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HILLS AND Dales General Hospital officials (from left) Ken Baranski, chief financial officer; Jean Anthony, president and CEO; and Jennifer TerBush, vice president of Patient Services, hold an artist's rendering of the hospital's new exterior once a \$5 million renovation/expansion project is completed.

\$6 million facelift

USDA officials approve loan for major renovation/expansion at Hills and Dales

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

USDA officials last week approved the lion's share of funding for a \$6 million renovation and expansion project at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

The federal agency gave the local hospital the green light to proceed with the upgrades, which are expected to take about 18 months to complete. Hospital officials plan to break ground for the project this month.

In the meantime, the hospital is also gearing up to launch a building campaign in support of the improvements (see related story).

"It feels surreal to be making this announcement on behalf of Hills and Dales General Hospital," hospital President and CEO Jean Anthony said. "We have been working for over a year, behind the scenes, on this project and I am honored to introduce our expansion and renovation plans.

"This project is going to move Hills and Dales into the future," she added. "We are building on the traditions that started in 1960 and moving forward with a vision that will keep Hills and Dales here for the future generations of our community. Our patients have always been the focus of what we do here...and this project is no different."

According to Danielle Blaine, the hospital's public relations director, the USDA funding is in the form of a loan. "The original estimated project cost was \$5.3 million, and the USDA loan covers that in its entirety," she said. "As we all know, project costs can change really quickly. We have taken on some additional costs due

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Hospital hopes to raise \$500,000 during campaign

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials last week announced a building campaign to support a planned \$6 million renovation/expansion project that is largely being funded through a USDA loan.

We want to give our community members and patients a chance to be a part of this exciting change at Hills

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Cass City short on board candidates

by Conner Emery
Staff Writer

While Tuesday, Nov. 8, marks the next presidential election, the date will also see school districts across Michigan — including several in the Thumb — hosting elections to fill vacancies on boards of education.

In the Cass City Public Schools, there are four seats open, but only three candidates seeking terms.

They are incumbents Emily Phillips, trustee, and Janie Meeker, treasurer, and newcomer Janet Richards, who is running for the first time.

According to school Supt. Jeff Hartel, anyone who wishes to apply for the fourth available seat may do so by filing a "declaration of intent" by Friday, Oct. 28, and running as a write-in candidate. Those applications can be picked up at the superintendent's office. Cass City school

board terms are four years in length.

In the Owendale-Gagetown School District, there are terms expiring on the seven-member board, according to school Supt. Terri Falkenberg. These seats are also set to four year terms, and the candidates running are Dan Warack, Julie Good and Kathleen Woods. Woods is a new candidate while Warack and Good are both incumbents seeking re-election. Please turn to page 6.

Young winner in close county board race

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County voters were generous when asked to approve millage renewals, but were less kind to a number of challengers seeking vari-

ous offices during last week's primary election, which saw roughly 18 percent of the county's 40,470 voters turn out for the Aug. 2 primary.

In the District One Tuscola County Commissioner race, Thomas Young, Unionville, held off a strong challenge from Republican newcomer and Cass City resident Nancy Barrios. Young emerged victorious with 470 votes (51.27 percent of the vote) compared to Barrios' 445 votes.

Young was appointed to the post in January following the resignation of Commissioner Roger Allen. Barrios

was among five individuals who sought the appointment to represent citizens in Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships.

"I thought it would be a close race," Young commented, adding he's determined to put his many years of experience as a business development manager for the state of Michigan — as well as his years as a township and village official — to work for his constituents.

"I feel like I've got two years of work ahead of me. It's the busiest part-time job I've ever had," said Young, who noted he enjoys the challenge and plans to maintain contact with the governmental units and communities in District Ones over the next two years. "I love the people I work with," he added.

Barrios said that, while she was disappointed with the election result, she is proud of the support she received in the district during her campaign.

"I am very appreciative of everyone who allowed me to post a sign, invited me into their home to speak to them about the issues, and supported my efforts with their vote of confidence," she said.

"I am passionate about addressing the problems and issues that impact

District One and Tuscola County," Barrios added, "and will continue to do all I can to ensure that residents and local elected officials have a voice."

County seats

Resident in District Three (Dayton, Fremont, Indianfields, Koylton and Wells townships) elected a new commissioner in Kim Vaughan, who defeated fellow Republican challenger John J. Sauber, 583 votes to 544 votes. Incumbent Christine Trisch did not seek reelection to the post.

Tuscola County Register of Deeds John Bishop, meanwhile, defeated challenger and former county Register of Deeds Dan Grimshaw in the Republican primary. Bishop, who won by a vote of 2,579 to 2,251, is slated to run unopposed in

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THE RENOVATED registration area, pictured in the artist's rendering above, will centralize the hospital's emergency and outpatient registration areas, which will be manned 24 hours a day. The area will also provide a more private registration process for patients.



Snover man critically injured

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Sanilac County man was critically injured in a one-vehicle traffic crash just south of Cass City last week.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Cemetery Road near River Road at about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to Undersheriff Glen Skrent.

"They found that a vehicle had been southbound on Cemetery Road. The driver lost control and struck several guardrails over the Cass River Bridge. He then careened into the ditch, striking several trees," Skrent said.

The driver, a 22-year-old male from Snover, was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital and then flown by helicopter to St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

"Alcohol was believed to be a factor in the crash," Skrent said, noting Elkland Township fire fighters assisted deputies at the scene.

Drier column debuts this week

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Chronicle has welcomed veteran Thumb journalist Mary Drier to its staff as a freelance writer and weekly columnist.



Mary Drier

Drier's "Drier Humor" column is making its debut appearance in the Chronicle this week and will continue to appear each week on page three, replacing freelance columnist Jill Pertler's "Slices of Life".

"We've enjoyed having Jill's column over the past few years — her down-to-earth writing style and sense of humor were a nice addition to the Chronicle's pages, but we're a local paper and wanted to feature another local columnist," Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery said of the change.

"We appreciate Mary's willingness to be that columnist," he added. "She's a lifelong Thumb resident with a faithful following and countless stories to share with our readers, gleaned from a career in journalism spanning more than three decades."

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Ravenous readers super soak staff...

RAWSON MEMORIAL District Library Director Kate Van Auken (at right) and Robert Weaver, library page, take their watery medicine recently during the library's annual Summer Reading Wrap-Up Picnic at Cass City Recreational Park. Nine reading program participants won the right in a drawing to "super soak" the staffers, who were selected for the honor by the kids over the course of the reading program. (See story, page 16)



AMONG THE Cass City Junior-Senior High School FFA members who recently showed at the Tuscola County Fair were Alyssa Sangster and Cody Sangster (top photo) and Heaven Hartwick.

Local FFAers display skills and livestock at county fair

Cass City Junior-Senior High School agriscience teacher and FFA Advisor Russ Weyer reports that local FFA students recently fared well while showing animals at the Tuscola County Fair.

In addition, FFAer Caitlin Hyatt won Reserve Champion Senior Lamb Showman honors at the Eastern Michigan State Fair in Imlay City, where she also took second and fourth places in the Market Lamb Class, and first and second places with her entries in the Beef Feeder category.

At the county fair, junior Heaven Hartwick won Reserve Champion Senior Swine Showman honors and placed second and third in the Market Swine classes.

Kristen Bradley, also a junior, placed third in the Market Swine Class and fourth in the Market Beef Class.

Another junior, Sam London, placed second in the Market Swine Class and third in the Market Beef Class.

Marissa Petiprin Ball, an eighth grade student, finished in third place in the Market Swine Class.

Junior Alyssa Sangster placed fourth in the Dairy Feeder Calf category, and Cody Sangster, eighth grade, won Reserve Champion Intermediate Feeder Calf Showman and Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Calf honors along with first place in the Dairy Feeder Calf category.

Drier column new addition

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A Sebawaing High School graduate, Drier's formal training includes attending Northeastern School of Commerce in Bay City – twice; once for secretarial science and the second time to study accounting and business management. She then transferred to Jordan College in Bad Axe to pursue associate degrees in secretarial science, accounting, manufacturing accounting, business management, and in advertising.

"One of the classes I took there was creative writing. The teacher, who happened to be the same one that outdoor writer Tom Lounsbury had, told me I was a very talented creative writer, but only a few can make a living at it. She directed me to try writing for newspapers," recalled Drier, who took that advice and began freelancing for the Saginaw News.

"I didn't understand the news style of writing the inverted pyramid (a phrase used by journalists to describe how information should be prioritized and structured in a news story), so I took a journalism class at Delta College. Two days into the class I caught on to the news style of writing," Drier said.

"I then started writing for the Bay City Times, Flint Journal, Huron Daily Tribune and, occasionally, for the Detroit papers. I wrote news for two radio stations, and for all of the weeklies in the Thumb area as well – (all) except the Cass City paper. And, now I'm doing that."

Drier became a staff writer for the Sebawaing Blade in 1990, and she joined the staff of the Tuscola County Advertiser in 1995, remaining there until the two parted ways last May.

"The first Michigan Press Award I won was a freelance story on teen pregnancy I wrote for the Advertiser in the mid-1980s. While a staff writer for them, I won several more press association awards," Drier said. "The coverage I did on a mentally challenged couple who wanted to marry helped change state law to allow the marriage."

Drier, who has won a number of Michigan Press Association (MPA) awards ranging from first place to honorable mention, was presented with the honorary Silver Rose Award for her extensive coverage of the Vietnam Moving Wall's visit to Caro.

Raised on a farm in rural Unionville, she has also been honored by the Tuscola County Farm Bureau, and by area veterans groups for her efforts to publicize issues important to veterans.

"I have been a strong supporter of veterans long before my oldest son was killed in Iraq in May 2005," Drier said. "I also have a great deal of respect for the efforts of law enforcement, fire departments and ambulance personnel.

"I (also) have a great deal of respect for my profession," she added. "Journalists are the gatekeepers between government and the public."

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In Our OPINION..

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Teenagers, don't let drugs be your future

Residents find themselves bombarded with messages of all sorts – many of them negative — in an election year, but Michigan health officials recently launched a statewide media campaign that we can all get behind.

In an effort to raise awareness among teens, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is targeting teens with a message emphasizing the health and personal consequences of drug use.

To best reach teenagers with this message, the media campaign is running on television, online, and is being highlighted in movie theatres throughout the summer.

“We know that using drugs in adolescence has very real impacts on a young adult's physical, financial, and emotional wellbeing,” said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with the MDHHS. “The purpose of this campaign is to illustrate the harmful effects of drug use so teens better understand the seriousness of what may seem like a momentary decision.”

The new campaign carries an old but still very important message: “Don't let drugs be your future.”

Last year, 15.8 percent of Michigan youth reported taking prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription at least once, a number down slightly from 2013, yet nearly double the 2011 rate. Additionally, almost one in five youth reported using marijuana in the previous 30 days. Research has shown that regular marijuana use by teens can lead to an IQ drop of up to eight points.

In support of the effort to address drug use and abuse in Michigan, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley chaired the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force. Gov. Rick Snyder created the task force to focus on reducing opioid and prescription drug abuse in the state.

National statistics indicate that in 2010, 2.4 million Americans ages 12 and older illicitly used prescription drugs for the first time, and most of those users started with opioid pain relievers such as oxycodone and hydrocodone. Every day, an average of 2,000 teens use a prescription drug for the first time without a doctor's guidance. They are accessing these drugs in their own homes; it can be as easy as opening a cupboard, drawer or medicine cabinet.

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) officials say prescription opioid abuse may be the first step to heroin use. In fact, recent research indicated that almost half of young heroin users who injected heroin reported they used opioid pain relievers before moving on to heroin, which they found to be cheaper to purchase.

Parents, teachers and other professionals are encouraged to learn how to better help protect and educate teens about not using drugs by visiting the website www.michigan.gov/doyourpart.

For more information about the MDHHS media campaign, or to view the message, visit www.michigan.gov/drugfree. The spot can also be viewed on the MDHHS YouTube channel.

We applaud MDHHS officials for focusing on an epidemic that has already taken to many lives and devastated far too many families.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Dash thirty dash



“When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us. -- Alexander Graham Bell.

Fortunately, I'm not one to look back. When a door closes on me, I nail it shut, and try another door.

Two doors have opened for me to continue my writing career. I've written a Drier Humor column on and off for about 30 years that has appeared in various newspapers. The Cass City Chronicle has graciously agreed to start carrying my column. I'm very appreciative of their request to do so.

I am a member of the Fifth Estate. I am a writer. When I can't write, there is something missing from my soul. I am a writer and I am a journalist. I take my profession seriously. It is the only profession guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution... “Freedom of the press.”

It is an honor to write for the Cass City Chronicle and also the Huron Daily Tribune. The leaders of those newspapers are professionals who adhere to the principles of the Fifth Estate in being watchdogs of government while also being a community paper for the people. They both report the news without sensationalism.

Rudy Petzold, who was a long-time and outstanding member of the Fifth Estate at the Caro newspaper, recently passed away. It is difficult to convey the journalism spirit that Mr. Petzold had. It sounds corny, but he was a newspaperman's newspaperman. He lived and breathed journalism. He understood the heart of being a community newspaper.

His coverage was top notch. It is my understanding he would attend two different sporting events as well as meetings in the same evening, and then write what happened. And, that was way before computers and the Internet.

Mr. Petzold, and the late Mr. John Haire, former longtime owner and publisher of the Cass City Chronicle, each wrote during an era when putting out a newspaper was very, very labor intensive.

Mr. Petzold was basically retired when I got into journalism. He still wrote his column. Although I never worked with John Haire, I did learn a lot in the meetings we sat through together. John was a force to be reckoned with. He knew the Michigan Open Meetings Act and didn't hesitate to call out a board or council when they weren't following the rules. I was just a young buck journalist (guess I should call myself a young doe journalist seeing I'm a female) when I saw Mr. Haire in action.

I don't have a journalism degree. I only took one journalism class because I didn't understand the “inverted pyramid style” of news writing. It only

took two days in class for the light bulb to come on and understand what they were talking about regarding how to build a news story.

Anyway, Mr. Petzold and Mr. Haire are gone, but they are remembered by those in the profession.

Their -30- time arrived.

The tradition of putting a - 30 - at the end of a news story started during the Civil War. Journalists would send their stories over the telegraph wire, which was often unreliable, and easily cut. So in order to let the news editor know that all of the story was sent over the wire, the writer would put a - 30 - to signal the end.

With two new opportunities for me to write these days, there is no - 30 - on my horizon to mark my end.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Did you know, Michigan farm real estate value, including land and building, averaged \$4,800 per acre, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA.

Farm real estate values in Michigan were down two percent from 2015. Michigan is in the Lake States region, which also includes Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Lake States region value was \$4,730 per acre, down 0.2 percent from 2015. The value of farmland in states bordering Michigan were: Wisconsin, \$4,750 per acre; Ohio, \$5,700 per acre; and Indiana, \$7,150 per acre.

Michigan's cropland value decreased 1.1 percent from the previous year to \$4,740 per acre, while Michigan's pasture value decreased 3 percent from last year to \$2,600 per acre.

Michigan cropland cash rent was \$127.00 per acre in 2016, up 7.6 percent from the previous year.

Yep, there's big money in farming.

I hate to say it, but after watching the first day of football practice Monday for Cass City Schools, the sport, as we know it, may be in jeopardy locally.

The number of players at the opening training session was approximately 25 and that total is expected to fill both the varsity and junior varsity rosters.

Factored in injuries, ineligibilities, and players that won't last the entire season for whatever reason and it's easy to speculate that both squads won't complete their campaigns. And the low numbers come at a time when the Red Hawks program is flourishing. After two straight playoff appearances, this year's team is expected to challenge for the school's first Great Thumb West championship later this fall.

However, if our school's enrollment continues to dwindle, can 8-man football be far behind?

Sometimes you just don't get it until it affects you personally. Take the cost of pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited university.

Let's put it this way, if you have twin 5-year-old children and are able to somehow save \$10,000 a year until they graduate high school, the total money saved won't be nearly enough to pay for their higher education at today's costs.

One year of advanced learning, plus room and board, at Central Michigan University will run about \$22,000 annually and one year at Michigan State University will run about \$26,000. Add in books, a computer, and various other costs and that figure swells another couple of thousand dollars. Add another few grand if your child goes to a private school, an out of state school, or is pursuing their Masters degree or PhD.

There is a need to teach young people the traditions, discipline, fun and excitement of learning safe shooting. The Gateway Sportsman's Club, 4126 W Bay City-Forestville Rd, Unionville, continues to bring this important message to young people, by hosting its annual Youth Waterfowl Shoot. This event will be absolutely FREE to youths ages 10 to 16. The shoot will be held Friday, September 9th from 5:00 to 9:00p.m.

Volunteers, door prizes and donations of baked goods for the meal are needed to help the club continue its efforts to honor Bill Kauffold's memory and vision for working with youths. If you can help, call (989) 691-5493.

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Wednesday, August 10

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City. (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

Thursday, August 11

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

Monday, August 15

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

Tuesday, August 16

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

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

Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

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

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Third 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
- Ubyl Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyl Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyl 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.

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

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- 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.

Ruth woman hurt in 2-car accident

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Ruth woman suffered injuries in a two-vehicle traffic accident last week at the intersection of Bay City-Forestville and Parisville roads in Sanilac County's Minden Township.

The collision occurred Tuesday, according to Lt. Charlene Washkevich of the Sanilac Count

Sheriff's Department, who reported a 2002 Pontiac driven by 53-year-old Linda Becker of Minden City was northbound on Parisville Road, stopped at the intersection at Bay City-Forestville Road, and then entered the intersection, colliding with a westbound 2011 Chevrolet driven by 55-year-old Laurie Weber, Ruth.

"Weber was transported to Huron

Medical Center for treatment of injuries by Bingham Township EMS," Washkevich said. "It does not appear that alcohol or speed were factors in the crash. Becker was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the crash. Weber was not."

Sanilac EMS and the Minden City Fire Department also assisted deputies at the scene.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear in court on charges last week

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

*Timothy W. Zehnder, 67, Frankenmuth, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to a charge of contractor - fraudulent use of a building contract fund between February and September 2015 in Wells Township.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$858. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*Misty A. Spencer, 32, Caro, pleaded no contest to assaulting or obstructing a public officer Jan. 14 in Caro.

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

*Jacob R. Mielcarek, 19, Burton, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 36 months probation following his pleas of no contest to charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of

liquor Jan. 22 in Reese.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,308.

*Linda C. Geiger, 54, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation following her plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury, March 5 in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,758.

*Johnny L. Willson Jr., 51, Lapeer, was sentenced to 39 days in jail following his conviction on a charge of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device-holder Nov. 11, 1990, in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorney fees of \$500.

*Adrianna M. Devine, 25, Cass City, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following her pleas of no contest to two counts of identity theft between April and December 2015 in Cass

City.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,326.

*Jeffery R. Wilson, 31, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 7 1/2 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to carrying a concealed weapon, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years, subsequent offense, and possession of a controlled substance. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$394.

*Luke A. Leblond, 22, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon and one count of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony April 5 in Almer Township.

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

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Chronicle intern bids community farewell

by Conner Emery
Staff Writer

This time last year I was likely to be found sitting out on a hammock on the deck at my old apartment in Mount Pleasant, taking in the summer without a care in the world.

Now, one year later, I find myself sitting at my desk, writing a farewell to a job and a town during a summer that just flew right by. Most people would likely prefer the sitting on the deck lifestyle over the desk at work. However I disagree. Working here with the people at the Chronicle as well as several people in this town has helped me tremendously towards my future as a journalist.

You see, sitting on that deck can be fun and all, but when you're in a three-story townhouse in a town where over half of the population leaves in the summertime, life can get very boring and a tad lonely as well. I found myself regretting that I hadn't looked further into a job offer that had floated my way regarding a small town newspaper and housing in a town that I was semi familiar with due to having a cottage in the Caseville/Port Austin area as well as living with former Chronicle intern Mason Doerr in Mount Pleasant.

So when the time came around at the beginning of this year to start looking for internships, the Chronicle was at the top of my priority list. I didn't end up taking the housing, and sure there were days when the emphasis on the small was quite large ironically enough (especially on the days when I needed to find an "ask a neighbor" story!), I would take this over my boring previous summer any day.



Conner Emery

Off the top of my head I want to thank Judy Keller and the Freedom Festival Committee, who made the task of tackling the entire Cass City Freedom Festival preview section, which was initially a terrifying proposition for a small time writer, an absolute breeze. I would also like to thank anyone who I had to write multiple stories on, like the Rienas family, Lance Stowe and the group that purchased the old Colwood Bank, and the staff of the Thumb Octagon Barn.

I was always spoken to in a friendly and helpful manner and was given no reason to complain and, as far as I know, they had no complaints about me. As much as the "ask a neighbor" stories would stress me out from time to time, honestly that's the only real stress the job gave me. I thank several people who helped me out and were very friendly with those stories — Jim Hobbs, John Ligrow and Jessika Struve among them. And even with that small bit of stress, Krysta Boyce, the Chronicle's advertising executive, had mentioned that the point of the columns was to make me comfortable with going up to random people and asking them questions. That is an area I have always struggled in and I am a lot more comfortable with it than I once was, so I'd say that was a success.

I've never been the best with thank yous or goodbyes, so doing both today is difficult. Despite that, I could probably fill the entire paper (probably poorly without their help) praising the staff of the Chronicle. The little tasks that Clarke asked me to do, like take papers around town or help him on a story, especially when Tom went on his vacation, showed how much trust he had in me, and I greatly respected him for that.

Krysta not only was kind enough to get this broke college kid food every once in a while, but also was always willing to give me a push in the right direction and give tips about the town and the people of it that only someone who was raised here could. And, of course, I have to thank Deb, with her being the final say on what my stories looked like before they went to publication, I'd imagine they would have looked a lot uglier without her assistance.

When I first told my internship coordinator at CMU that I had planned to intern at the Chronicle this summer, he specifically told me to make sure to pick Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery's brain clean. He also said how good reporters get that way because they have great editors, and I fully agree with that now as Tom has been both a great editor and teacher.

When I first started here I almost felt like Tom was attacking my work by picking it apart and offering little positives on it. However, in time I realized that I was the one in the wrong as I had rarely in the past had an editor actually tell me what was wrong with my work. And it has improved tremendously, in my opinion, in the little time that I have been here. Within a few weeks I knew full well that Tom was the heart of the Chronicle.

As I said, I am terrible with goodbyes, especially when I feel that I will be coming back to visit from time to time. It has been a great summer and I will remember it and the people that were a part of it for years to come.

So I suppose it isn't goodbye; it's see you later.

DNR field office barn construction supports agency's farm duties

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Farming is part of the duties of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) along with managing and protecting wildlife.

Towards that end, Booms Construction, Bad Axe, recently built a pole barn at the DNR Wildlife Field Office, 4017 E. Caro Rd., Cass City. The barn will be used to store tractors, implements and other farm equipment.

To help with wildlife management, the DNR plants grass plots and other crops for food and habitat cover, which helps with pheasant restoration and habitat management.

"We actually farm and maintain a lot of acres," said Tim Gierman, a wildlife technician at the Cass City Field Office.

State game areas in Tuscola County include: Almer Township with 160 acres, Cass City area with 1,203 acres, Clark Lake with 80 acres, Columbia Township with 208 acres, Deford with 10,390 acres, Denmark with 95 acres, Elmwood Township with 271 acres, Fish Point with 4,075, Gagetown area with 1,371 acres, Murphy Lake with 2,565 acres, Quincassaw with 1,922 acres, Tuscola with 9,259 acres, and Vassar with 3,379 acres.

Besides planting grass and cover habitat, corn is also planted, especially at the Fish Point State Wildlife Area for migrating birds.

"Along with helping us manage and maintain wildlife habitats, the farm equipment helps us do maintenance on public accesses and parking lots," said Gierman. "The pole barn gives us a storage area for that equipment."

The pole barn measures 40 feet by 60 feet and cost about \$87,000.

School seeks board candidate

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Kingston Community Schools has two expiring terms slated to be filled in November. Scott Neff is running unopposed for a four-year term. Neff was appointed to the board two years ago when Sherri Diegel resigned and will now serve out the rest of her six-year term. Three candidates are vying for the other six-year term — incumbent and veteran board member Ray Wolak, and challengers Sarah Schuler and Lane Walker.

In the Ubyly Community Schools, five candidates are seeking election unopposed. They are Gregg Kranz and Clint Hagen, vice president and secretary, respectively, and Tracey Foster, Ryan Kramer and Tammy Peruski. The terms are for four years.



THE SANILAC County Sheriff's Inmate Work Crew recently accepted a generous donation from the Sandusky Fireworks Committee, which gifted the program with a new Husqvarna push mower. Committee member Keith Costine (center) presented to mower to Sheriff Garry Biniecki (right) and Deputy Doug Shagena, work crew supervisor.

Wencel gearing up to battle Canfield in general election; P. Mitchell tops GOP field

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Veteran Thumb educator and administrator James L. Wencel, Bad Axe, emerged the winner in last week's Democratic primary race for the 84th District Michigan House seat representing Tuscola and Huron counties.

Wencel defeated Vassar Township Democrat Chuck Stadler, 1,205 votes to 746 votes. Wencel garnered 775 votes in Tuscola County and 430 votes in Huron County, while Stadler's tally was 611 votes in Tuscola and 135 in Huron.

Wencel now faces incumbent Republican Edward J. "Ned" Canfield, Sebawaing, in the Nov. 8 general election. Canfield, who ran unopposed last week, is completing his first term as the 84th District state representative for the upper Thumb.

10th District

In the 10th Congressional District, Republican challenger Paul Mitchell topped a field of five newcomers for the Republican nomination with 37.5 percent of the vote. Mitchell received 28,634 votes, while Phil Pavlov, Alan Sanborn, Anthony Forlini and David VanAssche garnered 21,366 votes, 12,298 votes, 7,727 votes and 6,452 votes, respectively.

Mitchell will now face Democrat Frank Accavitti Jr. and Lisa Lane Giola, Liberterian, in the general election in November.

The 10th Congressional District includes all of Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and St. Clair counties as well as portions of Macomb and Tuscola counties.

Young the winner in District One race

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November.

Winning reelection to two-year terms unopposed were 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 running unopposed for four-year terms were Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent, who is in line to serve as 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.

In addition, Michael Zwerk and Julie M. Matuszak won six-year terms as road commissioners. Both ran unopposed.

Township races

Incumbent Supervisor Duane Lockwood lost his bid for reelection, garnering 101 votes against 246 votes cast for Republican challenger Russell Speirs, a member of the Ellington-Almer Township Concerned Citizens group that has been advocating for citizens' property rights regarding installation of wind turbines in the Thumb. Carmell Pattullo, meanwhile, came up the winner among three Republicans seeking the treasurer's seat. Pattullo received 196 votes, while Diane K. Wilder and Jodi Beecher garnered 104 votes and 42 votes, respectively.

Republican Bobbie Mozden won the Republican nomination for clerk unopposed and will square off with Democratic incumbent Joddy Ehrenberg in the general election.

Republicans Gregg Campbell and Michael Wagner also ran unopposed for trustee seats and will face Democrat Patrick Price for two available seats in November.

All of the terms are for four years.

In Koylton Township, Supervisor Doug Kramer defeated Republican challenger Karl Thom, 144 to 128, for a four-year term, and Republicans Justin Boyl and Kyle Thom were the winners of two available trustee seats. Boyl and Thom

each received 136 votes, while challengers Rex W. Vroman and Jerome Ford garnered 93 votes and 111 votes, respectively.

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

In Kingston Township, Republicans Gary S. King and Timothy Ruggles won two available four-year trustee terms, receiving 102 votes and 153 votes, respectively, while fellow Republican Paul B. VanHorn garnered 94 votes.

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

While a several offices drew interest last week, officials in Novesta Township are facing a vacant supervisor and clerk seats along with a pair of empty trustee chairs following the recent deadline to file. Incumbent Clerk Joann M. Peters, a Democrat, is the only official to have filed for 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 has filed to run for clerk or two trustee seats.

Millage renewals

County residents proved generous with millage requests, supporting three renewals, including .9657 of a mill for eight more years, through 2023, to provide funding for repairs and upgrades to primary county roads and streets. The measure passed 4,766 votes to 2,066 votes.

Likewise, voters approved 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 on a vote of 4,764 to 2,053, and the third millage question — renewal of .15 of a mill for eight years to fund recycling services – passed 4,683 to 2,139.

Township millages

Among Cass City area townships, Novesta, Kingston and Koylton townships all asked voters to support millage renewals last week.

In Novesta Township, residents voted 106 to 64 in favor of 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 said "yes", 167 to 111, to the proposed renewal of two mills, to be levied in 2017 through 2020, for road maintenance.

The levy will 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, also requested renewal of two mills for four years, 2017 through 2020, to pay for road maintenance and improvements, and voters approved the measure 194 to 95.

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 voters again reject bond issue request for school improvements

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The final tally was 45 votes closer to passing, but the end result for officials in the Kingston Community School District was the same during last week's primary election as voters rejected a proposed bond issue for the second time in six months.

Kingston School Supt. Matt Drake was at a loss for words in trying to explain the voters' decision.

"I don't know what to say, except (we're) really disappointed. We didn't hear nearly the negative comments that we heard the last time," Drake said, referring to feedback from voters following the district's first attempt to secure a bond issue last spring.

Those concerns included proposed construction of a new restroom/concession stand to replace a deteriorating existing facility. Under a revised bond issue proposal presented last week, school officials requested a scaled-down version of the upgrade that would have cost an estimated \$219,000, down from the original price tag of \$260,000. In addition, a proposal to tear down the old bus garage was abandoned, with school officials looking to renovate the existing structure.

"We made those adjustments, we took care of a couple of projects this summer out of the general fund," Drake noted last week.

The most recent vote saw residents turn down the bond issue by fewer than 50 votes – 373 to 319.

District officials initially 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 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 said, 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 were slated to be paid for out of the district's general fund.

Under the district's revised proposal, school officials asked voters to support a \$5.54 million bond issue that would be repaid over the course of 16 years or less.

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, while the revised request asked taxpayers for an increase of 2.64 mills in the first year, for a total of 8.26 mills.

Capital improvement projects that remained 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 Kingston High School gymnasium floor and bleachers also need to be replaced — both are original equipment installed back in the 1970s, as are the high school science labs, which Drake indicated are in poor shape.

The expansive list of proposed improvements included \$237,000 for technology upgrades along with replacement of windows throughout the district, repairing parking lots and sidewalks, and upgrades to school security systems.

Drake indicated last week that school officials did not have a back-up plan in the event the bond issue failed again.

"I'll have to get with the board and see what we want to do moving forward," Drake said. "The general consensus... is I don't think we're going to turn around and do it (approach voters) again" right away.

At the same time, he acknowledged many of the proposed building repairs aren't going to wait forever. "All these things are going to be reckoned with. It's just a matter of how and when," Drake added.

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Hospital launches building campaign to support project

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and Dales, and involve everyone in keeping (the hospital) as part of our community," said Danielle Blaine, director of the Hills and Dales General Hospital Foundation. "Our goal is to raise \$500,000. This campaign will assist in meeting our budgeted project plans as well as given an opportunity for our community members to support the local hospital."

A scale of donations received will be recognized based on the amount, from "Friend of the Hospital" (\$100 to \$999) to "Visionary" (\$50,000-plus). In addition, donors giving at the "Partner" level or higher (\$10,000-plus) will have the opportunity to commemorate their gift with a nameplate installed in any of several rooms within the hospital.

All gifts, regardless of amount, will be recognized in future printed campaign material.

Heading up the building campaign are foundation board members Greg Biddinger and Kate Van Auken, and hospital board member Judy Brown.

As a board member, Brown commented, "Each month we review reports that compare us to other critical access hospitals and other larger facilities, and our data is at the top across the board. This project will ensure we are here to provide care for those who need it for many generations to come."

"I have often heard the statement in manufacturing that if your business is not moving forward, it is falling behind. This is especially true for the medical field," Biddinger said. "And I believe the planned hospital expansion/renovation project is the next logical step to assure that Hills and Dales General Hospital continues to be the high quality health care provider that we value."

"The citizens, businesses and service clubs of our community have a well-deserved reputation for pulling together in support of projects that make Cass City better," he added. "This is one of those times."

Van Auken agreed. "Health care may not be something that you think about often — that is until you need the services. We are so fortunate to have a top rated critical access care hospital in our community, and I believe we all want to see this facility here for years to come," she said.

"The expansion will put Hills and Dales where they need to be for the future. For our future."

"As the foundation director, I have had the pleasure of getting to know many community members, business owners and families, and I am always amazed at the generosity of this community," Blaine commented. "When we talked about starting a capital campaign, it created a buzz of excitement for the campaign chairs and the foundation board members. Each individual has had their own great experience with our generous community members through other avenues, and strongly believe in the community's willingness to support worthy causes."

No matter the size of the donation, Blaine added, area residents who support the effort can count themselves among those making a difference.

"Hills and Dales has been built on the traditions of hard work, dedicated staff and patient-centered care. Those traditions remain true today and are what lead our vision for the future."

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so over the phone using a credit card, online at www.hdghmi.org (click on Giving and you'll see a link that says, "Give to Campaign Now"), or in person. More information is available by contacting Blaine at (989) 872-2121.



HILLS AND Dales General Hospital's new look is depicted in this artist's rendering of the \$6 million project, which will also include an expansion providing space for both the hospital's specialty and after hours clinics, and overdue patient room renovations.

Hills and Dales announces \$6 million upgrade

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to new regulations, building codes and changes to the original plans. The new estimated project cost is just over \$6 million."

Blaine explained the renovation/expansion will involve both the first and second floors of the existing facility, ranging from major upgrades to a dozen patient rooms to the creation of space to host both the hospital's specialty and after hours clinics, now housed in office buildings located across from the hospital.

The renovated patient rooms on the inpatient (second) floor will transform them into private rooms each with a bathroom and shower.

"As we continue to grow at Hills and Dales, we know that our inpatient rooms are outdated and not friendly to family members and visitors," Blaine said. "The renovation to the rooms will allow us to offer brand new, larger rooms with private bathrooms and showers. It will also incorporate a family area into the rooms so that visitors feel welcome and have the space to stay overnight if desired."

A change in the layout of the inpatient floor, meanwhile, will include updates to the physical therapy area, as well as the nurse's station, activities room, offices, and storage for the second floor.

"A 25-foot expansion to the front of the hospital will become clinic space for two of our Hills and Dales physicians, as well as our Specialty Physician Clinic and our After Hours Clinic. These clinics will be directly accessible from the main entrance of the hospital," Blaine said.

"The expansion on the main level will allow patients to easily access laboratory and radiology services if needed. With two of our physician clinics — our After Hours Clinic and the Specialty Physician Clinic now attached — patients won't have to get into their vehicles to get any additional testing," she noted.

She pointed out that the renovated registration area will centralize the

hospital's emergency room and outpatient registration areas, which will be manned 24 hours a day. "The area will provide a more private registration process for the patient and also ensures someone is always available to greet and direct our patients and visitors," she said.

The plans also call for a new gift shop for the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary; an expansion to the existing cafeteria on the lower level, providing more dining options, additional seating capacity and a friendlier environment for patients and visitors; and a new main entrance canopy and lobby area for the hospital, which will allow for more protection from the elements of the weather, as well as an inviting seating area in the lobby for patients and visitors.

Hospital officials say the investment will benefit not only patients, but the community as a whole because it will enable Hills and Dales to further strengthen its ability to serve area residents.

"Access to quality healthcare is a consideration of companies who are considering bringing their business to our town," Blaine noted. "Additionally, our local hospital is a major employer in the county, currently employing over 275 people; offering good paying, professional jobs to local residents — the type of jobs that keep local young adults in the community after graduation."

"Hills and Dales is committed to being a part of the Cass City commu-

nity for a very long time. This renovation is one more way we are setting ourselves up to continue providing the best care to our patients," she said. "We are confident it will also make a big impression on physicians who come tour our facility. We are state of the art and quality care is our top priority."

Blaine indicated the renovation project was the next logical step following major upgrades to the hospital's operating suites and emergency room in 2006.

"We're still seeing growth. We've invested in people and we've invested in technology, and I think this investment brings it full circle," Blaine said.

Anthony indicated she's confident the community will join the effort by supporting the hospital's fundraising efforts.

"When we decided that we would launch a building campaign to go along with the renovation project, I had no hesitations," she said. "I have seen the Cass City community members rally around many wonderful projects throughout the years, and I hope we can add this project to the ongoing list."

"I am incredible proud to lead Hills and Dales General Hospital and I know this project will enhance the care we can provide to our patients," Anthony added. "Our hospital is a vital entity to the Cass City community and I encourage...community members to learn about the renovation project and campaign."



AN ARTIST'S rendering of what the new inpatient rooms will look like at Hills and Dales.

Annual Old Engine and Tractor Show this week

The Thumb Old Engine and Tractor Association will be hosting its 41st annual Old Engine and Tractor Show Friday through Sunday, Aug. 12-14, at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds in Caro.

Show organizers will be busy this year as they will be hosting two other clubs and have also organized a truck show for Saturday in conjunction with the Old Engine and Tractor Show. Members who attend various shows say they've noticed interest in restored trucks, and they believe this will be a nice addition this year.

The truck show will be a non-judged event and is open to all trucks, from vintage pickups and farm trucks to modern semi-tractors and trailers. Admission is free for anyone wishing to bring a truck to display, and they will be parked in a designated area as they arrive beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

The B.F. Avery Collectors and Associates will be attending the show to hold their national summer show. The B.F. Avery Collectors are a national tractor club that was founded in 1994 and are dedicated to the collection, exhibition, restoration and preservation of B.F. Avery tractors and equipment.

This is the first time the Thumb area club has hosted a national show, and members are looking forward to having exhibitors from many states. B.F. Avery Collectors club members will be on hand to share the history of the company and of their club.

The International Harvester (IH) Collectors of Michigan Chapter 11 will also be attending the show this year, holding their annual state show.

The Michigan Chapter of the IH Collectors club — dedicated to the history and preservation of the wide variety of products made by the IH Company — was founded during an organizational meeting in Caro at The Brentwood in 1994. This year marks the fourth time the club has returned to Caro for its annual summer show.

Other activities scheduled during the weekend include operating antique farm engines, a steam engine and threshing, baling, saw mill and shingle mill demonstrations. There will be tractor parades and raffle drawings each day, and the flea market and food vendors will be open all three days.

On Friday and Saturday afternoons, guests can sit back and relax to music provided by Wayne Lapratt, and at 5 p.m. Friday there will be an auction of donated items, with the proceeds going towards show expenses.

Children's activities will include daily candy hunts in a straw pile, children's prize drawings daily, and a pedal pull Saturday and Sunday.

The show opens at 8 a.m. each day. Admission is a \$4 donation for adults (kids 12 and under will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. More information, including flea market space availability, can be obtained by calling (989) 325-1176 or by visiting the club's website at www.carotractorshow.com.

Tech workshop on tap Aug. 17

Representatives of Air Advantage and CU Tech Business Technology Solutions have partnered to present a complimentary "lunch and learn workshop" next week in Cass City.

"Making Sense of Technology: Safe and Secure Fiber Optic Internet and Offsite Services" is the title of the workshop, slated for Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine St.

The program will focus on the latest technologies and services available to benefit businesses, homes and communities, including the benefits of fiber optics and the value of offsite and support services.

The featured speakers will be Jim Lang, general manager of business development for Air Advantage, and Michael Rule, CU Tech founder and CEO.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Monday, Aug. 15, by calling Lang at (989) 906-3302 or via email at jl原因@airadv.net, or by calling Rule at (989) 872-3400 or via email at office@cu-tek.com.



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Rolling Hills Golf Course airs champs

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Club champions were crowned over the weekend at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City. Highlighting the annual 2-day tournament were Dave Koch, Ryan Lowman and Larry Robinson, all who walked away with top honors from this year's field.

Koch earned bragging rights in the Championship Flight with a 36-hole score of 152. He carded an 18-hole score of 75 on Saturday and entered Sunday's final round tied with 2015 champion Jason Bitzer and 2014 champ Erik Tamlyn.

Koch, however, saved his best for the back nine on Sunday, shooting a one-over par 36 to edge runner-up Tony Nika by a single stroke. The 2013 champion Nika, who is nursing a knee injury, trailed Koch by four strokes entering the final day. He fired a one-under-par 34 on Sunday's back nine – that included three birdies – but the best 9-hole score of the tourney wasn't enough to derail Koch. Finishing third in the Championship Flight was Bitzer with a 2-day sum of 154.

In First Flight action, Ryan Lowman and Mike Lowe each registered 36-hole scores of 160, one

stroke better than Chris Dillon who came in third after shooting 9-hole scores of 46, 38, 38 and 39.

Lowman shot a pair of 39s on Sunday that included two birdies on his final nine holes. Lowe would birdie his final two holes on Sunday, but couldn't recover from a score of 44 on his opening 9 holes on the final day that started with an 8 on the first hole, a long par 4 with out-of-bounds running the length of the hole on the left.

In the Second Flight, Larry Robinson proved best with a winning score of 179, followed by Kevin Roemer and Tom Herron with scores of 182 and 190, respectively.

Robinson actually trailed Roemer 91-90 after day one's 36-holes, but scores of 42 and 46 on Sunday put Robinson, a former Paul Smarks Award winner at Cass City Schools, at the top of the flight.

"We had a great weekend of competitive golf at Rolling Hills. A big thank you to all the guys that participated in this year's club championship," said Amy Lowman, Rolling Hills co-owner, adding, "We started a new tradition with a championship belt as a traveling trophy. The club champion gets to sign it with his year and score and hang on to it till next year when it gets turned over to the next club champ."



CLUB CHAMPION honors at Rolling Hills Golf Course were earned over the weekend. The 2016 winners are, from the left, Ryan Lowman, Dave Koch and Larry Robinson.

Annual Gypsy Ride planned this weekend in Cass City

The 11th Annual Gypsy Ride hits the road on Sunday, August 14th. Again this year, Northwood Meadows staff and residents invite motorcyclists to their senior community for a fun filled day. Motorcyclists may register starting at 10:00 a.m. The ride will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a balloon launch by the residents. Participants will travel a 100-mile route around the beautiful Huron shoreline.

The funds raised from the benefit will be used to build a concrete walking path for the residents and their families. "We are so excited about this project," stated Kelly Richmond, director of Northwood Meadows. "This project will be completed in three phases. The first phase being half of the walking path with benches placed about the path. The second phase will be a gazebo. Funds for the gazebo have been received in honor of Reverend Raymond Sting. The third phase will be the second half of the loop and connect to each resident's patio, providing easy access for each of

them." In the past the event has raised funds for specific projects that the residents requested. Items purchased from the fundraiser include an outdoor sun shade, food processor, blinds for the great room, an electrical lift for patient care and a malt maker. Any remaining funds are used for activity purposes to bring in musical guests explained Richmond.

Those interested in riding for a great cause should meet at Northwood Meadows, located at 6086 Beechwood Drive, Cass City. Registration fee is \$20.00 per person and \$10.00 for a passenger. The riders will return to the community for a meal and door prizes. The ride usually concludes around 3:00 p.m.

"The residents really look forward to seeing all the participants," Richmond commented that many riders return each year. Motorcyclists come from all over the Thumb, as far away as St. Clair and Livonia. If you have any questions, please call (989) 872-8131.



AMONG THE podium winners Saturday at the Thumb RC were, from the left, Ethan Ulewicz (Kingston), Joe Bandlow (Midland), Crystal Bandlow (Midland), Logan Drapinski (Howell), Nate Dog (Standish). (See story on page 10.)



SENIORS
Shae de Perzanowski, left, and TJ Moore take part in a handoff drill Monday on the first day of practice for the Cass City gridiron teams. Less than 28 players attended the opening day session for the Red Hawks' varsity and junior varsity squads. The district's fall sports schedules appear below.

Varsity Football

8/18	Carrollton, Valley Luth, Flint Beecher,MLS, Merrill @Sa; Carrollton	11:00 am
8/26	Flint Hamady	7:00 pm
9/1	Ubyly	7:00 pm
9/9	Brown City (Service Night)	7:00 pm
9/16	USA	7:00 pm
9/23	EPB Lakers	7:00 pm
9/30	Bad Axe (HC)	7:00 pm
10/7	Vassar	7:00 pm
10/14	Reese	7:00 pm
10/21	Caro	7:00 pm

JV Football

8/18	Carrollton, Valley Luth, Flint Beecher,MLS, Merrill @Sa; Carrollton	11:00 am
8/25	Flint Hamady	6:30 pm
8/31	Ubyly	6:30 pm
9/8	Brown City	6:30 pm
9/15	USA	6:30 pm
9/22	EPB Lakers	6:30 pm
9/29	Bad Axe	6:30 pm
10/5	Vassar	6:30 pm
10/13	Reese	6:30 pm
10/20	Caro	6:30 pm

Cross Country

8/25	Birch Run Invite	4:15 pm
9/1	Brown City Invite	9:00 am
9/10	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 am
9/14	Ubyly Invite	3:00 pm
9/17	Holly Invite	7:40 am
9/22	Frankenmuth Invite	TBD
9/24	EPE Laker Invite	10:00 am
10/1	Wagener Park Invite @Saidusky	7:30 am
10/8	Cass City Invite	9:00 am
10/15	Reese Invite	9:30 am
10/18	GTC League @Vassar	4:30 pm
10/22	Thumb Meet @Caro	10:00 am
10/28-29	Regionals @Deckerville Wegener Park	TBA

Volleyball

8/26	Bad Axe Invite (JV)	9:00 am
8/27	Bad Axe Invite (V)	9:00 am
9/10	Caro Invite (V)	9:00 am
9/15	USA	6:00 pm
9/17	Caro Invite (JV)	8:30 am
9/17	Bay City Western (V)	9:00 am
9/20	Reese	6:00 pm
9/22	Vassar	6:00 pm
9/24	USA Invite (V)	8:30 am
9/27	EPB Lakers	6:00 pm
9/29	Bad Axe	6:00 pm
10/4	Millington	5:30 pm
10/6	USA	6:00 pm
10/11	Reese	6:00 pm
10/13	Vassar	6:00 pm
10/18	EPB Lakers	6:00 pm
10/20	Bad Axe	6:00 pm
10/22	EPB Laker Invite (V)	10:00 am
10/25	Caro	6:00 pm
10/31-11/5	Dist Tourney	TBA

Junior High Girls Volleyball

9/12	Kingston	5:30 pm
9/14	Mayville	5:30 pm
9/19	Reese	5:30 pm
9/21	USA	5:30 pm
9/26	Vassar	5:30 pm
9/28	Harbor Beach	5:30 pm
10/3	Kingston	5:30 pm
10/5	Mayville	5:30 pm
10/10	Reese	5:30 pm
10/12	USA	5:30 pm
10/17	Vassar	5:30 pm
10/19	Harbor Beach	5:30 pm

Junior High Football

9/20	Vassar (no kick)	6:00 pm
9/27	Memphis (no kick)	6:00 pm
10/4	Reese (no kick)	6:00 pm
10/11	Harbor Beach (kick)	6:00 pm
10/18	USA (kick)	6:00 pm
10/25	Brown City (kick)	6:00 pm

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Local 4-Hers shine at the Tuscola Co. Fair

WALTER HECHT FARMS was the winning bidder for Hailey Green's market feeder at right. Green, daughter of Peter and Katie Green, took home both the Grand Champion Beef Feeder and the Champion Junior Showman honors and is a member of the Dayton Clover 4-H Club.



IAN MULLOY, right, stands proudly with his Grand Champion Market Fryer Chicken, as well as the man who purchased the animal, state Rep. Ed Canfield. Mulloy is the son of Phillip and Carolyn Mulloy and is a member of the Granny's Kids 4-H club of Vassar.



TRI-COUNTY Equipment took home this pair of swine, weighing in at 293 and 296 pounds, from Taylor Adamczyk, left, son of Ronald and Jeanie Adamczyk and member of the 5 Star Livestock Club.



NATHAN KARPOVICH's pictured left, chick day market fryer was sold to the Reggie Ignash Agency, Farm Bureau Insurance, for \$150.

JAKE DELONG, right, son of Dana and Nadeene DeLong and member of 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club, sold his 610 pound market feeder to Copeland Insurance Agency of Cass City. DeLong took home Reserve Champion honors in the Beef Feeder category.



DEXTER WILLIAMS' Reserve Champion Goose was sold to Steve Cook, right, of Cook Chevrolet Buick in Vassar. Williams, son of Eddie and Robin Williams, is a member of the Silverwood Road Runners in Silverwood.

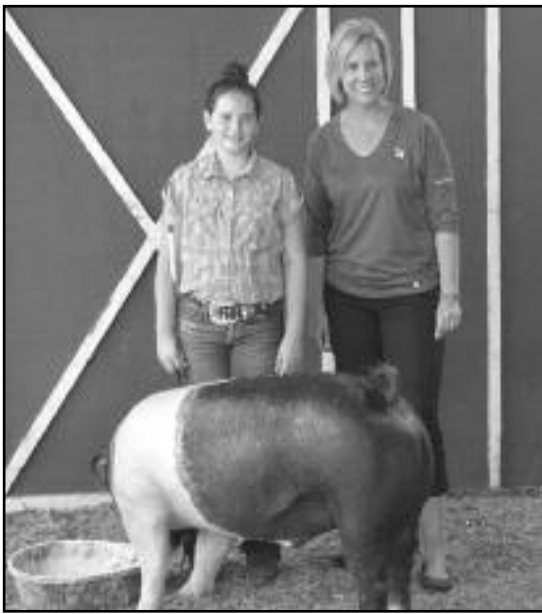


RESERVE CHAMPION in the Beef Feeder category went to Sailor Somerville, left, of the 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club. Her 400 pound animal was sold to Ruggles Beef Farm.



VICTORIA WILLIAMS, left, had the Grand Champion Market Goose at the fair; the goose was sold to Mayville State Bank for \$175. Victoria, daughter of Eddie and Robin Williams, is a member of the Silverwood Road Runners.

DANIELLE WOOD-SEDDON, below, daughter of Wendy Bodeis and member of the 5 Star Livestock 4-H Club, took home Reserve Champion Market Dairy, Reserve Champion Homegrown Market Dairy and Reserve Overall Beef Showman honors. Her 1,290 pound steer was purchased by Poet Biorefining.



B & J CONSTRUCTION purchased Grand Champion ReAnna Hecht's chickens, at right, for \$250. Hecht, daughter of Gary and Renee Hecht and member of Thumb Area Kids and Critters, also was the best Senior Showman in the Market Roaster Chicken Pen category.



CARO HORIZONS member Adrianna Jackson, above, shows off her 264 pound Grand Champion Pen & Gilt Swine with the buyer of the animal, Amy Lowman of Thumb Cellular.



THE RESERVE CHAMPION Market Ducks winner was Steven Jackson, left, of the Clover Kids of Caro. The duck was sold to Mayville State Bank for \$175.

RESERVE CHAMPION in the Dairy Exhibit was shown by Merrick Bennett, right, of the Dayton Clovers 4-H Club. The exhibit was purchased by Amy Lowman of Thumb Cellular for \$1,500.



BIG ACRE in Caro took home the chickens belonging to the Reserve Champion in the Market Roaster Chicken Pen category, Kaytlyn Kunse. Kunse, right, from the Northern Lights of Caro, is the daughter of Heath and Stacey Kunse.



5-STAR LIVESTOCK 4-H Club member Leah Middleton at left took home Reserve Champion Homegrown Market Beef honors. The steer was purchased by Tri-City Acoustical for \$1,900.



THE GRAND CHAMPION Duck Pen was shown by Raymond Quintano, left, and sold to Dave Turner for \$200. Quintano is the son of Rebecca Kloss and is a member of the Dayton Clovers of Mayville.

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Rawson Library hosts annual picnic

Kids log 56,400 minutes of reading

Dozens of area youngsters recently enjoyed food, picked out free books, won prizes and vied for the chance to "super soak" a librarian during Rawson Memorial District Library's annual Summer Reading Wrap-Up Picnic at Cass City Recreational Park.

"There were over 120 in atten-

dance. Hotdogs, chips, pickles, cookies and lemonade were enjoyed by all. Following lunch, the kids were allowed to peruse through two picnic tables full of books and choose one to take home with them," said Jesika Ferris-Struve, special programming librarian at Rawson Memorial District Library.

The winners of drawings for the program's big prizes were also announced, according to Ferris-Struve, who explained the kids participating in the summer reading program were entered in the drawings each time they earned a "book bingo" by completing a set number of reading assignments, such as reading for 15 minutes while sitting under a tree or in a bathtub, for example.

The winners were Alyvia Hollis, who took home a Minion Scooter, and Eli Wright, who won a Razor Ripstick. In addition, there were two other winners; Amanda Boots won a Kindle Fire HD in the Adult Summer Reading Program, and Kailey White received a scooter after purchasing the winning 50-cent ticket in a separate drawing.

"Following the announcement of the winners, the children gathered on the lawn next to the (Lions) Pavilion for some fun relay games," Ferris-Struve noted.

"After the games, the children all gathered on the lawn for the culmination of the program - to see which librarians would get super soaked," she said. "For each book bingo the children earned throughout the summer, they got to 'vote' for which librarian they would like to see super soaked."

Robert Weaver, library page, turned out to be the most popular target with 279 votes, followed by library Director Kate Van Auken (178 votes), Ferris-Struve (152 votes) and Lori Mazure, catalog librarian, with 143 votes.

"The two librarians that received the most votes stood while names were drawn from the children in attendance at the picnic to see who would get to man the super soakers. Nine children got the change to soak the librarians," Ferris-Struve added. "The kids had a blast and didn't want the picnic to end."

"The kids this summer did an awesome job reading," she said. "We had 121 children participate in the program, and they read a total of 56,400 minutes!"



THE WINNER for this year's Adult Summer Reading Program was Amanda Boots, who received a Kindle Fire HD.



ALYVIA HOLLIS won the Minion Scooter and **Eli Wright** took home the Ripstick - both prizes awarded during a drawing held in conjunction with the annual Summer Reading Wrap-Up Picnic hosted by Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.



AN ADDITIONAL drawing was held for another scooter awarded during the summer reading program picnic (tickets were sold for 50 cents each), and the winner was Kailey White.

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Elkland Township set to host tire recycling event

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

In a collaborative effort between Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement and Tuscola County Recycling, officials will be collecting unwanted tires in Cass City next week.

Elkland Township will host a collection of tires from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (or until the trailer is full) Saturday, Aug. 13, at the cemetery at 6868 Cass City Rd.

Tires can be on rims but not attached to an axle. The collection is for tires no taller than four feet.

Residents are limited to bringing seven tires per vehicle. Organizers ask that the tires be clean.

Participants must be able to unload the tires. There will be no help on site.

Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement is involved in the program because old tires are a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Both the recycling and mosquito abatement departments are funded by special countywide millages.

The recycling center, located in Caro, also collects mercury thermometers. They can be dropped off any time, year round at the recycling center. Residents will receive a new, digital thermometer in exchange for their old mercury health thermometer. Thermometers must be brought in a plastic zip lock baggie. Limit one digital thermometer per household.

For more information, call the Tuscola County Recycling at (989) 672-1673.

The Tuscola County Recycling Center, 1123 Mertz Rd. (M-24), is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Baker announces financial awards based on credit hours

Starting with the 2016 fall quarter, Baker College will provide financial awards per term to students enrolled in 14 or more credit hours for any undergraduate degree or certificate program - on ground or online.

"Students seek a college education to gain the knowledge and skills that will allow them to pursue the career of their dreams," said Wen Hemingway, MBA, CTP, Baker College of Flint president. "Baker College's new tuition savings program can help students reduce their education costs as well as the time they are in school, thus making it possible to more quickly pursue their career goals."

For the 2016-17 academic year, Baker College will award the following amounts based on registered hours:

*14 credits = \$250 per quarter (\$750 savings for three quarters).

*15 credits = \$375 per quarter (\$1,125 savings for three quarters).

*16-plus credits = \$500 per quarter (\$1,500 savings for three quarters).

The academic credit hours must apply to the pursued degree or certificate. A typical bachelor's degree takes four years to complete. However, students may not realize this schedule requires taking 16 credits most quarters during those four years. As a result, even students who are considered full time at 12 credits per quarter may take longer than four years to graduate, which postpones their careers.

Hemingway said this opportunity is ideal for students who are driven and can manage the academic workload.

Courses for 2016 fall quarter begin Monday, Sept. 26, at on-ground campuses and Thursday, Sept. 22, online.

For more information about Baker College's tuition savings program, contact Aaron Faist in the admissions office at (989) 872-6000 or aaron.faist@baker.edu or visit www.baker.edu.

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