequent offense, Jan. 2 in Ellington Township.

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Cody L. Soper, 26, Midland, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, June 22 in Akron Township.

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



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Reporter's notebook



The moms in my life are amazing

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Life is full of disappointment; lost opportunities, broken relationships, poor decisions, plans that never pan out, even hard work that doesn't pay off in the end. And people — people can be the biggest disappointment of all.

But not mothers.

I'm in my 50s, but I still marvel when I recall my own childhood. My mom's willingness to sacrifice for her children seemed to know no bounds, and with all she had to do, somehow mom always found time for each of her children. She also had this scary knack for always knowing when I had gotten into mischief. It was a gift matched only by an endless supply of forgiveness.

Her presence, alone, was enough to make me feel secure, regardless of the craziness this world can throw at a kid. Even when she wasn't feeling very secure herself, mom never let on that there was anything to worry about.

I've been married for more than 34 years now, but my wife, Deb, also never ceases to amaze me as a mother.

When our kids were young, she was always on top of immunizations and doctor's appointments, parent-teacher conferences, school fundraisers, band concerts (dates, times, places) and trips. Meals were prepared before and after she worked a full-time job, not to mention laundry, grocery shopping, clothes shopping, etc. Seemed like she was also always reminding me of my appointments, and on and on and on.

The kids grew up knowing that, if they had a need — anything from a last-minute sewing repair to a ride to a friend's — mom would be there. What they probably didn't know is how often Deb would do without so their needs (and mine) would be met.

That's the way good moms are, you know? They never hesitate to sacrifice for the good of their children.

By always being there, Deb offered our daughters a wonderful example of how to be good moms, too.

I'm reminded of that every time I watch our now-grown daughters wrangling their broods and multitasking like experts — carrying on a conversation while simultaneously watching a movie and settling an argument between two siblings while reading to a third youngster. Funny how moms never appear to seem bored even after reading a child's favorite book to them for the gazillionth time.

Same goes for grandmothers, who also don't seem to mind helping a youngster putting the same giant puzzle together time after time.

Of course, Deb is still the consummate mom. Sure, her days of fixing school lunches and picking out school clothes for the kids are long gone, but she's still always there for them, whether that means forking out a few bucks, helping them look for an apartment or simply being on-call 24/7, phone in hand, when they need a little advice.

Like most folks, the kids and I marked Mother's Day Sunday by showering Deb with a little extra attention — and I remembered to call my own mom in Grand Rapids to let her know I was thinking about her.

At the same time, I was thinking how inadequate it is to set aside just one day to recognize mothers, especially when the moms in our lives deserve to be honored — at least in some small way — just about every day.

And we should, not because of all they do, but because of who they are.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Owen-Gage School officials recently announced the top graduates in their Class of 2011. Earning valedictorian honors this year is Megan J. McLaren, daughter of Brian and Jennifer McLaren, Owendale. McLaren, who accumulated a grade point average of 3.97, has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club and on the honor roll throughout high school. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as president of the local chapter, and was named to the second team of the North Central Thumb League Academic Team. She has also been a member of the high school band, served as vice president of her class, and was the 2011 yearbook editor. McLaren has participated in various sports throughout high school, including volleyball, track, softball, football and basketball. She was co-captain of the basketball squad. Her community involvement has included serving as a hockey statistics keeper and a Sunday school teacher. She has participated in a roadside clean-up, 30-hour famines, rock-a-thon, and has volunteered at the Human Development Commission (HDC) in Caro. After graduation, McLaren plans to attend Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Ill., where she has been awarded a scholarship. Her career goal is to help children through pediatric nursing.

She didn't finish in the top 3, but Donna Costello of Deford proved she can prepare a winning corn bread recipe with the best of them. Costello was selected as a top-10 finalist in the 15th annual National Cornbread Cook-Off, sponsored by Martha White and Lodge Cast Iron. The event was held April 30 in South Pittsburg, Tenn. Costello prepared her original main dish recipe, Southern Skillet Cornbread Pizza Casserole, for a panel of judges at the National Cornbread Festival.

Cass City High School senior Brandon Montgomery placed among the top 10 high school students in the nation in the Computer Security Concepts testing competition during the National Business and Professionals of America (BPA) Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Dan Vandecar, Decker, bagged a trophy turkey Friday morning while hunting in Tuscola County. His tom weighed 23 pounds and had a 10" beard and 1 1/4" spurs.

10 YEARS AGO (2006)

Derrick Mallory will be the first to say he tends to put things off until the last minute. But don't let that fool you. The Cass City High School senior has always set lofty goals for himself and then accomplished those goals, including earning the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America — the Eagle rank. "I'm a notorious procrastinator," Mallory, 18, said over the weekend. "You have to earn Eagle Scout by the time you're 18, and I got it done 2 or 3 weeks before" my birthday.

We cut 10 years from the teaching career of Linda Gray, who is retiring from Cass City Schools. Listed as starting in 1979-80, it should have been 1970-71. It's no excuse, but Linda does take after her mother, Elsie Hicks, in that she looks young enough to easily have been teaching for 25 years rather than for 35 years at the school. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The Cass City High School Forensics Team had a fine showing at the state tournament over the weekend. Overall, the team finished fourth in the state in Class B. Courtney Hacker and Kurt Hanby were semifinalists in Storytelling. The multiple of Allie Hillaker, Jennica Richards, Allie Richards, Carly Rabideau, Jill Dillon, Kelli Lautner and Phil Nahernak finished fifth. Kyle Swanson and Sarah Langmaid finished fourth and fifth respectively in sales and Courtney Rabideau finished second in Broadcasting.

25 YEARS AGO (1991)

About 150 people attended Koylton Township's meeting Monday to debate Pioneer Work and Learn Center's closure. Camp supporters picketed outside before the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer attended SPC. Bradley Hartz's welcome home party near Port Hope Saturday. SPC. Hartz returned home from Operation Desert Storm. He will leave Wednesday for Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. The LaPeers and SPC. Hartz had never met before.

A wedding dinner was held April 13 at the Cass City VFW Hall for Rocio Pizarro and Army PFC Jeffrey R. Bliss, who were married Aug. 27 in

El Paso, Texas. Pizarro is the daughter of Josefina and Andrew Contreras of Juarez, Mexico; Bliss is the son of Robert and Beryl Bliss of Cass City. 130 family members and friends from Cass City, Kalamazoo, Bad Axe, Munger, Essexville and Gageton, attended the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Bliss following the return of the couple to Cass City after Jeff returned from duty in Saudi Arabia. The couple reside at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, where Jeff is stationed.

Owen-Gage High School sophomore Misty L. Coryell, 15, will spend a year in Japan as an exchange student under the sponsorship of the Sebewaing chapter of the Rotary Club.

35 YEARS AGO (1981)

Mrs. Vern Lockard presented 14 students of piano, organ and violin in a recital Sunday afternoon at the Novesta Church of Christ. Participating were Jenny and Kathy Nye, Timmy Englehart, Eric Wachterhauser, Jim Thane, Jess and Andy Jeung, Julie Auten, JoEllen Pratt, Tricia Opal, Jane and Libby Dickinson, Becky Speirs and Carol Lockard. A reception for parents and friends followed the recital.

Rev. Gerald Rodgers officiated at the dedication of four infants during the morning worship service Sunday in Deford Community church. The four were Jeffrey James Kilbourn, son of James and Cheryl Kilbourn of Deford, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gilham of Deford, Matthew Michael and Corey Michael, and Elizabeth Ann Motter, daughter of Paytor and Mrs. John (Arlene) Motter of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. William Martus Sr. arrived home Sunday after spending the winter in Ruskin, Fla. En route home they visited Mr. and Mrs. William Martus Jr. and family in Richmond, Ind., Mrs. Jean Zielke and daughters in Battle Creek and the Robert Martuses in Flushing.

40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kritzman and Mrs. Howard Loomis spent the Mother's Day week end with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Kritzman and family at Millersburg, Ind. Mrs. Loomis stayed and is spending some time there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Little and Suzanne spent Sunday in Lansing with their daughter, Carol, who attends college there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Yax of Deford announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Lynn, to Chris Struve, son of the late Mrs. Shirley Struve of Onaway. A July wedding is being planned.

The following were awarded at the annual Cass City FFA banquet they are Tim Dorland, Star Chapter Farmer; Deb Broecker, DeKalb Award, and Dwight Loeding, Star Greenhand Award.

Sergeant Kenneth P. Marker, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Marker of RR 2, Unionville, is a member of the Wurtsmith AFB, Mich., civil engineering squadron that has been selected as the best in the Air Force. Sergeant Marker is an electrical power production specialist with the Strategic Air Command's 379th Civil Engineering Squadron which received the Robert H. Curtin Award. The award, named for the former Air Force director of civil engineering, is presented annually to the unit maintaining the most economical and effective resources management program during the past year. Selection is made by the Society of American Military Engineers. Sergeant Marker is a 1972 graduate of Cass City High School. His wife, Karla, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stine of Cass City.

50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Cass City selected James Jezewski, 25, to replace Robert Pawlowski who recently resigned, as the third member of the Cass City Police Force. The appointment becomes effective May 23. The council selected the native Cass Cityite after sifting the applications of 16 persons from the entire Thumb area. The final six choices of the committee in charge was brought before the council Thursday night and Jezewski was named. Jezewski has been employed at Anrod Screen Cylinder Co. He joins Chief Carl Palmateer and Patrolman William R. McKinley on the staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton L. Law of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherryl Jean, to Wayne David Dillon of Unionville. Wayne and Army PFC Jeffrey R. Bliss, who were married Aug. 27 in

The couple are students at Central Michigan University. An August wedding is planned.

William Leyva left Wednesday, April 20, for Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, where he is stationed. The base is near San Antonio. GM3-C Joseph and Ralph Leyva, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leyva, are stationed at Norfolk, Va., and are with the Navy, aboard the Plymouth Rock Navy vessel. Joseph and Ralph have been with the Navy for over three years.

Mrs. Theo Hendrick and Mrs. John Hayes attended the mother-daughter banquet in the Sutton Methodist church Friday evening and took as guests, Mrs. Irene O'Dell and daughter Karen of Dearborn Hts., Mrs. Sherwell Kelly of New Boston, Mrs. Isabel O'Dell of Caro and Mrs. Ruth Finkbeiner.

Postmaster Grant Glaspie presented awards from the National Safety Council to Chester Muntz for nine years of driving without any type of accident and to Robert Profit for 18 mishap-free years. Gold pins and certificates were awarded. Both are rural mail carriers working from the Cass City Post Office.

75 YEARS AGO (1941)

Miss Sandham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sandham, has chosen Saturday, May 17, as the date of her marriage to Mr. Archibald E. Vallier of Detroit. Miss Sandham is a graduate of Cass City High School and Michigan State College. She also attended Cleary Business College at Ypsilanti and has been employed at the Petroleum Service, Inc., in Detroit.

Mr. Dunn, instructor in mathematics in the Cass City High School for the past five years, has resigned to accept a similar position in the Bay City school system. He starts in his new position next September.

Private John Vern LaFave, formerly of Gageton, arrived at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, on April 26, and has been assigned to the 40th Coast Artillery Brigade (AA) Recruit School for an eight-week training course. After completion of this course, he will be assigned to active duty with this regiment.

Donald Leo Quinn is the 16 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Quinn of Ubyly. He lives with his parents on a farm two miles north of Ivanhoe. He has a sister, Colleen, 15, a sophomore in Cass City High School, and a brother, Bob, 12. Wilson's Studio, Bad Axe, photographed the 16 month old in which the photo won the blue ribbon award at the recent state photographers' convention at Bay City.

100 YEARS AGO (1916)

In a proclamation issued Friday, Gov. Ferris urges the observance of Sunday, May 14, as "Mothers' Day." The Proclamation follows: "During the last 50 years the American home has undergone little less than a revolution. Science and invention have wrought marvelous changes in our economic and industrial conditions. Some of these changes have a tendency to destroy the unity of home interests. Time and distance have been annihilated. Home permanence has in a large measure been destroyed. The responsibilities of the mother have been increased. She finds it impossible to keep her flock together; she finds her task of inspiring and directing her children more and more difficult. She must, therefore, do her greatest work when her children are "little tots," when they are most responsive to the tenderest and wisest suggestions. American mothers recognize this necessity, and are making holy sacrifices to this end. "The mothers of every country are more important than armies and munitions of war. The mothers are the source of civilization. To our mothers we owe our patriotism, our religion, our honest aspirations. It is especially fitting in the year 1916 that we pay tribute to the mothers of America. Let the boys and girls and the 'grown-ups' who are away from home on Mothers' Day, write a letter of gratitude to mother. Let those who are home meet mother with a smile, a kiss and a handful of flowers. Recite to her the prayer she taught you at the bedside. "In obedience to a resolution by the United States congress, I ask the people of Michigan to display on this day the United States flag on all government and public buildings, at their homes or other suitable places, as a public expression of their love and reverence for the mothers of our country. As far as possible let parents in their homes and both young and old in public meetings discuss the theme of mother with that enthusiasm and sincerity which characterizes all loyal Americans."

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Ignition locks boost success of sobriety courts

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recently announced by Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

District Judge Harvey Hoffman implemented Michigan's first DWI/Sobriety Court in Eaton County in 2009 and is a state and national leader in the development of this kind of problem-solving court, which combines judicial supervision with testing, treatment, punitive sanctions and positive incentives for participants.

"The marriage of DWI/Sobriety Courts with ignition interlocks when dealing with repeat DWI Offenders has helped to make Michigan's roads and highways safer and has improved the lives of alcoholic drivers," Hoffman said. "The partnership between Michigan's courts and the Secretary of State, in allowing program participants to lawfully drive to and from court, treatment, school, testing and employment, has been crucial in spreading DWI/sobriety courts across the state."

That partnership has also made sobriety courts — especially those in rural areas such as Tuscola County — more effective, according to Rebecca Turner, program coordinator for the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court.

"It has been successful. The interlock device has really been a lifesaver," Turner said, noting it's a tool that enables court officials to ensure participants are sober at the wheel and at the same time paves the way for them to consistently access trans-

portation, which has proven to be a vital ingredient in the success of sobriety court programs, particularly in areas that lack widespread public transportation.

Turner said restricted driving privileges in conjunction with ignition interlocks "allows for retention of participants...by being an option for them after 45 days (in the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court program). This means that they can get back to work, becoming productive members of our community, financially support themselves and provide them a way to meet all the requirements of the program."

Turner pointed out that participants can also utilize their driving privileges to help their fellow participants succeed in the program, because they can earn community service credit by providing others with transportation to 12-step meetings, for example.

The Thumb Regional Sobriety Court was established in late 2013 and has since proven to be a success, with nearly 87 percent of participants completing the program.

In the statewide report, statistics for the group of DWI/sobriety court participants using interlocks were compared to a similar group that did not use the devices. Among the report's findings:

*Ninety-seven percent of sobriety court participants ordered to install interlock devices on their vehicles complied with the court.

*Of the participants using an inter-

lock, only 11.4 percent failed to graduate from the program—a rate nearly three times better than the number of participants not using an interlock who did not graduate.

*Alcohol and drug use among sobriety court participants using an interlock was substantially lower compared to the offenders not under interlock supervision.

*Sobriety court participants using an interlock were more likely to improve their levels of education during their time in the program.

*Sobriety court participants using an interlock spent less time in jail, had fewer warrants issued against them and had a higher number of overall sobriety days.

The Michigan Department of State (MDOS) administers the Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Detection (BAIID) Program and currently has more than 9,700 individuals who are required to use an interlock device under the vehicle code for High BAC convictions, ordered by an MDOS hearing officer or through a DWI/sobriety court. DWI/sobriety courts account for 3,700 of those devices, Johnson said.

"The data clearly shows that the ignition interlock devices and sobriety courts are effective tools for controlling drunken driving recidivism," Johnson added. "More people are now required to use these devices because of changes in drunken driving laws and sobriety court programs. It's making our roads safer and we believe it is saving lives."

Thumb sobriety court boasts 30-plus graduates

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be approved as participants), so we'll probably have 36 people by the end of this month," Turner added.

The next graduation ceremony is slated for Friday, May 27, at the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro and is expected to recognize another six to eight participants for completing the program.

The Thumb's trial judges agreed to establish a partnership in 2013 with the goal of taking advantage of a cooperative experiment designed to give them tools outside of the traditional fines and jail time to encourage those repeatedly convicted of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol to turn over a new leaf.

GRANT FUNDING

Thanks to a \$255,000 grant from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), the Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac County trial courts were able to organize the DWI/Thumb Regional Sobriety Court, one of four pilot programs launched by the SCAO in an effort to bring DWI courts to rural parts of the state on a regional, multi-county basis.

"Problem-solving" courts are really changing the way the criminal justice system does business," Tuscola County District Court Judge Kim D. Glaspie commented as Tuscola County court officials prepared to launch the new court.

"Traditionally, the criminal justice system has relied on the threat of monetary penalties and incarceration to deter criminal behavior. For crimes that are motivated by a substance abuse problem, this hasn't worked very well," he explained. "Problem-solving courts give us more tools to get people the treatment they need and make them productive members of society."

The Thumb Regional DWI Court is a cooperative program of the circuit and district courts in all three counties, with Tuscola County serving as the coordinating court.

The program targets individuals who plead guilty to a repeat offense of driving while impaired (DWI) or under the influence of alcohol and/or a controlled substance and are diagnosed as being substance-dependent — not merely abusive.

The goal is to convince the participants to turn their lives around by embracing characteristics that

include accountability and honesty.

It's a daunting task, one that continually tests the participants, Turner acknowledged. "The intensity of this program is unlike many others," she said. "They really have to go above and beyond to be successful."

Those admitted to the program are required to attend group and individual counseling sessions, go to support group meetings, get tested for drug and alcohol use multiple times each week, and appear before the sobriety court's review team every two weeks.

Those review hearings are attended by members of the sobriety court team, including Tuscola County Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, case managers, the program coordinator, assistant prosecutors, probation/parole officers, jail administrators, treatment providers, a defense attorney, a mentor coordinator and a 12-step program representative. The purpose is to review each participant's progress individually, with rewards (examples include gas cards) and punishments (such as community service or even jail time) being handed out based on the participants' behavior.

The program comes with a comprehensive supervision component, including mandatory meetings with a case manager — on a weekly basis for the first several weeks.

Over the course of a year, participants will typically spend \$4,000 or \$5,000 for expenses ranging from substance abuse treatment/counseling, drug testing and gas along with program fees — an initial \$110 assessment charge and monthly \$50 participation fee.

EVOLVING

Since the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court was established, officials have revised some of the rules and conditions to better suit the needs of local participants. For example, the initial minimum 90-day wait for a restricted driver's license has been halved to 45 days.

Michigan's motor vehicle code was amended to allow courts with DWI programs to issue a restricted driver's license to program participants. The licenses, which enable program participants to go to and from program activities — including work, community service, counseling, drug testing and review hearings — have

proven to be an invaluable ingredient in the success of sobriety courts (see related story).

"The opportunity to issue restricted licenses is a big reason why SCAO was so enthusiastic to extend this program into rural areas like the Thumb," Gierhart noted when the court was established. "People lose their license after enough convictions, yet that is exactly when it's becoming clear that the person needs treatment — and in places without much public transportation, like the Thumb, no license makes it that much harder for the person to get treatment and stay employed, which makes rehabilitation that much more difficult."

Gierhart added, "Pairing a restricted license with the close supervision of the DWI court is a great new approach to providing offenders the treatment they need and is our best chance at breaking the downward spiral by rehabilitating them into productive members of society."

Another change, Turner said, has involved expanding the program from three phases to four plus an orientation phase at the beginning. The change from a 12-month program to 15 months was made to encourage participants to focus on long-term change in their lives rather than on simply completing the program, Turner said.

Officials are now also requiring those in the program to include their physicians in the process by undergoing a physical and discussing any medications their doctor has or may prescribe to them.

Gierhart commented Friday that her experiences with the sobriety court have made her a better judge, in part because she's become much more familiar with addiction-related issues and ways to help participants achieve their own personal success.

Gierhart has also found herself becoming much more familiar with defendants selected for participation in the sobriety court.

"I'm getting to know the participants. I shake hands, I hug people, which makes it all the more rewarding (when they succeed) and all the more heartbreaking when it doesn't work," said Gierhart, who indicated she's pleased with the overall success of the program to-date.

"I've been very happy with the lack of recidivism," she said. "I think we're in a pretty good place with it."

Trio arrested in drug probes

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parole from a federal counterfeiting conviction."

Other arrests within the past couple weeks involved the following suspects: *Sebewaing resident Larry L. Heinitz, 60, arrested on a felony charge of delivery of morphine in Sebewaing. He remains free on bond pending further court proceedings. Hanson noted his department received assistance from the Sebewaing Police Department in that investigation.

*Elkton resident Brittney L. Periso, arrested for felony delivery of oxycodone in Elkton. She remains free on bond and is also awaiting further court proceedings. Elkton police assisted deputies in the investigation.

"Our office and our county's local police agencies encourage illegal drug activity tips by contacting your police department or our office," Hanson said. "We can also be reached on our Huron County Drug Task Force Facebook page or by calling Huron Central Dispatches non-emergency number of (989) 269-6421.

Statistics show that on average, 44 people die in this country every day from an overdose of prescription painkillers — eight more than cocaine and heroin combined. In 2014, prescription drug abuse accounted for nearly 22,000 drug overdose deaths (half of all drug overdoses).

Two types of prescription medications are largely responsible: painkillers (opioid analgesics) and tranquilizers (benzodiazepines).

Opioid painkillers such as oxycodone, hydrocodone and methadone have been identified as one of the primary reasons behind the tragic increase in prescription drug overdose deaths, and they are being prescribed in the United States at an unprecedented rate.

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Molter announces plans for grocery in Cass City

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supporter of downtowns and is thrilled to become a part of Cass City's downtown.

"More information about this exciting and highly valued project will be released soon during a presentation to the village council," Molter said. He added all of the kind words and support that have been shown to him and his family are "deeply appreciated and have greatly encouraged" them to move this project forward.

The Cass City Village Council's next meeting is a rescheduled monthly session slated for Monday, May 23, starting at 7 p.m. at the Cass City Municipal Building.

Cass City has also been targeted by another businessman — Jim Zyrowski, president of Ben's Supercenter Inc. — who announced plans to bring a grocery to the village after purchasing the former Erla's Food Center last fall.

Ben's currently owns and operates three locations; Ben's Supercenter in Brown City, Ben's Supercenter in Marlette and Ben's Contractor Center/Ben's Great Outdoors, also in Marlette.

Village officials have said it could take another year or longer before Zyrowski is ready to build in Cass City, but they are working closely with him to assist in any way they can.

Since Erla's was sold, the store's furnishings have also been sold via an online auction.

The Chronicle has been unable to reach Zyrowski for comment, but village officials say he would like to construct a new store on property located across from the Shell station on the former Croft Clara property along Main Street.

Negotiations reportedly are underway with Frankenmuth Credit Union, which now owns the land and recently installed an ATM there.

Former Erla's Foods owner Venu Ganga closed Erla's in September 2014 after owning and operating the business for about 2 ½ years. The closure left the village without a grocery store and nearly four dozen area residents without jobs.

Bond vote set in Kingston

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That measure failed by just under 100 votes, 546 to 447.

Kingston School Supt. Matt Drake said school officials have trimmed roughly \$600,000 from the bond proposal presented to voters in the spring.

"There were some things in the original bond that we knew we had to get done this summer," he added, referring to the planned removal of asbestos tile in the high school and replacement of a rooftop heating/air conditioning unit that failed over the winter. Each project is estimated at \$105,000, and both will now be paid for out of the district's general fund, Drake said.

In addition, he continued, the original bond had earmarked \$146,000 for two new buses. Now, he said, school officials plan to instead spend \$63,000 to buy four used buses.

Under the plan approved last week, the district will ask voters to support a \$5.54 million bond issue that would be repaid over the course of 16 years or less, according to Drake, who noted the original bond issue totaled \$6,010,000 — an additional 3.1 mills for a total of 8.72 mills — with a 20-year pay-off.

The revised proposal asks taxpayers for an increase of 2.64 mills in the first year, for a total of 8.26 mills.

For the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 (\$50,000 state equalized valuation), the revised plan would cost an additional \$132 in taxes annually.

Drake said schools officials have worked to address some voters' concerns regarding proposed construction of a new restroom/concession stand facility. The revised plan to replace the existing structure, which he described as falling apart, has been reduced in size and would cost an estimated \$219,000, down from the original price tag of \$260,000.

In addition, Drake said a proposal to tear down the old bus garage has been abandoned, with school officials looking to renovate the existing structure.

Capital improvement projects that remain on the district's wish list include replacement of the elementary and high school roofs. Some of the existing roof sections are 20 years old or older, and sections have already failed, causing interior water damage, according to Drake.

Also on the replacement list is the district's late 1960s-era boiler and an antiquated 1,000-gallon hot water tank.

The water tank served a purpose in its time, back when students were required to shower after gym classes, Drake said, but school officials don't need anywhere near that capacity now, and today's equipment uses energy on a demand-basis rather than, for example, heating 1,000 gallons of water then keeping it hot 24/7.

The Kingston High School gymnasium floor and bleachers also need to be replaced — both are original equipment installed back in 1970s.

"Our science labs are horrible," Drake said. "They're original equipment also."

Roughly \$237,000 in bond money would be earmarked for technology upgrades, the purchase of iPads and other computer equipment for student use, as well as installation of "interactive white boards" — basically high tech projectors — in all elementary and high school classrooms. School officials have already started on that project using general fund dollars.

The expansive list of improvements includes replacement of windows throughout the district, repairing parking lots and sidewalks, and upgrades to school security systems. The girls' locker room would undergo a facelift, and nearby athletic field bleachers would be replaced.

Letters to the Editor

Hats off to local residents who made complex reality

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MacPhail served as an executive with several professional baseball teams, including the Cincinnati Reds, Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees. His career as a major league owner ended after the Yankees clinched the 1947 World Series. He was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1978.

Several of MacPhail's family members have become sports executives, too. His son, Lee MacPhail, enjoyed a long career in baseball, most notably as president and general manager of the Baltimore Orioles, GM of the Yankees and president of the American League. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1998, making him and Larry MacPhail the only father and son inductees.

His other son, Bill MacPhail, was president of CBS Sports and later was president of CNN Sports, brought on by Reese Schonfeld to create the department upon the network's launch. Larry's grandson, Andy MacPhail, the former general manager of the Minnesota Twins and Chicago Cubs and the former president of baseball operations for the Orioles, became president of the Philadelphia Phillies at the close of the 2015 season. A great-grandson, Lee MacPhail IV, is professional scouting director for the Seattle Mariners.

Since 1966, Minor League Baseball has annually awarded the Larry MacPhail Award to recognize the top promotional effort by a minor league team.

Nancy Barrios
Cass City Village Council member
Parks and Recreation chair

Cooking up a culinary class

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went to work organizing the event.

"I've always loved cooking and wished our school could offer a home ec class like my mom described taking when she was in junior high," said Bagnall, the daughter of Jennifer and the Rev. Steve Bagnall of Cass City.

"When talking with my friends, I found out that they wanted to learn to cook, and I figured that if the school couldn't afford to offer classes like that, maybe I could find a way to do it myself," she added. "So I started doing some research about the need for teaching kids basic cooking skills."

Bagnall drafted her own proposal for the class, including why school officials should consider offering a basic cooking skills course.

"In recent years, the problem of childhood obesity has become widely acknowledged in our country. This trend has also hit Michigan, which is rated 18th in the United States for obesity rates in children, as ranked by HealthierGeneration.org, with a 2015 rate of 32.6 percent of Michigan kids being significantly overweight," Bagnall said.

"Why? This problem stems from many things: unhealthy choices, no health guidance at home, and low household incomes," she continued. "In Tuscola County in 2013, for example, 15.2 percent of homes were low income households."

"Because a family doesn't have much money to spend, the cheapest products are usually purchased. However, the cheapest products generally have high calorie, fat and sugar content, which leads to unhealthy eating, which could eventually lead to obesity. Another thing is that most parents work during the day and often don't have the time or energy to make a home cooked meal from scratch. Instead, they often bring home fast food or rely on prepackaged, high calorie foods."

"To help meet these challenges in the Cass City community, I wanted to come up with a way to help teach kids about basic nutrition, food and kitchen safety," Bagnall said. "I started putting together some ideas for a cooking club, and I talked to our school lunch director, Shari Bock, about whether we could use the school kitchen or if she had other ideas."

Bock put Bagnall in touch with Karly Creguer, a nutrition program instructor with the MSU Extension Office in Caro.

"I contacted her about 'cooking matters', which as it turns out, is a free six-week cooking and nutrition class they offer to teens," Bagnall said.

Eighteen teens ranging in age from 13 to 18 signed up for the class and have been meeting with Creguer and Bock in the junior-senior high school cafeteria on Wednesday evenings for about two hours for the past six weeks.

Creguer acknowledged it isn't every day that a teen spearheads hosting one of MSU Extension's Cooking Matters for Teens classes.

"It was kind of an unusual situation. She (Bagnall) actually went to Shari Bock, and Shari got her in contact with me. She recruited and got all the kids there - I'm the one who usually does that," Creguer said. "It was nice to see that initiative."

Creguer said about half of the classes are dedicated to various aspects of nutrition, including ways to introduce more fruit and vegetables in menus, reading labels and shopping tips. The students have also participated in hands-on healthy cooking projects under Bock's guidance.

During the final class tonight (Wednesday), the students were slated to compete in their own "Extreme Food Makeover Challenge" by taking a traditionally unhealthy recipe and transforming it into a healthier dish.

For example, some of the students will be tackling a carnival food theme by modifying chili cheese hotdogs. The plan is to create a black bean chili with turkey dogs on whole wheat buns, and onion rings that are baked - not deep fried.

As for Bagnall, the teen says helping to organize a local Cooking Matters for Teens class was well worth the effort.

"We've learned a lot about how to prepare low-cost, healthy recipes that we can now make for our families," she added.



KYLE KOEPF prepares a whole wheat crust for homemade pizza.



BOCK DEMONSTRATES her culinary slicing skills in the Cass City Junior-Senior High School cafeteria during a recent "Cooking Matters for Teens" class.



KAYLA KOEPF demonstrates the "Blubber Burger" - counting out the number of teaspoons of fat in a typical fast food meal.

Sanilac sheriff warns of IRS phone scam targeting citizens

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Bininecki is warning citizens to beware of suspicious phone calls following a rash of scam calls perpetrated by IRS imposters targeting county residents.

"The IRS imposter scam is an intimidating and sophisticated phone scam where callers claim to be IRS employees and say you owe taxes," Bininecki said. "They might also threaten to arrest or deport you if you don't pay, know all or part of your Social Security Number, rig the caller ID to make it look like the call is from the IRS, or tell you to put the money on a prepaid debit card and tell them the card number."

The sheriff emphasized that the IRS does not call to demand immediate payment of taxes owed without first sending you notification by mail. The federal agency also does not ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone, and employees do not threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement officers to arrest you for non-payment.

"If you have any doubts, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040, or if you've spotted a scam or think you may have been scammed, contact your local police department or the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office Detective Division at (810) 648-8360 for advice or guidance," Bininecki said.

Driving course on tap for seniors

The Huron County Sheriff's Department will be conducting an AARP Smart Driver Course Monday, May 16, and Thursday, May 19, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Great Room on Bay Street in Sebawaing. Class times are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

"The course is designed for senior citizen drivers, which will cover defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, as well as new traffic laws and rules of the road," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson explained. "There are no tests to pass. Upon completion of the course and depending on the participant's automobile insurance provider, yearly insurance discounts may apply."

The course is limited to 30 people, with a cost of \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

Interested seniors can register by calling the sheriff's department during regular business hours at (989) 269-6500 or Rich Wroblewski at (989) 883-2818.

Owen-Gage's Fahrner named to the MHSAA student council

Eight student-athletes who will be juniors at their schools during the 2016-17 academic year, including two from the Thumb, have been selected to serve two-year terms on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's (MHSAA) Student Advisory Council.

Among the students joining the council starting in 2016-17 are Aaron Fahrner, representing Owen-Gage High School, and Rachel Cummings, representing Mayville High School.

The student advisory council is a 16-member group that provides feedback on issues impacting educational athletics from a student's perspective, and also is involved in the operation of association championship events and other programming. Members of the Student Advisory Council serve for two years, beginning as juniors.

Eight new members are selected annually to serve on the council, with nominations made by MHSAA member schools. The incoming juniors will join the group of eight seniors-to-be appointed a year ago.

The first Student Advisory Council was formed for the 2006-07 school year. With the addition of the new class beginning this summer, members will have represented 87 schools from 44 leagues plus independent schools that do not play in a league. Combined, the new appointees have participated in 13 MHSAA sports, and all eight will be the first student advisory council members from their respective schools.

The council meets seven times each school year, and once more for a 24-hour leadership camp. In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of interscholastic athletics, the council discusses issues dealing with the four S's of educational athletics: scholarship, sportsmanship, safety (including health and nutrition) and the sensible scope of athletic programs. There also is a fifth S discussed by the group - student leadership.

Boater safety course on tap in Huron Co.

The Huron County Sheriff's Department will be offering its boater safety course Tuesday, May 17, and Wednesday, May 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. both nights. The class will be held in the basement at the sheriff's department in Bad Axe.

Students must attend both classes. There is no fee, and students must pre-register by 4 p.m. Monday, May 16, by calling the Huron County Sheriff's Department Records Division at (989) 269-6500.

Students will have to pick up study materials at the sheriff's department prior to the start of the class. Participants should be at least 12 years old or will be 12 years old during this boating season as the boater safety certificate issued, upon successful completion of the course, is not valid until the student's birthday.

For information on who may operate a boat or personal watercraft and other laws related to boating in Michigan, visit the following link: <http://www.boated.com/michigan/handbook/index.html>.

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OWEN-GAGE catcher Devon Lorenz comes up firing during action Saturday at the Caro Invitational tourney.

Owen-Gage drops pair over weekend

Owen-Gage bats went silent over the weekend at the Caro Tournament, where the Bulldogs suffered setbacks against Vassar and the host Tigers.

In Saturday's morning affair, Owen-Gage kept pace with the Vulcans early, before surrendering, 8-2. One run separated the non-conference foes throughout most of the contest, but four runs in the final frame proved too much for Coach Brian Wright's team to overcome.

"We have got to hit the ball better and keep base runners from stealing," Wright said.

Owen-Gage managed just five hits off Vassar starter Steven Hecht, who struck out 10 and walked two in a complete game showing.

David Binder and Jacob Wright each slapped a pair of singles to lead the Bulldogs at the plate.

The Bulldog pair also combined to handle the pitching duties. Wright worked three innings, striking out eight and yielding four hits. He walked one.

In the Bulldog's afternoon game, it was a similar story as seven runs in the fifth inning produced an 11-0 mercy rule victory for Caro.

Deven Hodder allowed just one hit and fanned nine to earn the win on top of the hill for the hosts.

Three runs by the Tigers in the bottom of the third would be more than enough run support for Hodder to notch pitching honors.

Binder was tagged with the defeat for Owen-Gage. He lasted three innings and whiffed three and walked three.

At the plate, Binder had Owen-Gage's one safety.

Memphis sweeps CC

Usually, when Memphis squares off against a Greater Thumb Conference opponent, they take their fair share of lumps. Not true, however, with the Yellowjackets baseball team.

Memphis made sure their two-plus hour bus trip home was a happy trip Thursday, posting wins of 17-3 and 11-7 over the host Red Hawks.

The visitors plated six runs in both the 4th and 5th innings to take the initial game of the conference crossover double header. Both teams displayed plenty of firepower at the plate, but seven fielding errors by Cass City took most of the suspense of the game's outcome away.

Red Hawk Logan Schenk was the victim of little defensive help and took the loss after working 3 1/3 innings. Schenk allowed just four earned runs before handing the ball to Brent Baker who handled the mop up duties on the hill.

Brad Baker and Ryan Schmidt split four hits and two RBIs in vain. In the late game, Cass City actually led 4-1 early, before the Yellowjackets got on track and completed the sweep with an 11-7 triumph.

Again, fielding errors proved costly for Cass City. Luke Stern went the distance for Cass City and was the pitcher of record in defeat.

At the plate, Brent Baker enjoyed a career day with a perfect 3-for-3 showing, including a double and two RBIs.

Plenty of depth on display for Cass City track team

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Cass City has one final tune-up — Friday at the Bad Axe Invitational — before Tuesday's Greater Thumb West League Meet at USA High School, where league honors will be determined.

And judging by the Red Hawks' season-long success, Coach Jon Zdrojewski's gang appears ready to claim the school's first track and field crown since 2009.

Cass City added team titles at the Reese and Ubyl invites last week in splendid fashion. On Friday, the Red Hawks capitalized on perfect conditions to top the 10-school field dominated by GTW schools. The top five, and their point totals were: Cass City 146.5, Reese 94, Vassar 86, Bad Axe 78.5 and USA 64.5.

Cass City's easy win showcased the team's depth.

"Bransen Stimpfel suffered an injury and only ran the 1600 Meter Run. In his absence, Jose Torres took his place in the 3,200 Meter Relay with Zane Wright, Keith Lounsbury, and CarLee Stimpfel. They had a convincing victory by over half a minute," said Zdrojewski noting the winners circled the track twice in 8 minutes and 40 seconds.

Parker Haire was a double winner in the hurdle events. He took first in the 110 Meter Hurdles with a personal-best time of 16.48 and then added the 300 Meter Hurdles crown with a time of 43.78. Jamison Biskner-Kruse finished seventh in the 110 Meter Hurdles - taking points for the Red Hawks in a personal-best time of 18.28. He also took seventh in the 300 Meter Hurdles.

As always, Cass City's distance runners secured bunches of points.

In the 1,600 Meter Run they occupied the top three places, with Bransen Stimpfel winning, followed by CarLee Stimpfel in second and Zane Wright in third with a personal best time of 4:59.5.

Cass City also took the top three spots in 800 Meter Run won by Keith Lounsbury, while Zane Wright came in as the runner-up and Torres was third.

In the 3,200 Meter Run, CarLee Stimpfel won with a time of 9:59 and Gabe Farver, with a new personal mark of 11:28, came in third.

Darren Miller was the Red Hawks' only other winner, winning the Pole Vault with a height of 11'6". Josh

Schaufele took eighth place in the Pole Vault, clearing 8'6".

In the girls' field, Reese was the easy winner with 220.5 points. Next in the team standings, and their point totals, were Bad Axe 98, Millington 72, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 60.5 and Saginaw Arts and Science 60.

Cass City finished eighth in the team rankings with 22 points. Points for the Lady Red Hawks were awarded to the 3,200 Meter Relay team of Josie Loomis, Harlie

Mallory, Dee Dee Haley and Layna Mathewson, who placed third on the evening, while the 800 Meter Relay team of Victoria Mathewson, Haley, Loomis and Brittany Stilson crossed the tape in seventh place. The 400 Meter Relay team consisting of Victoria Cumper, Victoria Mathewson, Hailey Schmotzer and Stilson took 4th.

Individual point winners for Cass City had Layna Mathewson finish. Please turn to page 10.



UBLY'S freshman Joan Doyle unleashed a toss of 53' 05" to place 12th in the discus at the Bearcats' seven-school invite.



SHE'S SAFE. Memphis' Katie Sigler beats the tag of Cass City pitcher Macy Dickinson during game one action on Thursday.

Lady Hawks trade non-conference wins

Kate Stimpfel, Kelcie Autry and Brianna Mester each collected multiple hits Thursday, helping host Cass City trade outcomes with Memphis during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover twin bill.

However, before the Lady Red Hawk offense came alive in the late game, the visitors were able to win the opener 8-1 behind M. Peters work on the mound. She recorded seven strike outs and allowed five hits.

Cass City's lone marker came in the 5th inning when a Baylee Murphy single drove home Sayge Cuthrell. Bailee Ross doubled for the Hawks' lone extra base knock.

Macy Dickinson tossed a complete game in the circle, but was tagged with the defeat. She yielded 10 hits and recorded six strike outs.

In game two, Cass City pounded out 11 hits to prevent the sweep.

The Red Hawks scored two runs in the second inning and added four

runs in the third en route to the 10-3 victory.

For Cass City at the plate, Stimpfel went 2-for-3, with two runs scored, while Autry was 2-for-2, with an RBI double and Mester 2-for-4 and an RBI.

Ross handled the mound duties for Cass City. She fanned five and walked three.

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Gusa double winner for Ubyly at own invitational

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ing in 6th place in the 1,600 Meter Run and Hailey Schmotzer finishing 7th in the 300 Meter Hurdles and 100 Meter Hurdles. Mathewson also took home the 8th place points in the 800 Meter Run. The only other points for the team came from Loomis in the Long Jump with an 8th place effort.

UBLY INVITE

Cass City avenged an early season setback to Ubyly last week, taking top honors at the Bearcats' own invite with 137 points. Ubyly was the meet runner-up with 95, followed by Bad Axe 76, USA 63, EPBP 59, Brown City 46 and Harbor Beach 16.

Individual winners for the champions included Lounsbury in the 800 Meter Run, CarLee Stimpfel in the 1600 and 3,200 Meter Runs and Haire winning both the 110 and 300 Meter Hurdles. For Ubyly, the 800 Meter Relay team

of Daniel Rutkowski, Ethan Hund, Cole Maikrzk and Jonathon Brandel produced the Bearcats only victory.

On the girls' side, EPBP turned back Bad Axe 121-116 for team glory, while Brown City with 106 points, Ubyly 73, USA 33, Cass City 30 and Harbor Beach 4 complete the standings.

For the Lady Red Hawks, individual points had Victoria Cumper third in the High Jump, while Layna Mathewson took 4th place in the 800 Meter Run and 5th in the 1,600 Meter Run. Loomis placed 4th in the 3,200 Meter Run.

Cass City also did well in the hurdles as Hailey Schmotzer earned 4th in the 300 Meter Hurdles and 5th in the 100 Meter Hurdles and Haley took 5th in the 300 Meter Hurdles and 6th in the 100 Meter Hurdles.

For Ubyly, Haili Gusa was fastest in the 1,600 Meter Run (5:44) and the 3,200 Meter Run (12:27), while Janelle White was best in the 800 Meter Run (2:35).



THE CASS CITY 2016 junior varsity baseball team members are:(front row, l-r) Mason Copeland, Reed White, Shaede Perzanowski, Nick Perry, Chase Denniston, Joey Krol (back row, l-r) Garrett Deitering, Brady Warford, Kyle Schmotzer, Hunter Vaughan, Braden Rosenstangel, Jamison Kruse and Coach T.C. Gruber.

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Scott Adams			Doerr/Haire	3.00	Peters/Brown			
Mike Lowe			Wednesday Night Early League		Prieskorn/Repshinska			
Don Ouvry			Wallace/Warner	18	Andersen/LeMarr			
Chris Clifton			Hobbs/Meck	17	Schinnerer/Dillon			
1st Flight			Alexander/Spencer	16	Division 2:			
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Larry Robinson			Irrer/Dillon	9				
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			Berwick/Young	6				
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Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK

Bransen Stimpfel **CarLee Stimpfel** **Zane Wright**

Schneeberger's choice for their Athlete of the Week award winner is shared by Cass City distance runners Bransen Stimpfel, CarLee Stimpfel and Zane Wright.

The Red Hawk trio recorded first, second and third place honors Friday in the 1,600 Meter Run at the Reese Invitational, propelling Coach Jon Zdrojewski's thinclads to the top of the team standings.

While Bransen Stimpfel was limited to running just the mile due to injury, CarLee Stimpfel won the 3,200 Meter Run and Wright was the runner-up in the 800 Meter Run.

The Stimpfel brothers' parents are Tom and Sloane Stimpfel. Zane is the son of Scott and Michelle Wright.

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BOYS' BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
4/14	Uby 5, CC 3; Uby 9, CC 7
4/16	Caro 5, CC 4; Uby 9, CC 8
4/18	Bad Axe 4, CC 0; BA 10, CC 0
4/20	North Branch 6, CC 1; NB 5, CC 0
4/25	USA 10, CC 0; USA 4, CC 4
4/28	Marlette 3, CC 2; CC 4, Marlette 0
5/2	Reese
5/5	Memphis
5/10	Vassar
5/12	Harbor Beach
5/14	Saginaw Nouvel Tourney
5/16	EPB Lakers
5/26	Capac
5/31-6/4	Districts

Games begin at 4 p.m.

FOLLOW THE HAWKS AT HOME

BOYS' BASEBALL

May 5 vs. Memphis @ 4 p.m.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

May 5 vs. Memphis @ 4 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

May 12 vs. USA/Reese/Vassar

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
4/14	Uby 3, CC 7; CC 4, Uby 2
4/16	Caro 5, CC 4; CC 13 Marlette 3
4/18	CC 2, Bad Axe 1; CC 12, BA 0
4/20	North Branch 9, CC 0; NB 14, CC 0
4/25	USA 10, CC 0; USA 9, CC 1
4/28	CC 11, Marlette 1; CC 12; M 1
5/2	Reese
5/5	Memphis
5/10	Vassar
5/12	Harbor Beach
5/16	EPB Lakers
5/26	Capac
5/31-6/4	Districts

Games begin at 4 p.m.

TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/5	Reese/USA/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
4/8	Marlette/Reese/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/12	Marlette/Bad Axe/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/15	Brown City Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/19	Brown City/Harbor Beach/Uby	4:30 p.m.
4/22	Marlette Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/26	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/29	Vassar Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/3	Uby Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/6	Reese Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/10	EPB Lakers Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/13	Bad Axe Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/17	GTW League Meet @ USA	4:00 p.m.
5/21	Regionals	
5/24	Tribune Meet of Champs @ BA	
5/31	Thumb Meet of Champs @Caro	
6/4	State Finals	

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GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/11	Millington	1:00 p.m.
4/12	Uby	4:00 p.m.
4/20	GTC Jamboree @ Vassar	3:30 p.m.
4/21	GTC Jamboree @ USA	4:00 p.m.
4/22	Uby Invite	8:15 a.m.
4/28	GTC Jamboree @ Lakers	4:00 p.m.
5/2	GTC Jamboree @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
5/3	GTC Jamboree @ Cass City	4:00 p.m.
5/11	Brown City Invite	8:00 a.m.
5/13	Warner Memorial Invite@Vassar	TBA
5/16	GTC League Meet @ Bad Axe	TBA
5/25-28	District @ Verona Hills	TBD
6/1	Regionals @ Westwynd	

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/13	USA/Brown City	4:30 p.m.
4/20	Marlette/Sandusky/Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
4/25	Harbor Beach/Bad Axe/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/27	Sandusky/Reese/Brown City	4:30 p.m.
5/4	Vassar/USA/Lakers/Reese	4:30 p.m.
5/9	Bad Axe/Reese/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
5/12	USA/Reese/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
5/20	Gavel Club Relays	4:00 p.m.
5/23	GTC League Meet @ USA	TBA

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Under the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding of the Tuscola County, Circuit Court, Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 26, 2016. The premises are located in the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola and described as: The South 1/2 of Lots 5 and 6, Block 4 of Hugh Seed's Addition to the Village of Cass City, (Elkland Township), Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 278, Tuscola County records. P.P. #035-500-554-0550-00 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of 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(s) will be held responsible to the person who purchases the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 13, 2016 William M. Azkoul Gruel Mills Nims & Pylman, PLLC Attorney for Servicer 99 Monroe Avenue, NW Suite 800 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 235-5500

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Robert C. Milot and Wendy Milot, Husband and Wife to American General Financial Services (DE), Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2004 and recorded May 3, 2004 in Liber 990 Page 1227 and modified by agreement dated September 1, 2013 and recorded October 16, 2013 in Liber 1294 Page 374 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee for CIM Trust 2015-3AG Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2015-3AG, by assignment dated April 11, 2016 and subsequently recorded in Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Thirty-Eight Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$129,038.16) including interest 1.571% 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 venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on May 26, 2016 Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast one-quarter of section 13, town 10 North, range 9 East, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of section 13; thence North 0 degrees 25 minutes 55 seconds East, 990.0 feet along the East section line to the point of beginning for this description; thence continuing along said East section line, North 0 degrees 25 minutes 55 seconds East, 330.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 25 seconds West, 674.26 feet; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, 330.5 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 50 seconds East, 672.9 feet to the point of beginning.

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Dated: 4/27/2016
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as Indenture Trustee for CIM Trust
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Series 2015-3AG.
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lonnie G Stark, A Married Man And Carrie M Stark, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2005, and recorded on March 22, 2005 in Liber 1031 on Page 1406, and assigned by

said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventeen and 84/100 Dollars (\$34,117.84).

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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 26, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Village of Gagetown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land situated in the Village of Gagetown, Tuscola County, Michigan, Described as: Lot 7 and the East 13 feet of Lot 6, Block 1 of WM. Cleavers Addition to the Plat of the Village of Gagetown as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 49, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: April 27, 2016
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Monty Burns and Joann K Burns husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2012, and recorded on April 5, 2012 in Liber 1244 on Page 953, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Two and 48/100 Dollars (\$249,252.48).

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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 2, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1890 feet of the North 678 feet of North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

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: May 4, 2016
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patricia Spanke, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 15, 2006, and recorded on July 17, 2007 in Liber 1125 on Page 120, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF16, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF16 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 94/100 Dollars (\$41,999.94).

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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 2, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 4 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 19, now being Page 30A of Tuscola County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

Dated: May 4, 2016
For more information, please call:
FC J (248) 593-1311
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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 June 2, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A Parcel of Land in the Fractional Northwest 1/4 of Fractional Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Described as Follows: Commencing on the North Line of said Section 8 at a Point 323.00 feet, North 90 Degrees 00 minutes 00 Seconds East, of the Northwest Corner of Said Section 8; Thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on Said North Section Line, 237.00 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, Perpendicular to said North Section Line, 320.38 feet; thence North 78 Degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 242.29 feet; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 sec-

onds east, perpendicular to said north section line, 270.00 feet to a point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: May 4, 2016

For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Teresa Essa, a single woman, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS), as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated the 28th day of September, 2007 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 23rd day of October, 2007 in Liber 1133 of Tuscola County Records, page 97, said Mortgage having been assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Sixty Seven & 90/100 (\$363,010.14), 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 9th day of June, 2016 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 7.125 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 Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: A part of the Southeast quarter of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, more particularly described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West quarter line of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, said point being 5.00 feet Westerly measured along the said East and West quarter line from the Southwesterly corner of Lot 1 of Osborne Subdivision of part of the Northeast quarter of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, said point also being South 80 degrees 19 minutes East 1069.85 feet from the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 1; thence South 11 degrees 19 minutes East 200 feet to the point said point being the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence North 78 degrees 41 minutes East 80.00 feet to a point on the shoreline of Murphy Lake; thence South 1 degree 51 minutes East along said shoreline 59.70 feet to a point; thence South 64 degrees 41 minutes West 115.60 feet to a point on the shoreline of Murphy Lake; thence North 27 degrees 24 minutes West along said shoreline 90.35

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Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney

Dated: 5/11/2016

Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.

Attorney for Green Tree Servicing LLC

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Obituaries

Bonnie Kappen

Bonnie Jean Kappen, 61, of Caro, died peacefully Saturday, May 7, 2016 in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

She was born September 30, 1954 in Cass City to Wallace "Wally" and Shirley (Koehler) Kappen.

Bonnie graduated from Cass City High School in 1972. She worked for Walbro Manufacturing for a short time then managed the Dairy Queen in Caro. Bonnie enjoyed going for a walk, knitting and crocheting. She loved spending the Christmas holiday with her children and grandchildren.

Bonnie is survived by her daughter, Dawn (Daniel) Deshetsy of North Branch; son, Troy (Brooke) Roller of Vicksburg; grandchildren: Autumn, Drake, Alana, Aubree and Allysse Deshetsy, Madelyn, Cohen, William and Alice Roller; mother, Shirley Kappen of Cass City; brothers: Ronald (Sue) Kappen of Cass City, Robert (Crystal) Kappen of Cass City, John "Jack" (Susan) Kappen of Cass City; sister: Victoria (Kenneth) Proctor of Akron; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wally Kappen; brother Charles Kappen; and niece, Aleigh Kappen.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. with the memorial service to follow at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 13 in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Steve Bagnall officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Helen Mellendorf

Helen Nora Mellendorf, 81, of Cass City, died Tuesday, May 3, 2016 peacefully in her home.

She was born October 10, 1934 in Greenleaf Township to Elliott Glenn and Jennie Marie (Crawford) Churchill.

She married Wayne Hall Mellendorf on May 31, 1952 in Elkton.

Helen enjoyed quilting, crocheting and cooking. She attended a ceramic class and made lamps for all of her children. Helen was fond of reading books about Amish stories. She made the best oatmeal cookies and lemon meringue pies for her boys. Helen truly went above and beyond in loving and caring for her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Helen is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Wayne; sons: Jeff (Beth) Mellendorf of Caro, Scott (Mary) Mellendorf of Cass City; grandchildren: Emily (Chris) Butterfield, David (Tosha) Mellendorf; great-grandsons: Ryan Mellendorf, Matthew Mellendorf, Brady Mellendorf, and baby Butterfield due in September; sisters: Marion Hunter of Mayville, Margaret Springstead of Pigeon, Amy (Bill) Ford of Cass City, Yvonne (Ron) Miller of Elkton, Jacqueline Osborne of Shelby Township; brother, Glenn (Nancy) Churchill, Jr. of Cass City; brother-in-law, Gerald Babcock of Caro; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers and sisters: Virginia (Amasa) Anthes, Wattie (Orville) Mallory, Marie (Jim) Brown, Glendora Babcock, Clarence "Skip" (Bobbi) Churchill, John Churchill, Phyllis Churchill.

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 7, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Louise Wright of First Spiritual Church of Bay City officiating.

Interment is in Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Compassus Hospice. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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Thumb Author Stein pens book honoring vets

Author and Huron County native Janis Stein pays tribute to Thumb area World War II veterans in her new book, "Hometown Heroes: World War II Veterans Share Their Stories", which features the biographical experiences of 24 men and women.

From serving in support roles to fighting bloody battles on the front lines and witnessing the mass graves and atrocities Hitler imposed to surviving life in a POW camp, World War II veterans made unimaginable contributions and sacrifices. It is this greatest generation that "Hometown Heroes" strives to honor, according to Stein.

This year, 2016, marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of America's entry into World War II. Young men and women from across Michigan and beyond left farms and factories, left their homes and families, to fight and serve. All braved uncertainties.

Through firsthand interviews, veterans' photographs and war journals, "Hometown Heroes" brings to life the biographical experiences of these veterans. The majority of veterans featured in this collection were born and raised in Huron and Sanilac counties, while others eventually made their homes in Michigan's Thumb region.

Stein's 276-page paperback keepsake contains over 400 photographs and in-depth written memoirs preserving the historical experiences of the following veterans: August Abraham Jr., Richard Bauer, Alfred Bohn, George "Pete" DeFrain, Leonard DeFrain, LaVerne Hanselman, Leo Klee, Beatrice (McCarty) Liput, Robert Millerwise, Ed Mroczek, Mary (Kelly) O'Connor, Harold O'Neill, Arthur "Archie" Peplinski, Louis Reid Sr., William A. Silverthorn, Helen "Pat" (Stein) Holliday, Leo Stein, Dr. Edward Steinhardt, Harold Susalla, Dr. Manuel Teves, Robert L. Tschirhart, Merle Van Sickle, William Wilkins, and Grant Yager.

"I know there are more World War II veterans in this region, and I apologize to all of the veterans whose stories I haven't yet heard and documented. I urge these men and women to share their memories with their families; likewise, I implore everyone to ask about their loved ones' memories. We must work together to preserve the history of this greatest generation, and in doing so, may we never forget," Stein said.

Julie Purdy of Purdyville Publishing, LLC, designed "Hometown Heroes", and Stein's book has earned endorsements from

Terry Brown, John Espinoza and Mark Rummel.

"The book 'Hometown Heroes' documents the lives of men and women from the Thumb area of Michigan that shaped our country and reinforced the foundation of our local communities," commented Brown, a former majority vice chair for Military and Veterans' Affairs in the Michigan House of Representatives. "I find it incomprehensible to imagine what our world would be like without these men and women who left their quiet lives, donned the uniforms of our country, and without the benefit of foresight, established hope in a world of despair...Too many stories have already been forever lost.

"This book reminds us not of those with movie star status, but of the rank and file with whom all hope rested," Brown added. "Thank you for these stories that readjust my life's perspective and inspire me to never take for granted the blessings that were earned by the sacrifice of others."

First Sgt. (U.S. Army, retired) and Vietnam veteran John Espinoza agreed, saying "Hometown Heroes" is "a must-read for all students of military history...a must-read for all people grateful for the sacrifices of

these veterans...During over 20 years of military service, I was compelled to study military history and have done so. I pretty much have studied every major battle in U.S. history. None of these studies have told me of the experiences these veterans had.

"Janis Stein has taken the time to tell us these stories in her book 'Hometown Heroes,'" added Espinoza, a retired teacher and former state representative.

Writer, historian and Sebewaing native Mark W. Rummel added, "There's a disappearing group of quiet American men and women who have amazing stories to tell...Janis tells detailed stories of how these members of America's greatest generation bravely risked their lives to protect our freedoms during World War II. Though they were very young, they were extremely committed to our country - and willing to die for it. Hometown Heroes should be required reading for students of all ages."

Stein was born and raised in Huron County and continues to call the area home, along with her husband, David, and their daughters.

Stein's other books include "Schools of Yesteryear, Volume I:

Sand Beach and Sherman Townships, Huron County" (2008); "Musings of a Country Girl" (2009); "Tales of Tragedy & Triumph" (2011); and "Schools of Yesteryear, Volume II: Bingham, Paris and Sheridan Townships, Huron County" (2014), which earned a state history award from the Historical Society of Michigan.

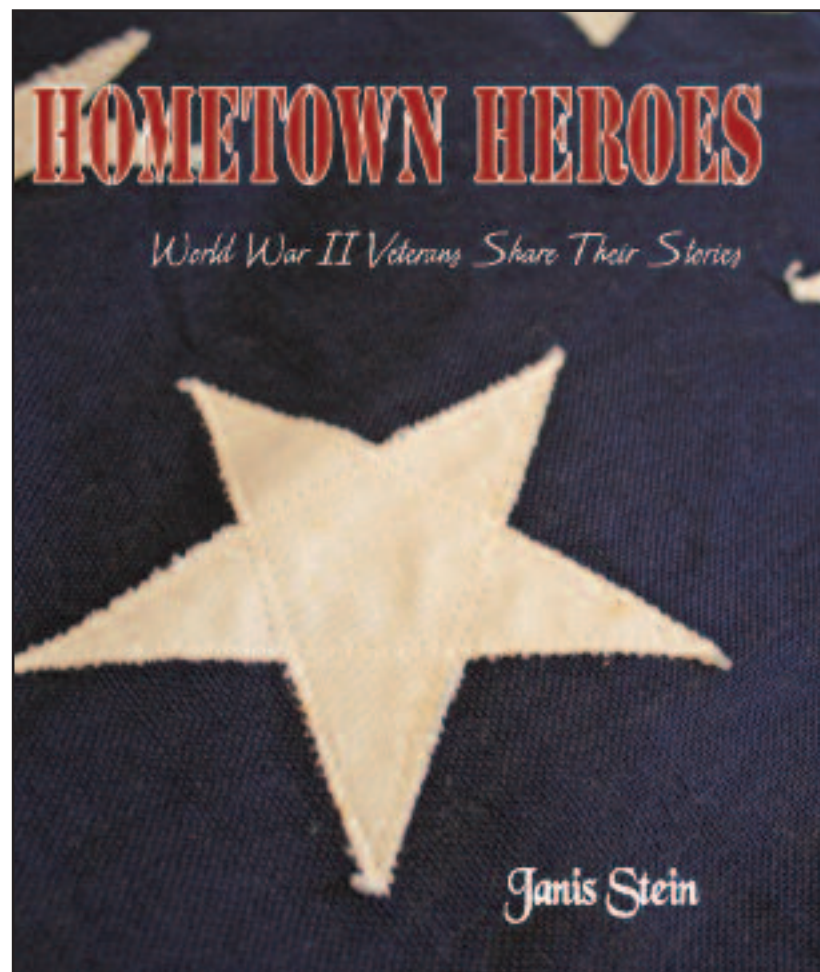
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Janis Stein



NATIONAL DAY of Prayer events with the theme of "Wake Up, America" were held Thursday at several locations in Michigan and across the country, including one at the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro that was well attended. Addressing the crowd above is Pastor David Dietzel from the Caro Assembly of God.



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Health officials say salmonella risk increases around poultry

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is reporting an increase in Salmonella infections, or salmonellosis, among people who have had contact with live baby poultry.

Since March 2, there have been 20 cases of salmonellosis with live chick or duckling exposure reported throughout the state, and those numbers are expected to rise. Six individuals (30 percent) were hospitalized, according to health officials, who say the reported cases involve individuals ranging from younger than 12 months to 70 years of age.

"While raising baby chicks and having fresh eggs can be fun and educational, poultry owners should be aware that chickens and other birds can carry germs that can impact human health," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive.

Symptoms of salmonellosis include diarrhea, vomiting, fever, and abdominal cramps. Sometimes a severe infection occurs and the person needs to be hospitalized. Salmonella can spread from the intestines to the bloodstream and other body sites and can cause death unless the person is treated promptly with antibiotics.

"Live baby poultry can carry Salmonella and still look healthy. Poultry do not get sick like people do from the bacteria," said Dr. James Averill, state veterinarian, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). "This is why it's so important for people handling baby chicks and poultry to practice good personal biosecurity such as hand washing because the bacteria may be present."

People become infected with Salmonella when they handle young poultry or their cages and coops. Germs can be found on the hands, shoes, and clothing of those who handle the birds or work or play in areas where the birds live and roam. Young children are especially at risk for illness because their immune systems are still developing.