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AREA RESIDENTS were treated to what is known as the “buck moon” last week (Tuesday). The name “buck moon” is one of three names given to the moon in North America in July because it arrives during the time when male deer are beginning to grow their antlers, according to the Farmer’s Almanac, which notes the other names are “hay moon”, when farmers are beginning to store their hay, and “thunder moon”, for the number of thunderstorms that occur at this time of the year.

## ELECTION 2016

### Races, millage requests plentiful on primary ballot

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Local resident and Cass City Village Council Trustee Nancy Barrios will challenge District One Tuscola County Commissioner Thomas Young for his seat in the August primary election.

Young, of Unionville, was appointed to the post in January following the resignation of Commissioner Roger Allen. Barrios was among five individuals who sought the appointment.

She and Young will now square off next week.

Both candidates responded to a Chronicle questionnaire asking them to discuss their qualifications for the job as well as their views on the role of a commissioner and critical challenges facing county government. Their responses can be found in a separate story on this page.

District One is composed of Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships.

That battle is among a handful of

races on tap in the primary election. Residents in Tuscola County will also be deciding a trio of countywide millage renewal requests in August.

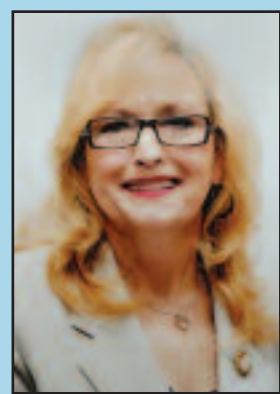
#### County seats

Residents in District Three (Dayton, Fremont, Indianfields, Koylton and Wells townships) will be electing a new commissioner, as incumbent Christine Trisch is not seeking reelection to the post. The challengers are Kim Vaughan

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### Cass City’s Barrios challenging Young

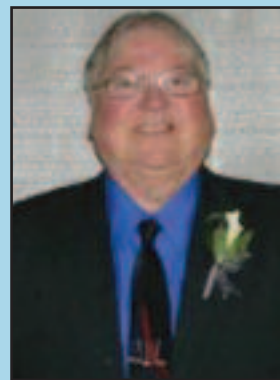
Two Republicans are battling for the right to serve as the Tuscola County commissioner in District One, which includes the village of Cass City, in a race that will be decided during the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary election.



Nancy Barrios

District One is comprised of Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships.

The Chronicle asked both candidates – Thomas Young of Unionville and Nancy Barrios of Cass City – to respond to the following questions:



Thomas Young

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- 1) What prompted you to seek a seat on the county board?
- 2) What experience and personal and/or professional background do you possess that would help to make you an effective commissioner?
- 3) What do you feel are the most important qualities citizens in your communities are looking for in a commissioner to represent their interests

### Stadler, Wencel battling for Dem nomination in 84th District House race

by Conner Emery  
Staff Writer

Democrats Chuck Stadler, 63, of Vassar, and James Wencel, 62, of Bad Axe, are gearing up for their showdown in the primary election Tuesday, Aug. 2, in the 84th District State House of Representatives race.



James Wencel

The winner will go on to square off against Republican incumbent Edward J. “Ned” Canfield, Sebawaing, in November. Canfield is running unopposed next week.



Chuck Stadler

Stadler has lived in the Vassar area since he was a teenager in 1969. He is married with two sons. His resume includes serving as a petty officer in the U.S. Navy, he has three different degrees and is a licensed practical nurse and contractor. He is also co-owner of Stadler Bookkeeping and Tax Service with his

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## School meet set to discuss pipe repairs

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Cass City School officials will meet with representatives of two contractors later this month to discuss replacement of deteriorating heating system piping that led to flooding in one classroom a couple years and resulted in the discovery of a more widespread problem.

The board of education, meeting in regular session Monday night, scheduled a special meeting for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, to meet with the contractors.

Cass City Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba presented board members with some photos of corroded pipe connection at the junior-senior high school and said that two companies will be making recommendations related to the district’s concerns about the heating system. “They’re going to give us a long-term fix, a short-term fix, along with some planning (recommendations), she added.

“The boilers were also a concern at the elementary school,” Zimba noted following one inspection, which concluded the boilers are near the end of their life span. Please turn to page 11.

## Council to voice concern over loss of revenue sharing with legislators

by Conner Emery  
Staff Writer

Discussion focused on state revenue sharing – or rather a lack of it – resurfaced during a brief Cass City Village Council meeting Monday night, with Village Manager Peter Cristiano again lamenting the loss of revenue for local governmental units, and suggesting that the council make its concerns known in Lansing.

Cristiano addressed the council Monday, citing a report issued by the Michigan Municipal League (MML) in which MML member Chris Hackbrath and others reported state officials have taken about \$8 billion from local governments over the past eight years, and that Michigan is one of five states that have declined in municipal revenue from 2002 to 2012; the other four states averaged losses of 9.4 percent, while Michigan has sustained a loss of about 57 percent.

According to the MML, the state of Michigan is currently in violation of its own constitution.

Cristiano suggested that he draft and present a resolution to the council for review at its next meeting. The council unanimously approved a motion to then forward the resolution to state legislators.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the council:

\*Heard a presentation and reviewed pamphlets presented by Tuscola County Road Commission representative Jack Laurie regarding the upcoming ballot proposal to renew an existing county millage for both

primary roads and bridge improvements. The renewal will be on the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary election ballot.

\*Reappointed Russ Biefer and  
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## Firearm accident lands Owendale man in hospital

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Huron County Sheriff’s deputies are continuing their investigation into an accidental shooting last week in Huron County’s Brookfield Township.

Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported a 26-year-old Owendale man was hospitalized Monday night after he accidentally shot himself in the face while cleaning a gun. The incident occurred just before 8 p.m.

Deputies dispatched to the scene found the victim, Jordan Andreas Ruthenberg, sitting in a chair with a towel over the left side of his face. He told investigators he had been cleaning his gun and had unloaded the firearm, but forgot there was a round in the chamber.

The gun discharged and the bullet entered Ruthenberg’s cheek, traveling upwards, damaging one eye and lodging in his forehead.

He was transported to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon, where he was treated for his injuries and then transferred to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor for further treatment.



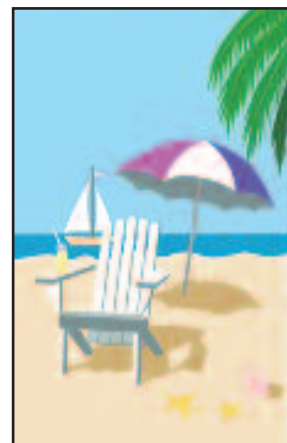
THE DRIVER OF a vehicle that ran a stop sign and then struck a Huron Street residence in Cass City early Thursday morning will be facing criminal charges, including operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. (See story, page 4)

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# Thumb Area 4-H Camp counselors honored with state's top 4-H award

Congratulations are in order for the Thumb Area 4-H Camp and a group of dedicated camp counselors, according to Huron County MSU Extension 4-H Program Coordinator Cathryne Goulet, who announced the counselors recently earned statewide recognition.

"In June, a team of teen camp counselors competed for the Group State 4-H Award while attending this year's 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University," Goulet said. "Macy Knoblock of Huron County, Gabrielle Romero from St. Clair County, (and) Ryan Rich and Ryan Zawodny, both of Sanilac County, represented the Thumb Area 4-H Camp, as well as their fellow teen counselors.

"They wrote essays and created a presentation on the many life and leadership skills they developed as teen camp counselors," Goulet added. "Their efforts gained this group first place recognition. They were presented the State 4-H Award, which is the highest honor given by 4-H in the state of Michigan."

Goulet noted the teen counselors train under the guidance of 4-H adult volunteer Jeanna Michalek.

"Thumb Area 4-H Camp would not be a growing success if it were not for the enthusiastic teen counselors who take their responsibilities seriously," she said. "This and Jeanna's commitment in having the teen leaders actively involved in the planning and execution of activities make the camping experience fun-filled. Everyone who attends the Thumb

Area 4-H Camp goes home tired and with a smile on their face." This year's Thumb Area 4-H Camp, held earlier this month, was another success, growing by 20 more participants.



**THUMB AREA 4-H Camp counselors (from left) Ryan Zawodny, Ryan Rich, Macy Knoblock and Gabrielle Romero were recently presented with the State 4-H Award, the highest honor given by 4-H in Michigan.**

## SUDOKU

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# In Our OPINION...

**Clarke Haire**  
Publisher

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Editor

## Enjoy a taste of the Thumb at the fair

*The Tuscola County Fair is marking its 135th birthday this year, and we'd like to encourage everyone to get out and spend at least a few hours at the fairgrounds in Caro this week.*

*County fairs are special, and not just because they bring back fond childhood memories of Ferris wheels, funnel cakes, pie eating contests and grand champion market steer ribbons.*

*The fair also offers visitors an accurate snapshot of the surrounding communities — our citizens' talents, work ethic and good old-fashioned values, as well as our ability to take that much-needed break now and then and simply have a good time with our friends and neighbors.*

*As a rural, agricultural region, we have plenty to offer visitors with special events and exhibits, some boasting the top produce, prettiest flowers and hardest livestock; others showcasing residents' talents, from various artistic mediums to quilts.*

*Few other fairs can top Tuscola County in participation among 4-Hers — young people of all ages and interests — whose hard work and dedication will leave you feeling pretty good about the younger generation.*

*You can also witness first-hand how county businesses support our youth by purchasing the animals these kids have raised and worked with for the past several months, learning lessons that will last them a lifetime.*

*And talk about entertainment. From contemporary Christian music and an ice cream social to unique motorsports, truck and tractor pulls and professional rodeo action, the fair offers something for just about everyone.*

*One word of caution: don't look for a Jenny Craig booth at the fair. Instead, you'll be treated to the mouthwatering smell of roasted hot dogs and hamburgers, homemade fries, cotton candy, popcorn, and just about anything that can be deep-fried.*

*For some, the menu alone is reason enough to visit the fair. But the week is about so much more than food.*



*So why not take a trip back in time and pencil in some county fair time on your calendar? The fair runs through this weekend, and 11 bucks still gets you in and covers your parking and grandstand events.*

*Just be sure to leave your cares — and your diet — behind!*

# Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

On the go

It's all the rage and a cutting-edge craze — sweeping not only the nation, but the entire world. If you don't have an inkling of understanding about what the verve is all about, chances are you're aware of the buzz about Pokémon Go. And, if you're like me, you wish you had the foresight to invest in the Nintendo Company a couple of months ago.

Pokémon Go is a new game played on mobile devices. On July 12, less than a week after it was first released, the app became the most active mobile game in the United States ever with 21 million users. This thing is bigger than Candy Crush Saga.

Mobile apps are a dime a dozen (or often free, as is the case with Pokémon Go). Except this game is different from the others in one major way. It is location-based. You can't play while sitting in your living room. The game requires that you go out. Into the real world. To find and catch imaginary Pokémon (animal-like cartoon creatures) and hatch their eggs.

Makes perfect sense. Hatching eggs requires a couple of things: a virtual incubator and walking. If kids (and kids who have already technically grown up) want to hatch an egg, they first place it in an incubator located on their phone. Then they get moving. In the real world, in real time. Eggs take anywhere from two to 10 kilometers to hatch. For those of you not living on the metric side of things, one kilometer is a little more than half a mile. The app keeps track of the distance you've traveled and hatches the egg accordingly.

And don't even think about cheating the system. Distance counting stops when a player exceeds a certain speed, so driving in a car doesn't count toward egg hatching. You've got to hoof it.

Players travel between places like PokeStops and PokeGyms (located at various places around town) to capture and battle — all while they are outside, exercising without even realizing it. Here's the Poké magic: they just think they are having fun. There hasn't been anything this ingenious since kick-the-can.

At least that's this mom's perspective. Pre-Pokémon, I was the one battling — to get my kids off the couch and away from the screen. Now they've still got the screen, but at least they are off the couch. Playing outside. With friends. Poke me.

Nothing this popular can skate (or walk) by without some amount of criticism. People walking or biking while staring at their phone screens is like distracted driving without the car. Walking the streets after dark may put kids at risk of not being seen by motorists. And, players hunting Pokémon at places like museums, cemeteries, memorial sites and fire stations isn't always embraced by the non-players visiting or working at those sites.

Still, I'm a proponent. My kid hasn't played any indoor video games in the last week. If you are the mom of a 14-year-old boy, you understand the immensity and nearly miraculous significance of that statement.

I've heard adults (myself included) lament nostalgically over the good old days, when summer and childhood meant getting on your bike and exploring the woods or

going to a nearby park and whiling away the hours until it was time to go home for lunch, or maybe even supper if you'd eaten a big enough breakfast or packed yourself a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

My kid is doing that. His bike is broken, so he's been riding mine — a no speed, over-sized, fender-laden mom bike if you've ever seen one. He doesn't care about his lack of fancy wheels because he is having fun. He leaves in the morning and makes a quick pit stop for lunch. His face has developed a warm summer glow. He's meeting up with friends and finding new ones. The game's even taught him about kilometer conversion.


So, for now I can overlook the fact that his summer reading isn't yet complete. We'll get to that. Summer should be a time of playing outside with your friends. This new game may not be perfect, but it isn't a perfect world. I'll take what I can get. And for this summer, at least, it's all about the go. Pokémon 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)



Volunteers for the Cass City Softball Program, who were on hand early Saturday morning in the recreation park to run the concession stand during the annual Fun in the Thumb Baseball Tournaments, were disappointed to learn that vandals had broken into their building the night before, damaging the entrance door and stealing candy inside that was to be used for fundraising efforts at this weekend's activity.

One of the helpers, Janelle Dickinson, told me half-heartily, you better believe I've got my eyes open for any kids walking around with a package of Air-Heads.

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In the near future, look for contributions in some shape or form from long-time Thumb journalist Mary Drier to appear in the Chronicle. Just how long has Mary been covering news in the Thumb?

Well, I can remember one story told at the office water cooler more than once that she used to play pool with former Chronicle Publisher John Haire at the Colwood Bar. My dad died in 2009 and you can believe me, his days of hustling folks on the game of eight ball were several years earlier.

There weren't a whole lot of area folks that could hang with my dad during his prime with a cue stick in their hands — Thumb shark Reinard Schember, however, comes to mind — and the ones that could, he knew to avoid when playing for small change.

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Why would anyone be surprised when it comes to unsavory tactics in the political arena?

Recently, fraudulent campaign materials were allegedly circulated and made to appear to belong to Jim Wencel, a candidate for the 84th District State Representative seat serving Huron and Tuscola counties.

"These fake fliers contain statements that are factually incorrect and malicious in their intent," Wencel said in a statement released early this week.

To set the record straight, Wencel's election committee rebutted the claims, noting, "Jim is a passionate and dedicated advocate for education at all levels. He has dedicated his life to education and will keep that dedication in Lansing. Jim is against the gas tax that will be taking effect in January that Republicans forced on us after we astoundingly rejected Proposal 1. Jim would much rather see substantive and effective measures taken to fix our roads rather than passing the buck to those that come next. Lastly, Jim sees no reason for altering the income tax in any way and will fight in Lansing to protect the hard earned dollars of working class Michiganders and their well-deserved pensions."

## Letters to the Editor

### Not running for office

This is to let people know that I am not running for any position here in Cass City or any other place. How the rumor got started, I don't know. So let's get this straight; I'm not running for any job. So whoever is starting these rumors, I would like to speak to them and get this thing over with.



Pat Hester  
Cass City

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## Wednesday, July 27

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

## Thursday, July 28

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

## Monday, August 1

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, August 2

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

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

#### First Sunday:

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

#### First Monday:

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

#### Second Monday:

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

#### Second Tuesday:

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

#### Second Wednesday:

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

#### Second Thursday:

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

#### Third Tuesday:

- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121

- Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

#### Third Wednesday

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

#### Third Thursday:

- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
- Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

#### 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.

#### Last Monday:

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

#### Every Monday:

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

#### 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.

# Sanilac crash claims two lives

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A two-vehicle traffic accident claimed two lives early last week in Sanilac County's Elk Township.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies have identified the victims as Holly Jennings Wolfe, 78, of Burtchville, and Arlette Mae Klohn, 89, of Sandusky.

Deputies were dispatched to the intersection of M-19 and Marlette Road Monday at 9:10 a.m.

Sgt. Matt Armstrong reported the investigation revealed a 2001 Saturn driven by Wolfe eastbound on Marlette Road did not stop at the

stop sign. A collision then occurred with a southbound 2015 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Susan Samson, 68, of Sandusky.

Wolfe was pronounced dead at McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky. Klohn, Samson's passenger, was pronounced at the scene, according to Armstrong, who said Samson was transported to Hurley Medical Center, Flint, by FlightCare Helicopter for treatment of her injuries.

Armstrong noted Wolfe and Samson were both wearing seatbelts, and Klohn was not.

"The Sanilac County Sheriff's Accident Investigation Team han-

dled the accident. They were also assisted by Sandusky Police Department," Armstrong said. "The Sandusky Fire Department and Elk Township Fire Department assisted on scene and used Jaws of Life to extricate (Samson) from the vehicle. Marlette and Sanilac EMS also assisted on scene."

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki lauded two employees of Blue Flame Propane, Lexington, who assisted rescuers at the scene of the accident by using their vehicle's winch to help stabilize the 2015 Chevrolet Equinox while fire crews were working to extricate the victims.

# House arrest: driver cuffed after running stop sign, hitting home

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office has authorized charges against a motorist who ran a stop sign and struck a residence at the corner of Huron and Maple streets in Cass City early Thursday morning.

Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes said officers were dispatched to the scene at about 2:45 a.m.

"The investigating officer found that a vehicle had driven northbound on Maple Street, failed to stop for the stop sign at Huron Street, continued northbound and struck an occupied house on Huron Street," Haynes reported.

"There were no injuries to the two occupants of the home," said Haynes, who added the driver, a 25-year-old male, was arrested at the scene. He will now face charges that

include operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content). The prosecutor also authorized a charge of reckless driving.

The suspect's name was withheld pending his formal arraignment in Tuscola County District Court.

The chief didn't have an estimate on the damage to the residence.

Both MMR Ambulance and the Elkland Township Fire Department assisted at the scene, Haynes noted.

# Minor injuries reported in accident

Only minor injuries were reported in a two-vehicle traffic crash early last week in Tuscola County's Tuscola Township.

The accident occurred Monday shortly after 6 p.m. at the intersection of Saginaw and Atkins roads, according to Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent.

"A 41-year-old Bay Port woman told Tuscola Sheriff's deputies she was using her phone as a GPS while driving on Atkins Road. She did not notice the stop sign at Saginaw Road and entered the intersection, striking a westbound vehicle driven by a 62-year-old Vassar woman," he said.

"The at-fault driver and her four passengers were not injured, but the other driver was slightly injured and was treated at the scene by MMR and then went to an area hospital," Skrent added.

The names of the occupants were not released.



**MINOR INJURIES** were reported in a two-vehicle accident early last week in Tuscola County's Tuscola Township. (Photo courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department)

### Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear in court on felony charges

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

\*Reiner G. Schluckbier, 49, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 24 months probation following his pleas of guilty to charges of possession of an altered/forged registration plate, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, and driving without insurance Jan. 4 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,658.

\*Brandon S. Mitchell, 32, Millington, pleaded no contest to committing unemployment compensation fraud by providing a false statement or misrepresenting himself Dec. 13, 2014.

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

\*Noah L. Martin, 33, Caro, pleaded guilty to two counts of purchasing/possessing ephedrine/pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine between Oct. 17 and Dec. 31, 2015 in Caro.

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

\*Nathan A. Perez, 34, Caro, pleaded guilty to two counts of purchasing/possessing ephedrine/pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine between Oct. 17 and Dec. 31, 2015 in Caro.

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

\*Veronica J. Williams, 30, Akron, pleaded guilty to two counts of purchasing/possessing ephedrine/pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine between July 22, 2015, and Feb. 7, 2016, in Caro.

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

\*Paul G. McClorey, 50, Cass City, was sentenced to four to 15 years in

prison following his pleas of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer March 5 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$834.

\*Nathan D. Bedell, 24, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of no contest to charges of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), domestic violence, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer March 12 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,697 plus attorney fees of \$500.

\*Tracy C. Jackson, 45, Caro, was sentenced to two to 15 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to escape from jail while serving a sentence for a felony conviction, and two counts of assaulting, resisting or

obstructing a police officer March 21 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 \$394.

\*Norman L. Barclay, 50, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of identity theft and stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device-holder Dec. 13-14 in Caro.

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

\*Shannon M. Diericks, 39, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (deferred) and 24 months probation following her plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance June 23 in Caro. The defendant was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

Diericks was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258.

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## Reporter's notebook

### Marriage hasn't gone out of style

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



"Marriage is a fine institution, but I'm not ready for an institution."  
—1930s film star Mae West

It's easy to be cynical when it comes to marriage, especially when so many folks, especially young people, have "been there, done that" and are divorced today, or have foregone marriage altogether for one reason or another.

I don't have the numbers on hand to prove it, but I'm fairly certain the number of people putting off marriage vows until they're much older today has grown — heck, some have a houseful of kids by the time they say "I do".

Experts say healthy marriages are good for couples' mental and physical health (well, most of the time), not to mention their value to children who grow up in relatively happy homes. On the other hand, we're told that roughly half of all marriages end in divorce court, with the rate for subsequent marriages even higher.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) statistics, while the divorce rate per 1,000 people hovered at four in the year 2000 and by 2011 was at 3.6, it may be more important to note that the marriage rate was 8.2 in 2000 and fell to 6.2 by 2011.

Is it just me, or is there something peculiar about getting marriage statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention?

But I digress.

I suspect Zelmyra and Herbert Fisher never worried about the numbers. According to an article I came across on the website Godvine, the Fishers made a commitment to spend all of their tomorrows together on May 13, 1924, and 84 years later, in 2008, they broke the Guinness World Record for being the longest-married couple.

After 87 years of marriage, Herbert passed away in 2011 at 105 years of age; his wife was the exact same age when she died just two years later in 2013.

Wow.

In an interview sometime before they passed, the couple shared some of their "secrets" to a lasting marriage. Here are a few excerpts:

\*Divorce was never an option, or even a thought.

\*There really is no secret, we just did what was needed for each other and our family.

\*Respect, support and communicate with each other. Be faithful, honest and true.

\*Everyone who plants a seed and harvests the crop celebrates together. We are individuals, but accomplish more together.

\*Remember, marriage is not a contest, never keep a score. God has put the two of you together on the same team to win.

\*Agree that it's okay to disagree, and only argue for what really matters. Learn to bend — not break.

\*Marriage is a commitment to the Lord. We pray with and for each other every day.

It seems like somewhere down the line, marriage became little more than "just a piece of paper" in some folks' minds. That's a shame, because while true commitment, love and respect aren't always easy to maintain in a relationship, they have their own rewards.

That's a happy ending the statistics never reveal.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Winning the title of Grand Champion Beef and Champion Overall Showman, Clay Daily sold his 1,302-pound steer for \$4,100 to North Star Bank and the United Producers Incorporated (UPI). Daily is the son of Greg and Linette Daily. Daily is a member of the 5 Star Livestock.

Marvin and Connie Smith, formerly Colleen Sheffer, both from the Cass City area, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently in Palm Coast, Fla., where they currently live. They lived 30 plus years in San Francisco, and another 10 years in High Point, N.C. Many guests were present from all of these areas, including childhood friends and family. Genevieve Sheffer, 91, living in Palm Coast, was in attendance. Cheryl Farmer, formerly Sheffer, maid of honor, currently living in California, Richard and Elinor Loeding of Snover, and Dwight and Patti Loeding of Florida. They have 2 children, Michelle Davis and Mark Smith, both living in North Carolina; and also have 3 grandchildren.

Laci Zawilinski recently completed her Master of Arts in clinical health psychology from Appalachian State University Boone, North Carolina. She will be starting her PhD program at the University of Hattiesburg, Miss., in August. Laci is the daughter of Peter Zawilinski of Fort Myers, Fla., originally from Cass City, and Mona Henry of Punta Gorda, Fla.

Jacob Ballard of Cass City was recently named to the dean's list at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind., following his freshman year. A chemical engineering major, Ballard is the son of Anne and Steve Ballard. He is a Cass City High School graduate.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2006)

Cass City's Emily Fritz recently landed an 18 1/2 inch Largemouth Bass in Spider Lake near Traverse City. The 3 1/2 pound trophy was caught using a Scooby Doo pole. Fritz is the daughter of Cannon and Sarah Fritz.

Lindsey Speirs' 7-year Bible Bowl career ended with an exciting first place win for a test on the book of Acts. When her name was announced as the winner, she recalled, with a smile on her face, "I was like, 'Yes!'" The 18-year-old scored 388 points on the 1 1/2 hour, 400-question Individual Assessment Test - proof that when it comes to the book of Acts, she knows her stuff.

When voters in Elkland Township go to the polls they expect to see at least 2 things, a voting machine and Elwyn Helwig. After all, Helwig has been a fixture at the Elkland Township voting headquarters longer than the voting machines. He celebrated 50 years working at the polls last year, most of the time as crew chief. He never expected to work as long as he has and often joked that he would retire when he passed the half-century mark. It turned out that he wasn't joking at all and informed township clerk Norma Wallace that he was resigning. "It's a blow for us," Wallace sighed, "I don't know what to do without him." Helwig is quick to credit the work of Wallace and former clerk Carol Ware. They are the best, he feels, and made his job as easy as possible.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1991)

Visiting at the home of Don and Kay Warner this past week have been Kay's aunt and uncle, Cookie and Willard McCardie, of St. Louis, Mo.

Randy and Sandy Kelley of Cass City announce the birth of Eli Kenneth July 11. He weighed 8 pounds, one ounce. Grandparents are Howard and Gerry Kelley and John and Ruth Guc, all of Cass City.

Mrs. Carole Fick and daughters, Kimberley and Marjorie, of North Branch, and Mrs. Chris Seeley and daughter Cadence of Grand Rapids

were visitors in the home of Mrs. Wazel Seeley Friday.

Joan Kay Hahn will be united in marriage to Jeffrey Alan Spry Aug. 24. Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hahn of Deford, and Jeffrey is the son of Mrs. Virgil Spry of Windsor, Ontario.

Four tables of cards were played when the Euchre Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fuester. High prizes were won by Mrs. Jerry Decker and Frank Laming. Low prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer. Jerry Decker won the traveling prize.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1981)

Mr. and Mrs. John Perry announce the birth of a six-pound, eight-ounce son, Matthew John, born July 19 in Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hurley of Sandusky and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perry. The new baby joins a brother Troy at home.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cook returned home Monday after spending a week in northern Michigan. They took Mr. Cook's sister, Mrs. Minnie Forbes, home to Mancelona and then travelled to L'Anse, spending two days, and visited Copper Harbor. They spent Friday and Saturday in Naubinway, on U.S. 2. Sunday they were at St. Ignace with Mr. Cook's niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Clark. En route home they visited Mr. Cook's half-brother, Rolland Robinson, at Provincial House in Gaylord. The Cooks travelled about 2,000 miles.

The Bruce family met Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Parrish Jr. at Gagetown for the annual "Christmas in July" and a Hawaiian luau party. Thirty relatives attended.

Mr. and Mrs. David Binder and family of Portage spent the weekend of July 18-19 with Mrs. Lois Binder. Curt Binder stayed to spend a few weeks here.

Pat and John McIntosh took first prize of \$3,000 in the 17th annual Scotch mixed doubles at Whyte Recreation in Pinconning. The tournament was conducted over 19 weekends and attracted a record 3,342 couples.

The photography and artwork of Julie Vargo, 16, of Cass City is part of a display scheduled to appear in New York City next week.

Schneeberger's has sold 2 computers for home use in the last 2 years. One of the purchasers, Christopher Sherman of Cass City, says home computers are definitely coming of age.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Mr. and Mrs. Max Agar, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Volney Wright of Caro and Mrs. Agar's sister, Mrs. Josephine Rondo, left Monday, July 19, for the Big Rapids area where they visited Rev. and Mrs. Gene Sickler and family. Tuesday they visited Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Owens and family at Comstock Park. Wednesday, they had dinner in Rockford Village where an old mill has been converted into a restaurant. Thursday, they returned home. Mrs. Rondo, whose home is in Florida, is now on a trip to Nebraska in company with her daughter from Pontiac.

Mrs. Russell Stanley and Mrs. Dale Heckroth, representing the local Church of the Nazarene, were in Flint July 20, attending at the First Central church the Nazarene Women's Missionary Convention. July 21, Rev. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Heckroth attended the District Assembly at the same location.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ashmore of Gagetown were Saturday visitors at the Andrew Kozan home. Mrs. Ashmore and Mrs. Kozan attended the style show Saturday evening at the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Czekai and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kozan and daughters Frances and Cheryl and Gary Piesko of Frankenmuth were Sunday guests at the Robert Ashmore home at Millington where relatives were celebrating the birthdays of Mrs. Ashmore and son Greg.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Forthun of Ann Arbor, July 20, a daughter, Elizabeth Tindale, who weighed seven pounds and four ounces. She has a brother, Michael, 3. Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Hunt of Cass City are the maternal grandparents.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Three experienced handlers of Game Cocks are these members of the Dick Turner family of rural Cass City. Ann, 10, works with a stag which is a three-time winner and

Holly, 8, shows a nine-time winner. Turner has been around Game Cocks since he was 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Furness were guests of honor at a lawn party at their home Monday evening, given by their neighbors. Cake, ice cream, jello and coffee were served to the 37 guests.

The sixth annual McComb family reunion was held Sunday, July 17, at the Cass City Recreational Park. The oldest member of the family present was John Haley of Caro. Three-month-old Sara Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McComb of Lansing, was the youngest member of the family present. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas (Irene McComb) Radovic and son of Belleville came the farthest distance to attend. Four marriages, 12 babies and one death were recorded during the year. Re-elected president of the group was Harold McComb, Detroit. Other-officers are: Donald McComb, Saginaw, vice-president; Harriet McComb Collins, Pigeon, secretary-treasurer, and Hazel Haley Rusch of Cass City, table arrangements.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1941)

Mr. Schuckert of the Cass Theatre has just contracted with a professional motion picture company to produce a full sized movie of the local community and its people. Within a few days the lights will be blazing, cameras grinding, and Cass City will have taken on a Hollywood complex. The picture will depict Cass City as seen through the magic eye of a newsreel camera, and any and every one within the scope of the lens will appear on the screen of the Cass Theatre when the picture is shown. Mr. Weller, the cameraman, has photographed many Hollywood stars and will use regulation large size equipment on the production of this local picture. It will include civic and industrial scenes as well as a revue of the business places. So watch for the camera and don't be camera shy as all will want to see how you look in the movies. Production will start soon after August 1.

Carson O'Dell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren O'Dell, of Cass City, who joined the U. S. Marine Corps as a volunteer, left Detroit Monday, July 21, for South Carolina. He is stationed with U. S. M. C. Platoon 96, Recruit Depot, at Parris Island, in that state, and will serve as a member of the corps for four years. He is planning on a ten-day furlough early in September when he will be home for a visit. Carson was an active member of the Cass City Livestock Club a few years ago. At the Michigan State Fair in 1936 he was the owner of the champion Michigan steer. This animal weighed 840 pounds and was sold by Governor Fitzgerald to a Ferndale packing house for 77 cents per pound. The same year, Carson also won the grand champion prize on his 4-H Southdown ewe, besides a number of other sheep prizes.

A son was born Tuesday evening, July 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith at their home, corner of Third and Grant Streets. Mrs. Ethel Dickinson is caring for mother and baby.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1916)

Mrs. J. N. Dorman, who has been confined to her home on West Third St. so many years by illness, spent Sunday afternoon with her friend, Mrs. James Greenleaf, who lives 1/2 blocks from the Dorman home. This is the first time Mrs. Dorman has been away from her home in six years.

Dr. A. N. Treadgold drives a new Roe Six, seven passenger automobile.

Miss Helen Kolb of St. Johns is spending a week with relatives here.

Garrison Moore, who has been visiting in Detroit, returned home Saturday. Roy S. Cormany has gone to Sebawaing to attend Bay Shore Park Assembly.

Mrs. Margaret Cole has resigned her position at Robinson's laundry and is working with her sister, Miss Mary Watson, at the Gordon Tavern. Mrs. Myrtle McLellan has the position at the laundry.

Alex Miller and Harold Gustafson of Detroit are spending this week at Mr. Miller's home here.

Paul Hauge, who has been operator at the depot for the past few months has been transferred to Cass City and left for that place Tuesday morning. Paul has made many friends during his short stay here who wish him success in his new location. Mr. Hens of Pittsburgh, Pa., fills the vacancy here.

## Ask your neighbor

by Conner Emery  
Staff Writer

### Cass City resident joins Pokémon Go addiction

The Pokémon Go craze started about four weeks ago and it doesn't seem to be going away anytime soon.

While the initial boom of the launch has died down, a community has been built and remains strong at this point. Whether you're in an urban area like Bay City or a small town such as Cass City, you can see people walking up and down the streets playing the game.

And it has been a huge success for Nintendo and the Pokémon brand as well, with the latter just getting a line of live actions movies made by Lionsgate approved. In fact, the craze has just about reached the level of popularity heights it enjoyed back in the late 1990s. The young and young at heart are wrapped up in the game, including Cass City resident Frank Searles.

Searles, 35, has been living in Cass City for the past seven years and has just started getting into the game, having downloaded it a week or so ago. And so far, as several people will agree, Searles says the game has been very addicting.

"It has a lot of people walking around and gets people out of the house," said Searles when asked what his favorite aspect of the game has been. "During night time it's a lot more busy around town since it's more cooled down."

However, Searles did have a few complaints about the game. The interaction with the Pokémon could be improved, and the lack of a trading feature really takes away from the full Pokémon experience. Also the lack of "Poke Stops" (sort of like checkpoints in the game) in town can be an issue. However future updates are likely to add and improve on the features, which is what Searles and a majority of the games' enthusiasts are hoping for.

Searles recalled watching the shows and playing the games in his teenage years, and has a few friends that play it as well. His strongest characters (as of writing) are a 911 Vaporeon and an 879 Slowbro that he caught right outside his house. His home is right nearby the library, which is one of the gyms in town where people can "fight" their Pokémon with others, and wild Pokémon are quite common by his house.

"There is always one spawning by my door," said Searles.



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## Races, millage requests plentiful in primary

Continued from page one.

and John J. Sauber, both running on the Republican ticket.

Seeking reelection to two-year terms unopposed are Republican commissioners Thom Bardwell, District Two (Almer, Ellington, Kingston and Novesta townships and the city of Caro); Craig W. Kirkpatrick, District Four (Arbela, Millington, Tuscola and Watertown townships); and Matthew Bierlein, District Five (Denmark, Juniata and Vassar townships and the city of Vassar).

Also seeking county offices (four-year terms) unopposed are Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent, who is running to be the county's next sheriff - Sheriff Lee Teschendorf has opted not to seek another term; Prosecutor Mark E. Reene; Clerk Jodi Fetting; Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray; and Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey.

Register of Deeds John Bishop faces a challenge from former county Register of Deeds and fellow Republican Dan Grimshaw.

Voters will also elect two county road commissioners. Seeking the six-year terms are Michael Zwerk and Julie M. Matuszak.

### Township races

Races are set in three Cass City area townships, including Ellington, where incumbent Supervisor Duane Lockwood is facing a challenge from fellow Republican Russell Speirs, and three Republicans - Diane K. Wilder, Carmell K. Pattullo and Jodi Beecher - are vying for the treasurer's seat. Democrat Jody Ehrenberg and Republican Bobbie Mozden, meanwhile, are both running for the office of clerk.

In addition, two Republicans - Gregg Campbell and Michael Wagner - along with Democrat Patrick Price are seeking two available trustee seats.

All of the terms are for four years. In Koylton Township, Supervisor Doug Kramer is being challenged by fellow Republican Karl Thom for a four-year term, and four Republicans - Justin Boyl, Rex W. Vroman, Jerome Ford and Kyle Thom - are vying for a pair of available trustee seats.

Running unopposed for four-year terms are Clerk James R. Borek and Treasurer Faye Stoll.

In Kingston Township, Republicans Gary S. King, Paul B. VanHorn and Timothy Ruggles are vying for two available four-year trustee seats.

Seeking reelection unopposed are Supervisor Wm. Jesse Zimba, Clerk Carrie Gilley and Treasurer Mary Lou Wolak.

While a few offices are drawing interest, officials in Novesta Township are facing vacant supervisor and clerk seats along with a pair of empty trustee chairs following the recent deadline to file. Incumbent Clerk Joann M. Peters is the only

official listed as seeking an office in the township.

Currently serving as supervisor is Ralph Zinnecker, while Val Peters is treasurer, and Marlene Sieradzki and David Little are the trustees.

Officials are facing a similar situation in Wells Township, where Democrats have filed to run for Supervisor (Melvin L. Witkovsky) and Treasurer (Patricia Gettel), but no one met the filing deadline to run for clerk or two trustee seats.

Seeking reelection unopposed in Elkland Township are officials Dan Erla (supervisor), Ed LaBelle (clerk) and Cindy Kruse (treasurer), along with trustees Terry Muntz and Tavis Osentoski.

In Elmwood Township, the candidates are incumbents Chris Graff (supervisor), Connie McNaughton (clerk) and Cheryl L. Kilbourn (treasurer), along with trustees Joan Sattelberg and Nicholas Bliss.

### Millage renewals

County residents are being asked to support three renewal requests, including .9657 of a mill for eight more years, through 2023, to provide funding for repairs and upgrades to primary county roads and streets.

If approved, the tax would raise an estimated \$1.674 million in the first year. For the owner of a home with a market value of \$60,000, the levy costs \$29 annually, while the owner of a \$100,000 home pays roughly \$48.

Likewise, county officials are seeking renewal of .4807 of a mill for an additional eight years to pay for repairs and upgrade to the county's local bridges as well as for road and street repairs.

If approved, the renewed tax would raise an estimated \$833,300 in the first year. The levy translates into

about \$14.40 a year in taxes for the owner of a \$60,000 home, and \$24 annually for the owner of a \$100,000 home.

The third millage question - renewal of .15 of a mill for eight years - would continue to fund recycling services in the county.

The millage generates about \$262,000 a year and costs \$4.50 annually for the owner of a \$60,000 home, and \$7.50 for the owner of a \$100,000 home.

### Township millages

Among Cass City area townships, Novesta, Kingston and Koylton townships will be asking voters to renew millages in August.

In Novesta Township, officials are requesting renewal of one mill for four years, 2017 through 2020, to fund ditching, grading, graveling and paving of roads.

The tax raises about \$33,400 a year and costs the owner of a \$50,000 home \$25 in taxes, while the owner of a \$100,000 home pays \$50 annually.

In Kingston Township, voters are being asked to approve renewal of two mills, to be levied in 2017 through 2020, for road maintenance.

The levy would generate roughly \$67,400 in the first year and costs the owner of a \$50,000 home about \$50 a year in taxes - \$100 annually for the owner of a \$100,000 home.

Koylton Township officials, meanwhile, are requesting renewal of two mills for four years, 2017 through 2020, to pay for road maintenance and improvements.

Two mills generate \$75,000 a year in the township and costs \$100 annually for the owner of a \$100,000 home, while the owner of a \$60,000 home pays \$60 a year.

## Kingston Schools again asking voters to approve bond issue for upgrades

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Kingston Community School District officials will again ask voters to approve a bond issue when they go to cast their ballots in the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary election.

District officials placed the measure on the ballot 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 scaled down a \$6 million bond issue request after voters rejected the proposal last March. The 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 district's revised proposal, school officials are asking 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 school 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.



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# Barrios challenging Young for commissioner's seat

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at the county level?  
4) What do you feel are the greatest challenges facing local government right now, and how will you go about addressing possible solutions if elected?

The following are their responses:

## Barrios responses

1. After serving on the Cass City Village Council for nearly five years, I was appalled that our county commissioner had never attended a single meeting. At first, I thought Cass City might be the "black sheep" of the district. Maybe we were just too far away for our commissioner to drive! However, that notion was quickly dispelled. After attending District One township and village meetings since December, I found we weren't alone. Other villages and townships hadn't seen a commissioner at their meetings either. In fact, one elected official asked me if I "winter in Florida", because he didn't feel you could adequately serve the residents of the township while "wintering" in another state.

District One elected local officials identify the situation as a disconnect between county and local governmental units. "Local Unit of Government Activity Report" continues to appear as a standing agenda report item for each commissioner at each monthly meeting! Yet no one seems to be held accountable for meeting with their constituents. District One municipalities have been shortchanged for years! There should be clear communication at the local level on issues facing the county, legislative changes that could impact local municipalities and an exchange of local areas of concerns and challenges. That's what should happen, and it's what I plan to change if I'm elected to serve the residents of District One.

2. I have a Master of Science Degree in Administration (CMU), graduated from Robert M. Perry School of Banking at Central Michigan University, have nearly 20 years of experience in banking, 10 years of experience working in human resources (HR manager, training and development, payroll, safety and security), Society for Human Resource Managers - SHRM generalist, worked as a community development operations

manager in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties (HDC), served as president of North Branch Chamber of Commerce, spent 12 years as secretary/trustee on the North Branch Area Schools Board of Education, served as North Branch Township trustee and Cass City Village trustee. I have experience writing business plans, establishing and reporting on budgets, negotiating contracts and maintaining a safe and productive workplace. I've been involved in volunteer programs including North Branch Summer Recreation Program (secretary/treasurer), Lapeer County Habitat for Humanity, Friends of Cass City Parks and Recreation, Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiatives, AAUW, Knights of Columbus Auxiliary and St Pancratius/Our Lady Consolata Parish Councils.

I am competent, confident, respected and go above and beyond to exceed performance expectations in whatever task is at hand.

3. I feel that citizens are looking for someone who has the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the duties and responsibilities of the office of commissioner. I feel that someone who is motivated to serve the community, and who has the guts to question the status quo and way things have always been done is critical to making real change at the county level. I feel citizens are fed up with the lack of communication between the county and local municipalities, and are looking for someone who is passionate and has the drive and determination to make the county a better place for businesses and families to thrive. It's sad, but a commissioner actually confided in a Thumb newspaper letter to the editor that they ran for the commissioner position because they were told the job consisted of four meetings a month and they would get health insurance! My opponent, who was appointed to fill his brother-in-law's remaining term in January, continues to serve on the village of Unionville Council despite the fact that two municipalities (Wisner Township and Fairgrove Township) in District One meet on the same day and time frame as does the village of Unionville. He stated that he will continue to serve the village of Unionville for the next two years, knowing that by doing so he will not be available for two municipalities that he has sworn to represent when he was appointed. Is this the kind of

representation that taxpayers want or deserve? I think not!

4. The greatest challenges that local governments face are reduced operational funding from the state along with reductions to the wind farm assessment revenues, and a communication disconnect between the county and local governmental units.

"If the state can afford to cut business taxes by \$3 billion over the last five years, they can afford to fully fund revenue sharing." That quote from Robert Kleine (former State of Michigan treasurer) during a news conference simply sums up how the State of Michigan - over the last 15 years - has prioritized state needs over essential services at the local level; namely police, fire departments, schools, road maintenance, and much more. "Only once since FY 1998 have lawmakers acted to fully fund statutory revenue sharing payments (in FY 2001). What's more, the cumulative amount of cuts to statutory revenue sharing for municipalities from FY 1998 to FY 2016 is estimated to be a staggering \$5.538 billion. When counties are included, the cumulative cut to local government revenue sharing since 1998 exceeds \$7.5 billion". (Great Lakes Economic Consulting - April 2016 - Michigan's Great Disinvestment - How State Policies Have Forced Our Communities into Fiscal Crisis). The Michigan Municipal League is taking a lead role in the fight to reform municipal finance. I support those efforts. In addition, recent challenges to the wind turbine assessments through the Michigan Tax Tribunal have resulted in county and local revenue being set aside in escrow accounts, further reducing county and municipality planned funding. This reduction is under appeal, and I fully support that effort. Local governments continue to stretch their budgets as far as they can to maintain the service requirements residents are accustomed to having without raising tax rates. Projects which are on rolling repair or preventative maintenance schedules have been pushed back or cut back in scope to meet reduced finances. As a commissioner, I intend to pursue legislative changes or challenges to assist municipalities in regaining lost revenues. I intend to initiate the use of best practice and/or needs assessment techniques to evaluate both current and future programs/projects to ensure that tax-

payer's money is not wasted. In regard to the communication disconnect in my district, I intend to regularly attend municipality meetings and events in order to bolster the communication channels that have been neglected for years. I am not running for re-election to the village council in order to run for the office of commissioner. My intent is to serve and represent the residents of District One.

## Young responses

1. Oct 1, 2015, was my effective retirement date from the Michigan EDC (Economic Development Corporation). When I heard there was an opening on the board of commissioners, I decided I had the time to give back to my fellow Tuscola County residents. I have always been involved in giving back to my community, taught by my parents at an early age, that you need to give back to your community more than you take away. I love helping people solve problems, and I want to make Tuscola County a better place to live. 2. I am able to be an effective participant in meetings. I have been involved in public service since I was elected Fremont Township Supervisor in 1976. As supervisor, I negotiated service contracts with fire, police and sanitation agencies. I chaired the two day March Board of Review, to look at tax assessments. I was a Michigan State Level I Assessor, where I was responsible for assessing 1,100 parcels of property. I was a successful farmer from 1972 to 1988. I worked for the Department of Defense for 14 years, counseling Thumb Area businesses in government contracting and helping companies win awards that created jobs. I worked for the state of Michigan for 18 years as a Business Development Manager, covering the Thumb area. During that time, I

helped companies win contracts, create jobs and receive grants, leading to job creation and increasing the local tax base. Some of the companies in Tuscola County were DFA (Dairy Farmers of America), Millennium Steering, Walbro, MiTech Tooling and Poet Biorefinery. I bring a strong background on how to work with and accomplish goals, with elected officials in Lansing. I have a great networking team that I can call on, to help get things done for Tuscola County.

3. Honesty, integrity, and the ability to bring people together to benefit Tuscola County. Having been raised on a farm, I was taught an awesome work ethic: "You don't quit until the job is done." Our working day didn't end at 5 p.m., workdays, or Friday night. I listen to people and help find solutions to issues and problems. The six months I have been a commissioner, I have visited the townships and municipalities in District One, bringing them information (such as the new Smart 911 and GIS tracking system for Tuscola County), introduced myself and offering my availability whenever they might need it, and handled numerous issues brought to my attention. I am an active member of my Church's Mission Team, helping people in our local communities.

4. The greatest challenge will be living within our budget, while maintaining high quality services that people expect from their tax dollars. I am a conservative Republican, and have been a good steward of taxpayer dollars, wherever I have served over the last 40 years. I will continue to work with the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC), which will bring in a bigger tax base, that will bring added dollars for local and county governments.

# Wencel, Stadler squaring off

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wife, Cindy.

Stadler has been active in Vassar Township for many years, having served as a trustee from 2008 to 2012. He previously unsuccessfully campaigned for the Michigan 10th District seat in the House of Representatives in 2012 and 2014, each time losing out to Candice Miller.

Stadler said two main concerns that prompted him to want to run for office were the new tax that has been placed on seniors and Michigan retirees that he finds unfair, and the cutting of school funding north of Detroit. The biggest of his concerns is the uneven distribution of money in the area, specifically in the area of road work.

As an example, Stadler cited how roads in Detroit and Rochester are amazing, while roads in the Thumb receive simple patch jobs.

"The money is for the people, not the corporations," said Stadler.

Stadler emphasized how he cares for the community. He said the first thing he'd do if he gets into office will be to use his available funds to get more kids into college. Attending even community colleges costs more than \$10,000 a year these days, and many kids still need a lot of help affording their educational future, he noted.

"I have a good reputation with fighting for the people," said Stadler. "(The community) needs someone who knows what they are doing."

## James Wencel

Wencel has lived in Bad Axe since 2002, but has been in and around the Thumb area as a teacher and administrator for decades, including a stint as the Bad Axe Schools superintendent until his retirement in 2010. He is married and the father of four.

Wencel also coaches football at Owendale-Gagetown Schools and coaches wrestling at Laker Schools.

He previously ran for the 84th District seat in 2014 as a Republican; however he fell short in his bid in the primary against Canfield.

When asked why he wanted to try to run again for office, Wencel cited how unhappy he is with the direction state officials are taking regarding public schools compared to the for-profit charter schools, as well as the problems seen in Grand Rapids veterans' homes.

People deserve better, said Wencel, who added the first thing he would do if elected is to look very closely at the emergency manager law, which has been under considerable scrutiny due to the Flint water crisis. Another priority, Wencel said, would be to make sure his constituents in his district consistently receive a fair bang for their buck.

"I plan to listen to folks in the district as well as represent them," said Wencel. "I'll be answering every phone call that I can and be helpful to everyone."

Wencel indicated his decades of experience and background in Huron and Tuscola counties gives him an advantage as well, because he has a very strong connection to the Thumb.

Wencel noted he and his wife are retired and could live wherever they want, "but we choose to live and stay here."

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## Preparing...

**POLICE OFFICERS** practice with a ram tool during an “active shooter” exercise held recently at Reese Middle School. Roughly 50 officers from several area police departments participated in the drills, designed to give first law enforcement an opportunity to prepare for the sort of senseless violence seen in cities across the country in recent months.



## Active shooter

### Tuscola County law enforcement prepares for the worst with training

by **Conner Emery**  
Staff Writer

It's an unfortunate reality in today's society — a select few individuals who, for one reason or another, feel the need to take innocent lives and even their own in moments of time that will stay burned into this nation's memory forever.

Shootings, bombings and other senseless attacks have unfolded with increasing frequency across the country and throughout the world, and for that reason law enforcement officers and other first responders need to be prepared for the worst.

Preparation was the motivation behind organization of a recent “active shooter” training exercise conducted at Reese Middle School.

About 50 officers from police departments throughout the Thumb area took part in the exercises, which focused on hands-on training utilizing breaching tools such as ram and halogen tools, as well as going over several tactical formations — the “diamond” and “Rolling T” formations, for example — used in situations involving active shooters.

The exercise was planned by Deputy Steven Anderson, Tuscola County Emergency Services coordinator, and Lt. Todd Mapes, also of Tuscola County. The pair organize similar exercises every few years, and this particular program was put together months in advance.

Given the recent tragedy that took place in Dallas, and the incident at St. Joseph, it was simply good timing to have these exercises done right now, according to Anderson.

“It's a good reminder and keeps (the officers') skills intact,” said Anderson when asked about the importance of these exercises. “It is all very important for the officers.”

Anderson said he would like to have been able to do more during the exercise. However, there was only so much that could be done with the time allotted. In the future, he's hoping to cover more topics related to active shooting situations.

Officers from police departments in Caro, Vassar, Millington, Reese and Cass City all took part in the recent exercises along with Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies and correction officers, and the Michigan State Police.

## Michigan's first case of WNV confirmed Friday

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Friday confirmed the state's first human case of West Nile virus (WNV) for 2016. The resident is an older adult from Livingston County and is currently recovering.

“Hot, dry summers are ideal for the mosquito that transmits West Nile virus, and this case is an important reminder to stay vigilant against mosquito bites throughout the summer,” said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive at the MDHHS. “All residents older than six months of age should use repellent and take extra care during peak mosquito-biting hours between dusk and dawn.”

To-date, 13 birds have tested positive for WNV this season, and three WNV positive mosquito pools have been detected in Oakland and Saginaw counties. Infected birds and mosquitoes can provide an early warning of WNV activity in a community. For the most current information on mosquito-borne virus activity in Michigan, visit [www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus](http://www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus).

Residents can stay healthy by using simple, effective strategies to protect themselves and their families by reading and following all repellent label directions. The following steps are recommended to avoid WNV:

\*Maintain window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.  
\*Empty water from mosquito breeding sites around the home, such as buckets, unused kiddie pools, old tires or similar sites where mosquitoes lay eggs.

\*Use nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas.  
Apply insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET, or other EPA approved product to exposed skin or clothing, and always following the manufacturer's directions for use.

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

Most people who become infected with West Nile virus will not develop any symptoms of illness. However, some become sick three to 15 days after exposure. About one in five infected persons will have mild illness with fever, and about one in 150 infected people will become severely ill.

Mild illness may include headache, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea or rash. Severe symptoms of WNV are associated with encephalitis or meningitis, and may include: include stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, muscle weakness, convulsions and paralysis. People 50 and older are more susceptible to severe WNV disease symptoms.

For more information and surveillance activity about WNV, visit [www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus](http://www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus).

## Hospital now designated a cancer screening center

Hills and Dales General Hospital has been designated a Lung Cancer Screening Center by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The ACR Lung Cancer Screening Center designation is a voluntary program that recognizes facilities that have committed to practice safe, effective diagnostic care for individuals at the highest risk for lung cancer.

In order to receive this elite distinction, facilities must be accredited by the ACR in computed tomography in the chest module, as well as undergo a rigorous assessment of its lung cancer screening protocol and infrastructure. Also required are procedures in place for follow-up patient care, such as counseling and smoking cessation programs.

Hills and Dales launched its lung cancer screening with low-dose computed tomography scans in May. It is known that with the appropriate follow-up care, these screenings can significantly reduce lung cancer deaths. The screening is recommended for adults aged 55 to 77 years who have a 30 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years.

Lung cancer is the nation's leading cancer killer — taking the lives of more people each year than breast, colon and prostate cancers combined.

“We are really proud of the designation,” said Peggy Davidson, director of radiology at Hills and Dales. “The Radiology staff members have gone above and beyond to get our lung cancer screening program started, and to earn the ACR Accreditation adds to the excitement for them. We are the only hospital locally with this accreditation and we look forward to serving many patients with the lung cancer screening program.”

The ACR, founded in 1924, is one of the largest and most influential medical associations in the United States. The ACR devotes its resources to making imaging and radiation therapy safe, effective and accessible to those who need it. Its 36,000 members include radiologists, radiation oncologists, medical physicists, interventional radiologists and nuclear medicine physicians.



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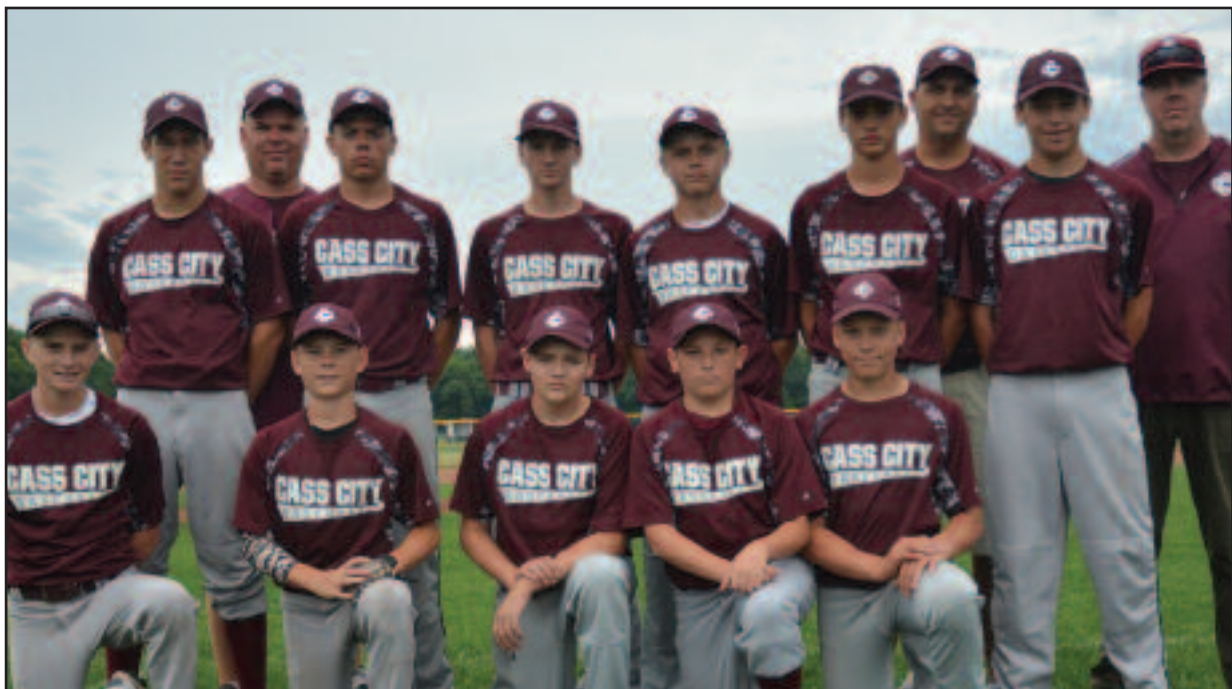
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THE CASS CITY U14 all-star team members include:(front row, l-r) Bryce Fernald, Haydn Horne, Ryan Delong, Tyler Czekai, Alex Perry (middle row, l-r) Noah Zaleski, Collen Wruble, Kenny Stimpfel, Kenton Wiseman, Landon Schenk, Kendall Anthes (back row, l-r) Coach Tavis Osentoski, Coach Chris Anthes and Manager Matt Prieskorn.



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## Fun in the Thumb tournaments draw many to Cass City

The weather was sizzling - and the action hot - over the weekend of the annual Cass City Fun in the Thumb baseball tournaments.

All-stars from age 8 to 14 were on display during the two day event at several locations near and around the recreational park, including the recently updated Cass City Little League fields. There, Cass City's U12 squad advanced to the finals, but fell 6-5 to Bad Axe in the championship tilt. The 12-and-under Red Hawks compiled a 3-2 mark for the weekend.

In the U14 Division played at the high school baseball diamond, Cass City appeared poised to add their third tournament championships of the summer, but bowed 5-3 to Bay County Blue on Sunday.

The up-and-coming Red Hawks, who recently captured tourney titles in Marlette and Brown City, had

### Little League facilities top shelf locally

by Conner Emery  
Staff Writer

This past April the Cass City Little League Board showed off their months of hard work as they unveiled the new and improved little league field (Field #6) in the park. Amongst the new changes included new renovated dugouts, fresh cement work, landscaping on the field, and walkways around the field and concessions stand.

"We started with just fixing the dugouts (which had cracked walls) and got a \$15,000 grant," said Troy Perry, president of the Cass City Boys Little League. "We did a lot of the work ourselves and didn't have to pay much for labor, only the materials. So we had more money for other projects."

The renovation project started in October of last year and last up until April of this year. According to Perry a majority of the help came from the community, like members of the board, as well as a few organizations that gave their time and materials, like R & R Cumper Concrete and Masonry and Tuckey Concrete.

The first little league season started off shortly after the renovations were done, and the feedback from the community has been all good things according to Perry. In the future the board hopes to keep improving the fields every year; however nothing is set in stone yet.

"We are fortunate to have people on the board that are willing to help," said Perry, who said he was grateful but not surprised when asked about the community support on the project.

In total, 27 teams attended this year's tourney.

defeat Bay County Blue on Saturday, before suffering their only loss of the weekend. They entered the title game with four wins.

In the 10U Division played at the softball fields near the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool, Bad Axe turned back Cass City 10-4 in Sunday's championship tilt. The 10-and-under Red Hawks also went 4-1 for the weekend.

Action at the high school softball diamond, meanwhile, saw the Cass City 8U team recorded a perfect 3-0 mark to finish on top of the standings.

Questioned about Saturday's high temperatures, that reached above 90 degrees, before cooling off on Sunday, spokesperson Troy Perry said, "We (all four teams) only loss one game on Saturday, but for whatever reason didn't

## Race fans gather at Deford track

Here are the race results for Saturday's AMA D-14 short track event at the Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club. Officials said, "Unfortunately the TT scrambles race (Sunday) was cancelled because of rain. Our next race weekend is Aug 6 and 7."

<b>251+ Open Twin</b>		<b>52-65cc 6-11 Yr Old</b>	
1 Randy Stauffer	Decker, MI	1 Austin Harrington	Millington, MI
2 Gary E. Downey	Fife Lake, MI	2 Ethan Kitchin	Marlette, MI
3 Patrick Sparks	Warren, MI	3 Dominic M. Huey	Howell, MI
4 Byron Sparks	Pontiac, MI	4 Skylar W. Sentell	Caro, MI
<b>251cc + Open Single</b>		5 Carson C. Green	Carsonville, MI
1 John Sams	Richmond, MI	<b>350 to 450cc A</b>	
2 Jayson Bloss	Millington, MI	1 Kyle Vanconunt	Croswell, MI
3 Brandon Kitchen	Clifford, MI	2 Cody Toles	Lapeer, MI
4 Dominic Marcangelo	Algonac, MI	3 Allen Rabinette	Millington, MI
5 Travis Jakubik	Flint, MI	4 Dominic Marcangelo	Algonac, MI
6 Cody Toles	Lapeer, MI	5 Kyle Martinez	Marlette, MI
7 Nathan Vancamp	Croswell, MI	6 John Sams	Richmond, MI
8 Joey A. Howard II	Muskegon, MI	7 Jacob Barber	Auburn, MI
9 Kyle Martinez	Marlette, MI	<b>Mod Vint 401cc Open 1987 -</b>	
10 David J. Malloy Jr	Corunna, MI	1 Eugene Copeland Jr	Flint, MI
11 Dustin Gardner	Newaygo, MI	2 Anthony S. Pearson	Burton, MI
<b>0-51 cc Multi Speed 4-8</b>		3 Richard Seifferlein	Burtchville, MI
1 Aaden Savage	Caro, MI	4 Derek Paris	Grant Township,
2 Skylar W. Sentell	Caro, MI	<b>0-51cc Chain Stock 4-8</b>	
3 Evan D. Myers	Pinconning, MI	1 Dominic M. Huey	Howell, MI
4 Andrew T. Hawley	Owosso, MI	2 Aaden Savage	Caro, MI
5 Luke Krug	Kingston, MI	3 Evan D. Myers	Pinconning, MI
<b>66-85cc 7-15 Yr Old</b>		<b>86-250cc Open</b>	
1 Austin Harrington	Millington, MI	1 Brandon Kitchen	Clifford, MI
2 Jordan Jean	Midland, MI	2 Jordan Jean	Midland, MI
3 Kolby Gyomory	Marlette, MI	3 Jayson Bloss	Millington, MI
4 Brady Bargeron	Bentley, MI	4 Kolby Gyomory	Marlette, MI
5 Zach W. Bailey	Leonard, MI	5 Troy M. Barber	Linwood, MI
6 Trevor J. Gatlin	Harrison, MI	6 Aaron Fortenberry	Montrose, MI
7 Chris Clutter	Bay City, MI	7 Brian Coltsen	Caro, MI
8 Billy Ross	Flint, MI	8 Ryan Flynn	Marlette, MI
<b>350 to 450cc B</b>		9 Joey A. Howard II	Muskegon, MI
1 Brandon Kitchen	Clifford, MI	10 Zach W. Bailey	Leonard, MI
2 Nathan Vancamp	Croswell, MI	11 Samantha Cole	Newaygo, MI
3 Dustin Gardner	Newaygo, MI	<b>Veteran 30+ Years</b>	
4 David Schaaf	Algonac, MI	1 Travis Jakubik	Flint, MI
5 Joey A. Howard II	Muskegon, MI	2 Bret D. Tremblay	Flint, MI
6 Ryan Flynn	Marlette, MI	<b>Senior 45+ Years</b>	
7 Landon Cousineau	Rhodes, MI	1 Lyle Barber Jr	Auburn, MI
8 Samantha Cole	Newaygo, MI	2 Derek Paris	Grant Township, MI
9 Troy M. Barber	Linwood, MI	Please turn to page 10.	



# Weekend race results

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- Vint 401cc Open 2 val 1979 -**
- 1 Eugene Copeland Jr Flint, MI
  - 2 Richard Seifferlein Burtchville, MI
  - 3 Don Payne Golden Lake, ON
  - 4 Patrick Sparks Warren, MI
- Vint 0-400cc AC 1990 -**
- 1 Derek Paris Grant Township, MI
  - 2 James C. Turley Springfield, MI
  - 3 Donald Bannerman Fowlerville, MI
  - 4 Jack W. Overfield Clio, MI
- 0-51cc Pee Wee Shaft Drive**
- 1 Andrew T. Hawley Owosso, MI
  - 2 Luke Krug Kingston, MI

- Quad B open 15+ years**
- 1 Josh D. Elenbaum Owendale, MI
  - 2 Stephen Clutter Bay City, MI
  - 3 Steven Wright Holly, MI
- Combo 16+ Years**
- 1 Henry Wiles Winn, MI
  - 2 Jayson Bloss Millington, MI
  - 3 Kyle Vanconunt Crosswell, MI
  - 4 Aaron Fortenberry Montrose, MI
  - 5 Allen Rabinette Millington, MI
  - 6 Cody Toles Lapeer, MI
  - 7 John Sams Richmond, MI



LUCKY Thumb racer Josh Elenbaum, of Owendale, tears up the track Saturday at the Deford area raceway.



HILLS & DALES General Hospital recently donated more than \$500 to the Cass City School District. Accepting a check from Ann Herford, FNP-BC, is athletic director Don Markel.

## Hospital partners with Cass City schools, again

Cass City's Hills & Dales General Hospital and the Cass City School District have partnered up again. Hills & Dales offered sports physicals at their After Hours Clinic and donated all the money collected from the physicals back to the local school. Ann Herford, FNP-BC, along with the office staff, welcomed 53 students last week for their annual sports physicals. Each physical was \$10.00. Hills & Dales General Hospital wanted to donate the money collected back to the school as a way to support their financial needs. When asked, Jean Anthony, President & CEO, stated, "We are invested in our community and have always had a wonderful partnership with the school system. Making a donation back to the athletic department is just one small way we can continue to encourage healthy lifestyles in our community." This year marked the sixth year Hills & Dales General Hospital has performed the physicals and made a donation back to the school. The staff looks forward to assisting with this service again next year.

## CHIP SHOTS at Rolling Hills Golf Course

Monday Night League	Wednesday Night Late League
<b>Championship Flight</b>	Division 1:
Tony Nika 132	Hartel/Brown 138
Dieter Roth 132	Lowman/Tamlyn 132
Brad Langenburg 86	Davis/Lowe 116
Don Ouvry 72	Hacker/ Nika 113
Nick Bliss 70	Osentoski/Wallace 105
Mike Lowe 60	Bitzer/Curtis 104
Ryan Lowman 60	Doerr/Haire 97
Scott Adams 60	Richards/Bitzer 81
Chris Clifton 58	Hillaker/Murphy 81
<b>1st Flight</b>	Langenburg/Langenburg 76
Jon Zdrojewski 141	Ulfig/Ulfig 67
Dan Caister 125	Division 2:
Larry Robinson 120	Andersen/LaMarr 122
Jim Hobbs 96	Koch/McNeil 115
David Allen 90	Wallace/Wallace 109
Harold McAlpine 88	Cotton/Israelson 108
<b>2nd Flight</b>	Martin/Stern 98
George Batty 129	LeValley/Krol 97
Daryl Iwankovitsch 105	Sommerville/Tomlinson 88
Paul Regnerus 102	Brinkman/deBeaubien 88
David House 99	Schinnerer/Dillon 88
David Block 82	Peters/Brown 86
Jacob Boynton 62	Halasz/Ahleman 69
<b>Wednesday Night Early League</b>	Prieskorn/Repshinska 49
Iwankovitsch/Block 151	
Biefer/Hoard 139	
Hendrick/Veggian 131	
Herron/Fox 123	
Mastie/Robinson 114	
Berwick/Young 109	
Jones/Marshall 107	
Wallace/Warner 106	
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# Special meet set to discuss school repairs

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their life expectancy and would cost \$10,000 each to replace. She said another possible concern involves asbestos used to manufacture tiles used in school buildings, although she and school Supt. Jeff Hartel pointed out that concern lies only in instances where tiles are chipped/crumbling.

As for the heating pipe connections, Zimba reported one estimated places the cost of replacing the connections at \$335 each, and there are one to two connections in each classroom (estimated at 100 rooms).

## GRADING SYSTEM

Turning to other matters, Hartel explained a new proposed grading system in Michigan that will assign schools a letter grade – A through F – based on specific criteria. “It’s not going to be in place this year; it will be in place next year,” he said.

Hartel listed six points related to the system that school officials should be aware of as the state prepares to implement the program. They are:

- \*High test scores don’t automatical-

ly translate into an A grade. Scores must show continuous improvement in order to achieve an A.

- \*Test score improvement can count for up to 50 percent of a school’s grade, especially at the elementary level.

- \*Graduation and attendance rates also contribute to schools’ grades.

- \*Class size, program offerings and budget information, all important to parents when they’re choosing schools, also affect grades.

- \*The state education department would intervene when schools receive D or F grades, but failure to make improvements could result in school closure by the State School Reform Office.

- \*The grading system was adopted as part of a larger effort to make Michigan schools among the top 10 performing in the nation, as well as comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, the reauthorization of the elementary and secondary education law approved by Congress last fall.

In other business Monday, the board:

- \*Learned a proposed \$1 million loan for the school – money borrowed annually to cover the district’s cash-flow needs until state aid payments resume in the fall – will go to Thumb National Bank, which submitted the low interest bid of .9 percent. Zimba said other institutions submitting bids included Chemical

Bank (.99 percent), Mayville State Bank (1.03 percent), and Independent Bank (1.3 percent).

- \*Heard a presentation from veteran Cass City Elementary teacher Barb Kim on the elementary school’s proposed new science curriculum. Kim explained the proposal involves the purchase of a curriculum – rather than a set of textbooks – through the Battle Creek Area Math + Science Center.

The change would provide local teachers with a consistent curriculum that comes with hands-on materials and can be updated, compared to textbook that can be outdated before they’re even printed, Kim told the board, adding the curriculum meets the state’s latest requirements for the subject. In addition, she noted, teachers will be receiving mandatory professional development training – required to implement the new curriculum – at no cost to the district.

The board unanimously approved purchase of the curriculum, which will cost an estimated \$10,000 the first year, \$10,400 the second year and \$10,600 the third year, with a continuing cost of roughly \$1,400 per year after that. In comparison, a new set of textbooks typical runs in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

- \*Recognized a recent Tuscola County Community Foundation gift of \$3,000 to purchase livestock ultrasound machines for Cass City’s agriculture program.

## Village council

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Mick Kim to the Cass City Village Planning Commission through May 2020. Reappointed to the Cass City Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Economic Development Corporation (EDC) board were Cari Hunt, Carl Palmateer, Orvil Beecher, Eric Brown, Robert Brooks, Tony Nika, Jim Kranz and Geraldine Prieskorn. The DDA terms are through May 2020, while the EDC terms will last through May 2022.

- \*Encouraged more volunteering in the community for bigger events, especially with the village’s annual Summer Mania celebration right around the corner.

- \*Heard a grocery store update from Cristiano, who noted he has been in contact with Mark Molter, the Texas businessman who is working on building a grocery store in the village’s downtown district. Molter most recently told Cristiano he is working diligently on his plan for the business, and that he intends to be at the council’s next monthly meeting in August.

- \*Also heard from Trustee Nancy Barrios, representing the Parks and Recreation Committee, who made a point of praising the local lifeguard staff at the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool. Barrios said two of the guards are amazing teachers, having watched them help a child swim who was absolutely terrified to go under water.

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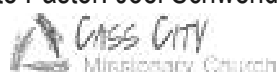
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**THE GUYS** who have been working hard the last few years to renovate the historical Colwood Bank building display an old coin pouch that was used when the bank was still open for business years ago. Pictured (left to right) are Jim Compton, Russ Arnold, Scott Beck and Lance Stowe.

## Bikers welcome crowds after renovating former Colwood Bank building

by Conner Emery  
Staff Writer

An estimated 500 people, both townies and riders, recently checked out the unveiling of the new clubhouse that was created in the old Colwood bank building.

The July 16 celebration also coincided with the 100th anniversary of the bank itself.

"Nice weather, nice people, no problems — that is a success to me," commented Lance Stowe, spokesman for the group that purchased the former bank and renovated the structure.

Stowe is one of four men who tackled the project. He along with Jim Compton, Russ Arnold and Scott Beck are motorcycle enthusiasts from Lapeer who would often stop at the Colwood bar on their rides. They wanted a place to kick back and relax, and the property was available, so they explored what would turn out to be the perfect scenario for them.

Hundreds of pounds of burgers and pulled pork were prepared and consumed by the masses during the recent celebration, which also featured two live bands.

Colwood resident and historian Wayne Dillon was also in attendance and offered a presentation during the event about the history of both Colwood and the bank. There was also a mock Bonnie and Clyde style robbery that was staged, with an elderly couple coming in to "rob" the fine people of all their goods. Of course, it was all in good fun and the partygoers all enjoyed a laugh as the robbers joined in the festivities.

The group was fortunate to receive a few gifts related to the bank's past. Stowe received an old coin bag from the original bank from Mike Butcher which belonged to his grandfather, and the group was gifted with some old bank receipts dating back to 1924.

"We seem to be accepted by everybody, even older people in their 80's and 90's," said Stowe. "It got the townspeople all together, talking and reminiscing. And (the fixing up of the bank) couldn't have happened without us doing it. The building would've been gone if we hadn't gotten it."

Stowe said the event was worth all of the work the group put into it, especially now that it is all done and they can enjoy it.

In the future, the building will mainly be used as a hangout for the group and a cottage for friends and family, but they are considering making the party an annual event.



**THE FESTIVITIES** were interrupted suddenly when "Bonnie and Clyde" — portrayed by Harlan Rabideau and Mina Snyder — came storming into the building. Unfortunately, the infamous duo apparently didn't get the memo that the bank had been closed for several decades, so instead they stuck around, enjoyed some food and listened to the live music.



**AN ARRAY** of motorcycles were parked along the side of the road in front of the old bank as some 500 people gathered to celebrate completion of the clubhouse.



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utes 08 seconds West 1329.41 feet from the South quarter corner of said Section and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 08 seconds West 333.0 feet along said South line, thence North 0 degrees 58 minutes 14 seconds West 1647.31 feet, thence North 88 degrees 52 minutes 14 seconds East 333.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 58 minutes 14 seconds East 1648.05 feet to the point of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5137 SNOVER ROAD, CLIFFORD, MI 48727 During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 7-6-16

7-6-4

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est. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John P. Giglio and Ann Giglio, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Michigan Fidelity Acceptance Corp dba Franklin Mortgage Funding its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2004, and recorded on November 9, 2004 in Liber 1016 on Page 1038, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as successor by merger of U.S. Bank National Association ND as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Six Hundred Three and 31/100 Dollars (\$94,603.31).

Under the power of sale contained

in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 18, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 10, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, thence West on the East and West quarter line 330 feet; thence South at right angles to said quarter line 660 feet; thence East 330 feet; thence North 660 feet to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

Dated: July 20, 2016 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #463901F0

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# Obituaries

## Kevin Green

Kevin Robert Green, 51, of Cass City died unexpectedly Thursday, July 21, 2016 in McLaren Bay Region, Bay City.

He was born March 30, 1965 in Livonia, the youngest of four children born to Robert William and Laura Ann (Warner) Green.

He married Jenifer Jill Gayari June 9, 1990 in St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon.



Kevin graduated from high school in Livonia. He earned his Special Education Teaching Degree from Saginaw Valley State University and his Masters of Education Administration Degree from University of Nebraska. Kevin taught for the Kingston School District, where he was a coach of the Varsity Football team, Cass City School District where he was instrumental in developing the KCLICK computer program, Lakers School District where he taught Special Education, served as Athletic Director and Elementary School Principal and was Junior Varsity Football Coach. Kevin recently began serving as the Superintendent of the Genesee School District. He served on the board of Team One Credit Union. He also belonged to Genesee Forward. Kevin loved golfing and enjoyed fishing. He had a great sense of humor that he loved to share with family and friends. He was a member of the Cass City Gavel Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club in Genesee.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Jenifer; children: Chelsea Green of Cass City, Brandon Green of Cass City, Ariel Green of Cass City; mother, Laura Green of Livonia; brother, Bruce Green of South Lyon; sister, Linda (Keith) Deskins of Farmington Hills; sister-in-law, Carolyn Winward of Pittsburgh, PA; mother-in-law, Elaine Gayari of Owendale; sisters-in-law: Laura (Kevin) Burk of Elkton, Karen (Mark) Hicks of Williamston, Michelle Gayari of Ann Arbor; brother-in-law, Steve (Michelle) Gayari of Pigeon; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Green; brother, Mark Green; father-in-law,

Ronald Gayari.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Catholic Church with the Rev. Christian Tabares officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Pallbearers for Mr. Green: Steve Gayari, Bruce Green, Brian Green, Mark Hicks, Kevin Burk, and Justin Kerkau.

Memorials may be made to Green Scholarship Fund, 7347 N. Genesee Road, P.O. Box 220, Genesee, MI 48437. 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.

## John Rockefeller

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., 43, of Cass City, passed away suddenly, Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

John was born May 11, 1973 in Cass City, the son of John, Sr. and Sharyn (Fritz) Rockefeller.

He worked on his family's farm and the Rockefeller AFC Home. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, going to the family cabin, his chickens, loved working in his smokehouse, with turkeys, fish, etc. and most of all time with his family and friends.

John is survived by his parents, John, Sr. and Sharyn Rockefeller of Gagetown; his fiancé, Wendy Decker of Cass City; sisters, Dedra (Dan) Sherman of Deford, Annette (Larry) Prich of Sebawaing and Charla (Dan) Beuthin of Unionville; and many loving nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial service was held at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Burial was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Pastor Christopher Suggitt of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville, officiated.

Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

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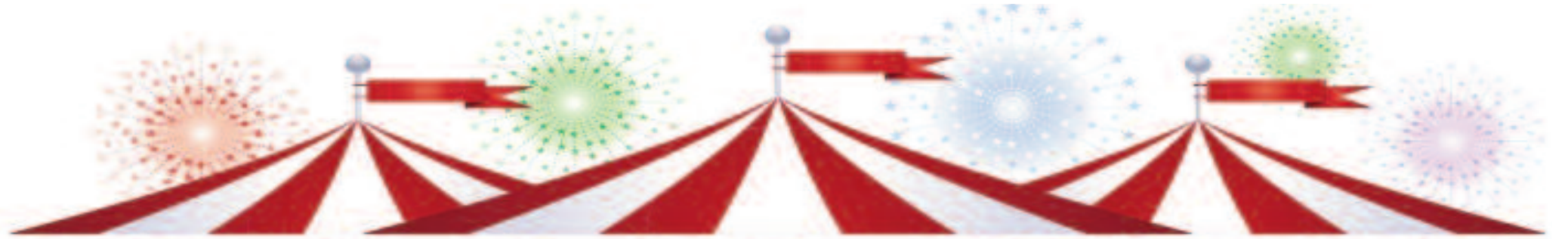
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**2016 Thumb Area MUD RUNNER EVENTS:**

- 08-06-16 Mud Bog in Vassar During River Fest
- 09-11-16 Buggy Show/Swap Meet in Millington at Barnum's
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