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ANOTHER TYPICAL Michigan fall has arrived, complete with spooky Halloween decorations, changing leaf colors and cooler temperatures, which dipped to a chilly 32 degrees over the weekend. Weather forecasters were calling for a warm-up through today (Wednesday), with temps settling in the upper 50s and lower 60s the rest of this week.

Count down

Annual statewide fall student count reveals fewer pupils (again)

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Last week's annual fall student count could have gone better for the Cass City School District. The results of Oct. 5 count – one of two conducted by schools statewide each year – could also have been worse.

Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel reported the local enrollment totaled 987 students in grades K-12 last Wednesday, although districts have a window of several days following the official count day in which the final total can fluctuate due to specific circumstances.

In all, Cass City Elementary School had 542 students, while the junior-senior high building enrollment was 445.

Hartel last month reported a total enrollment of 993 students. "We lost six kids this week if you can believe that," he said Thursday.

"We are still to the positive of what we budgeted for," added Hartel, who explained Cass City's "blended" student count – the figure state officials use to determine how much funding the school will receive – is higher than anticipated when the school board adopted the district's latest budget over the summer.

Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state, which "blends" student counts conducted twice a year by districts; once in February and again the following fall. The state's blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools' foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. Cass City, for example, is slated to receive $7,511 per student for the 2016-17 school year, a $120-per-student increase compared to 2015-16.

Hartel noted Cass City's blended enrollment count in 2015-16 was 1,008 students. As of last Wednesday, he said, the blended 2016-17 count is 987 students, or a net

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Candidate ranks still swelling in county

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Tuesday, Nov. 8, general election ballot is continuing to swell with candidates in Tuscola County less than a month before voters go to the polls.

And there may be even more choices come election day, as individuals interested in running for a seat on a local government board or board of education still have time to file the necessary paperwork, according to Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting.

"A person that wants to be considered as a write-in candidate needs to file a 'declaration of intent' with the proper filing official on or before 4 p.m. October 28," Fetting explained.

In the village of Cass City, which initially didn't have enough candidates to fill three available four-year terms on the village council, there is now a race awaiting voters to decide next month. Seeking those council seats are incumbents Mick Kirn and Jenny Zawilinski along with challengers Jefrey Benkelman and Tom Herron. Village President Carl Palmateer is running for reelection unopposed.

Local Trustee Nancy Barrios did not seek reelection to another term on the council, opting instead to challenge District One Tuscola County Commissioner Thomas Young, Unionville, for his seat in the August primary election. Barrios fell short in her bid, losing 445 to 470.

Young was appointed to the post in January following the resignation of Commissioner Roger Allen. Barrios was among five individuals who earlier sought the appointment to represent citizens in Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships.

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County honored for child support efforts

Tuscola County has been named among a handful of county child support agencies that have done the best job of collecting support and establishing paternity, and each was recognized Friday with awards from the Michigan Office of Child Support.

The Thumb county along with Kalkaska, Kent, Leelanau and Ottawa counties were honored by the Office of Child Support within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

"We are proud of the hard work that all our counties perform daily," said MDHHS Office of Child Support Director Erin Frisch. "Once each year, we recognize those counties that have delivered exceptional performance in the child support program. These awards demonstrate our commitment to and delivery on ensuring children are supported.

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Veteran educator from Cass City still fighting for her job

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Just before the 2016-17 school year started, veteran teachers in two area school districts were laid off using the state standard evaluation as the judgment benchmark for their dismissal. Since then, one has been called back and the other is still without a job and fighting the decision.

The Cass City School District laid off elementary educator Ron McCollum, but he was called back to fill a vacancy after another teacher resigned. McCollum's per-

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Operation Christmas Child

Robinsons gearing up for annual holiday campaign

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sharon and Larry Robinson have a suggestion for area families looking to incorporate something new in their Christmas traditions; why not participate in this year's Operation Christmas Child by donating a shoebox filled with items for a needy youngster overseas?

The Robinsons are in their third year of serving as coordinators for the Operation Christmas Child collection center in Cass City, headquartered at the Cass City Missionary Church.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of the Samaritan's Purse, a global organization headed up by Franklin Graham. The project delivers what organizers of the outreach describe as "a tangible expression of God's love" to more than 11 million boys and girls in 109 countries, from Albania to Zimbabwe, each year.

The effort asks donors to fill one or more shoeboxes – either your own or one available at the church – with items for a girl or a boy. "The ages that we're targeting are two years old to 14," noted Sharon Robinson, who said the donations come in boxes of various sizes. Plastic boxes are an option, but all of the filled boxes should be closed with two rubber bands rather than tape so they can be opened for inspection, she said.

Organizers suggest that you include one "wow" toy such as a doll or stuffed animal, as well as other small toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Those planning to participate are also asked to contribute $7 for shipping, although the donation isn't mandatory.

"A few changes have been made this – no more toothpaste or candy should be included in the boxes," Robinson said. "Shipping containers have been held up at customs because these items are considered food."

Included in each box is an invitation for the recipient to participate in "The Greatest Journey", a 12-lesson discipleship program that teaches them about Christianity.

As coordinators of a local collection center, the Robinsons are responsible for organizing collection dates and fielding questions from donors.

This year's collection dates and times at the church, located about a mile of Cass City and then south at 4393 Koepfgen Rd., are: Nov. 14 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Nov. 15 (1 to 3 p.m.), Nov. 16 (10 a.m. to noon), Nov. 17 (1 to 3 p.m.), Nov. 18 (5 to 7 p.m.), Nov. 19 (noon to 2 p.m.), Nov. 20 (2 to 4 p.m.) and Nov. 21 (8:30 to 10:30 a.m.).

Anyone with questions is encouraged to call the church at (989) 872-2729 or the Robinsons at (989) 673-6047 or (989) 549-2604. The couple can also be reached via email at Sharon.larry.robinson@gmail.com.

The Cass City Missionary Church has served as an Operation Christmas Child collection center since 2011, Robinson said. "In 2012, our center brought in 407 boxes, and in 2015 we had 1,040," she added.

Those shoeboxes were combined with others collected in the Thumb area, which contributed a total of 10,605 shoeboxes last year.

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SHARON AND Larry Robinson, coordinators for the Operation Christmas Child collection center at the Cass City Missionary Church, display one of the gift-filled shoeboxes that will be collected locally Nov. 14-21 and then shipped along with thousands of others to youngsters across the globe.

Brothers Celebrate Anniversaries

Five Peruski brothers, along with their spouses, recently got together to celebrate their "50th Anniversaries". A total of 274 years of marriage is represented between these five couples. They are the sons of the late Henry and Grace Peruski. Couples, from left to right: Fred & Kathy (Graham) Peruski, married August 3, 1963 - 53 years; Jim & Delphine (Briolat) Peruski, married September 26, 1959 - 57 years; Ron & Roxy (Dodge) Peruski, married September 8, 1962 - 54 years; Stanley & Lorraine (Volmering) Peruski, married May 21, 1960 - 55 years; and Bob & Jane (Smith) Peruski, married June 4, 1960 - 55 years.

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Program by Dave and Al Eicher

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The public is welcome to join us for this free event!

(Mc)MacCallum reunion was held in White Lake

The (Mc)MacCallum reunion was held August 27th at the home of John and Gina Bohn of White Lake after a 20 year recess.

Fifty members of the John and Pauline (Wolfe) McCallum families attended.

A card was signed for oldest 3rd generation Jack Faye (Kady's) who was unable to attend.

Danny Moncier of White Lake prepared a poster of the family where members updated their information. History was gathered by Bonnie MacCallum Gaeth to continue the booklet started by the late Marilyn McCallum Walling.

Members wore their colored T-shirts representing Frank, Kady, William, Howard and Arnold siblings.

Guests attended from White Lake, Orion, Pontiac, Oxford, Auburn, Waterford, Houghton Lake and Owendale.

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In Our OPINION...

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Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cyber attacks focus in state this month

Nearly every aspect of our daily activities now involves the internet, which is why every citizen should know how to secure their information.

The stakes are high: last year, data breaches in this country left 164.4 million people's Social Security information at risk. Corporate attacks are costing businesses $400 to $500 billion dollars every year, and hacking attempts show no signs of slowing down.

Gov. Rick Snyder has proclaimed October as Michigan's Cybersecurity Awareness Month to remind citizens, businesses and governments to protect themselves against cyber attacks.

"Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility," Snyder said. "Recent high-profile security breaches in the federal government and large corporations serve as a reminder that cyber incidents are occurring more frequently and threaten the security of all Michigan residents.

"Awareness is the best defense against criminals who seek to steal our secure information. The most informed individuals and businesses are the best equipped to thwart cyber-attacks."

According to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center, Michigan residents and businesses have lost more than $20 million to cybercriminal activities so far this year, with an average victim loss of $4,500.

"Cybercrime knows no boundary, which means we all need to take precautions to safeguard our personal and business information when we are online," said Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the Michigan State Police. "When it comes to investigating cybercrime, the Michigan State Police has established the first of its kind Michigan Cyber Command Center, which serves as the single-point contact for investigating and solving cybercrimes through partnerships and information sharing with government agencies and private sector partners."

State government has taken a collaborative and proactive approach to cyber defense with the creation of the Michigan Cyber Command Center, partnering with the Merit Network on the establishment of the Michigan Cyber Range at public universities and National Guard installations and the formation of the Cyber Civilian Corps to assist in emergencies.

"The state of Michigan continues to be a national leader in creating strategies to strengthen cybersecurity," said David Behen, Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) director and state chief information officer. "Collaboration with state and private-sector partners has strengthened the state's ability to prevent a cyber attack and react swiftly, if necessary."

On Oct. 26, Snyder will host the North American International Cyber Summit at the Cobo Center in Detroit. This will be the fourth cyber summit in Michigan, bringing together cyber security professionals from around the world to participate in dynamic discussions and provide the latest information in cyber technology and strategy.

The event is open to the public and will feature information for individuals, families, educators, business professionals, law enforcement and government officials. Registration is open now at www.michigan.gov/cybersummit.

Throughout October, the Michigan State Police and DTMB will be promoting ways for Michiganders to be safe and secure online as a part of the Michigan Cyber Initiative.

To learn about staying safe and protected online, individuals are encouraged to go to the Michigan Cyber Initiative website at www.michigan.gov/cybersecurity. Information ranging from practicing proper cyber hygiene to learning about available law enforcement resources is on the website.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Thinking and thankful for pink...

When it comes to being a supporter of finding a cure for breast cancer, most people talk the talk, but don't walk the walk.

The village of Cass City more than walks the walk — the community downright sprints to the max in support of breast cancer awareness and research with its town-wide "Pinktober" events. I'm a nine-year breast cancer survivor, so their support means a lot to me.

As I age, my appreciation for Cass City grows. It still has a full-service gas station. There is the drive-through convenience store (Parkway) for a quick slice of pizza or groceries, and there is a drive-through pharmacy. Although the pharmacy wasn't there yet when I was recovering from surgery and chemo, I used those other businesses a lot.

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007. Being told you have cancer is a gut wrenching experience, especially if it has been a few years since a checkup was done.

I always faithfully had all of the annual cancer screenings a woman is supposed to have done. I didn't have checkups done the year my son was killed, or the next year when I broke up with my boyfriend. It was while writing about October being breast cancer awareness month that I realized I had not had testing done in two years. Initially, I shrugged it off because I had never had any problems before, so I figured I could put off tests for another year. Thankfully, I didn't. I had the tests done.

When Doctor Ozim told me I had cancer, all I could think of was how far it could have spread in three years. A consultation with the surgical nurse was next. Before anything was said, she gave me a big hug, which was very comforting.

Surgery was scheduled at Hills and Dales Hospital in December 2007. I was lucky; my cancer was caught early at stage one.

Cass City is the only community that I know of that goes all out being pink and promoting breast cancer awareness all month long.

During the halftime at the Cass City-Reese Varsity football game Friday, Oct. 14, there will be sky lanterns launched by those who have been touched by cancer. A lantern can be ordered by calling (989) 872-5729 or (989) 912-5858, as well as through Captured by Christine Photography Studio, Health Care at Home, and at the gate on game night.

There is a talent show Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. at Cass City Elementary School. To enter, call (989) 912-9806 or email rachaelkoepf@gmail.com. There will be a "Pink or Treat" in the streets of Cass City from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25.

I hate to admit it, but pink is my least favorite color. I was a change-of-life baby for my parents. As my mother's long awaited daughter, she made sure everyone who saw me knew I was a little girl. I was donned in pink from head to toe. And, I hated it.

Even though I only own a few pink clothes, I thank those who wear pink, support breast cancer awareness, and the village of Cass City for its Pinktober promotions.

Remember: EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES!

Letters to the Editor

Band, volleyball signs very much appreciated

Dear editor,

We wanted to take this opportunity to say that we appreciate the efforts of those responsible for putting up the Cass City High School volleyball and Red Hawk band "note" signs along Seeger Street (we missed the Red Hawk football helmets this year).

We know it takes time and effort to put them up, and would like those who volunteer for this project to know that their efforts are very much appreciated. We have an outstanding school system here in Cass City, and the pride we take in our schools and our students is key in promoting and growing our great community.

Dave and Nancy Barrios
Cass City

Have a concern? A complaint? Just want to voice your opinion?

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We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Fall has a way of encouraging guys, especially hunters, to let their facial hair grow for a few weeks, but law enforcement officers aren't typically allowed to partake in the annual "beard fest" due to restrictions on their appearance on the job.

However, an exception is being made for Tuscola County Sheriff's Department road and corrections deputies.

And it's for a good cause, according to Undersheriff Glen Skrent, who says some officers are participating in the Department of Health and Human Services' Operation Good Cheer.

"Normally the deputies are not allowed to grow a beard, but during this time period those that pay and enter a contest are allowed to do so. The proceeds go to children currently in foster care, so that they receive Christmas gifts," Skrent explained.

"Please excuse the scruffy appearance until December 12 when the contest ends," he added.

Information on how to donate is included along with a photo published in this issue.

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Editor Tom Montgomery says with the number of area duck hunters the following news might make a good rabbit track.

Wildlife and outdoors enthusiasts have 1,250 additional acres of managed wetlands near Saginaw Bay thanks to a major Ducks Unlimited project completed at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge.

The Maankiki Marsh project at the refuge south of Saginaw was completed this summer. It converted agricultural land back into wetlands for the first time in nearly a century.

"This project epitomizes the work Ducks Unlimited can accomplish with our partners, to help make nature whole again," said David Brakhage, conservation director at Ducks Unlimited's Great Lakes/Atlantic Region.

Ducks Unlimited, supporters and conservation partners gathered October 4, 2016 at the refuge to celebrate the project's completion. As part of the event, participants opened newly installed flood gates to reconnect nearly two square miles of drained land back to the adjacent Shiawassee River.

The effort was funded in part by a $1.5 million National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Sustain Our Great Lakes grant via the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a federal program designed to target the most significant problems in the Great Lakes ecosystem. Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network, Dow Chemical Company and Ducks Unlimited provided additional financial support.

Ducks Unlimited designed and oversaw construction which gives refuge managers the ability to control water levels to benefit birds and fish. The Saginaw Bay area provides many ecological and social benefits, including habitat for other wetland-dependent fish and wildlife, flood control and abatement, water quality improvement and areas for outdoor-based recreation and education.

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During my youth there were numerous party stores scattered throughout the country side in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

I'm sure many area folks can recall one located at the corner of Deckerville Road and M-19. Well, I learned last week while doing my weekly paper route from Snover to Ubly that the former ma-and-pa convenience store has been torn down.

While most of us can remember the building located on the east corner in Sanilac County, how many of us can recall that Bartnik Service – located at the corner at M-81 and M-53 - once included food items for sale?

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A phone call last month asked if Dagmar Brown walked the Mackinac Bridge over the Labor Day holiday.

She did and that's Cass City's best known walker pictured with a plaque recognizing the fete. Dagmar, at age 94, said completing the five-mile walk for the 57th time wasn't easy. 2016 marked Michigan's 59th Annual Bridge Walk.

She said the wind was howling and the fact the she is legally blind didn't help.

While Dagmar's body may show her age, her mind doesn't. She's sharp as a tack – remarkable.

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•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, October 13

•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.

Saturday, October 15

•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.

Monday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

•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
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Binghan St., Ubly 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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•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Third Tuesday:
•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Binghan St., Ubly 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., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
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.

Deputies rescue boater on bay

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson is warning Thumb residents to remember that fall and the arrival of cooler weather brings some additional risk when boating on Saginaw Bay.

Hanson issued a reminder to the public after deputies rescued a man who suffered hypothermia after his small boat capsized near the Oak Beach County Park Thursday afternoon.

"Huron Central Dispatch was contacted by a witness on shore about a man hanging on to a capsized boat several hundred yards offshore in Lake Township. A nearby resident was rowing out to assist the 70 year old male victim who was wearing a life jacket and was very cold. However, the rescuer was unable to get the victim in his row boat because he was wearing waders," Hanson reported. "By this time, two responding deputies arrived with our 28-foot Caseville patrol boat and were able to get the hypothermic victim aboard."

Deputies transported the victim to an awaiting ambulance in Caseville. An Elkton Ambulance Service crew then took him to Scheurer Hospital, where it was reported that his body core temperature had fallen into the low 90s.

"Apparently, the victim had decided to go fishing about an hour and a half earlier in his 12-foot row boat and took on water to the point of it capsizing. He figured he was in the 59-degree water for around an hour," said Hanson, who added, "Our understanding is that the man was released from the hospital several hours later.

"Our office is asking the media to emphasize to the public that the water has cooled off from the summer high temperatures in the 70s to the upper 50s now," the sheriff continued. "The water will continue to cool and extra precautions need to be taken…for safe boating."

Huron and Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies recently conducted a training session in a continuing effort to be fully prepared for any water emergency – including rescue operations on Saginaw Bay during the winter months — utilizing the Huron County Sheriff's Department's new airboat.

Officials commissioned the $154,000 craft last February. Powered by a 650-horsepower General Motors engine, the airboat is specifically designed for harsh ice rescue operations, with a pilot house that is heated and can accommodate up to five people. The craft is equipped with a side mounted jib crane that can lift 600 pounds.

The boat – one of just two of its kind owned by a sheriff's department in Michigan — can be safely operated in four- to five-foot seas.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputy and Emergency Management Director Steve Anderson and Huron County Undersheriff Duane Miller spearheaded the effort to obtain the boat, which replaced an older, smaller airboat designed for use in the Everglades and not for the extreme service required during very cold weather and travel on ice.

The two counties, which share more than 116 miles of shoreline on Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron, formed a partnership, working together to secure a Homeland Security grant that would cover the lion's share of the purchase price. The remaining funding came from Tuscola County ($10,000) and Huron County ($35,000), which owns the boat and pays for operational expenses.

The craft was dubbed "Sheriffs' Endeavor" in honor of the cooperative effort involving the two counties' sheriff's departments.

DEPUTIES FROM the Huron and Tuscola county sheriff's departments participated in a joint training session Oct. 6 utilizing the new airboat purchased in a partnership involving both departments and commissioned last February. "Since this boat can be used in all types of conditions, it is important that everyone involved maintains their skills in the boat's operation," Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent said. (Photos courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department)

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:

*Matthew S. Milostan, 29, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of aggravated domestic violence March 28 in Wells Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at $30,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Timothy J. Wilson, 55, Millington, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 6 in Millington Township.

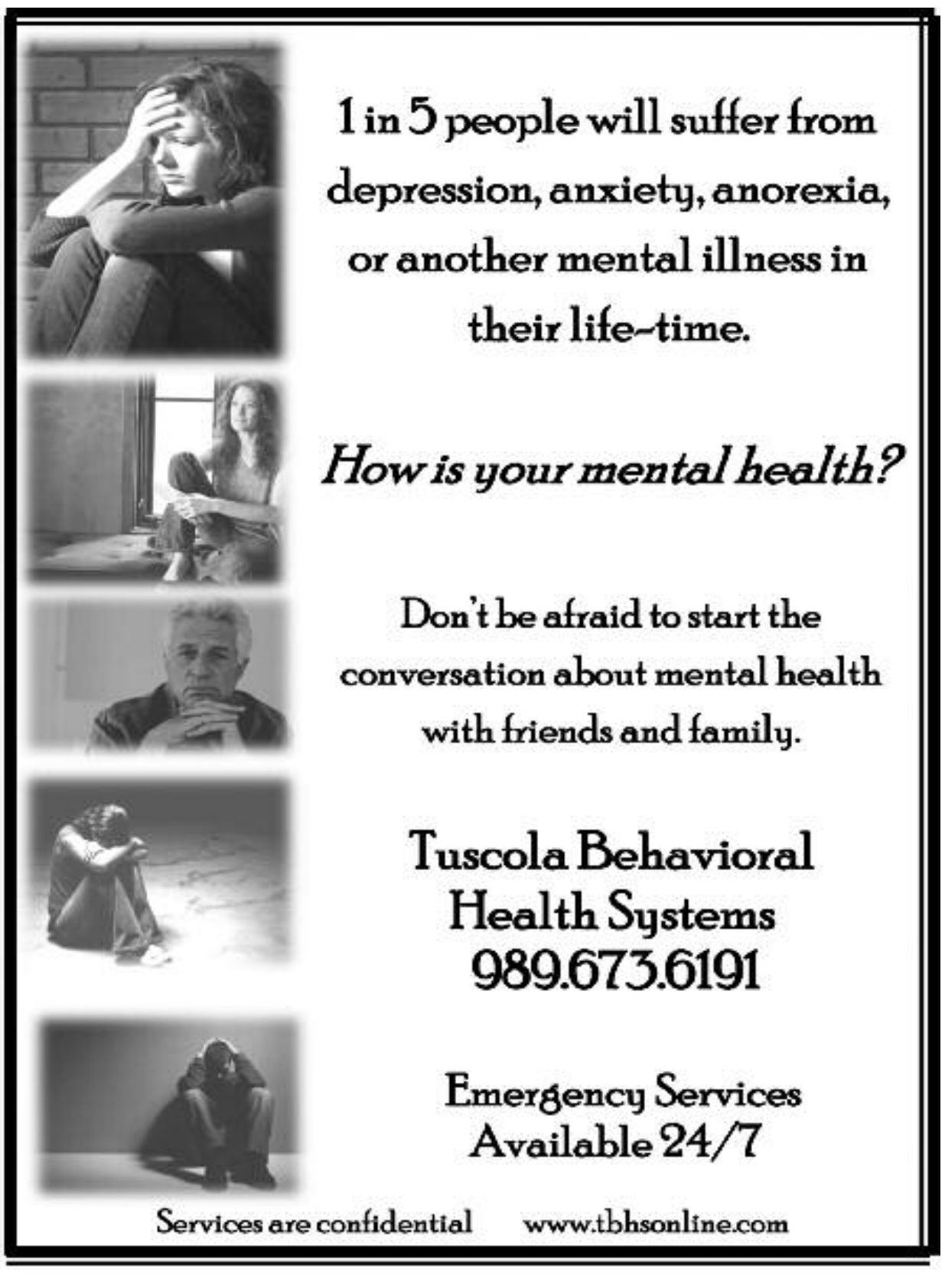
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at $20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*James L Wickings, 26, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to charges of assault by strangulation and domestic violence between March 6 and Dec. 5, 2015, in Vassar and/or Tuscola townships.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling $1,158.

*Corey M. Sockow, 37, Detroit, pleaded guilty to three counts of purchasing/possessing ephedrine or pseudoepedrine, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, between July 19 and Sept. 13, 2015, in Caro.

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



Reporter's notebook

KISS? Not when it comes to the DNR

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

When it comes to composing a story, one of the first things they teach you in journalism school is the importance of KISS.

Nope, I'm not talking about a PDA (public display of affection) or anything related to Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley and outlandish face paint. The acronym stands for "Keep it simple, stupid." It's also a design principle stating that most systems work best if they are kept simple, rather than made complicated; therefore, simplicity should be a key goal in design and unnecessary complexity should be avoided.

Guess the folks at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) never heard of that.

Maybe my level of stupidity is just increasing with age, but have you figured out the hunting regulations/license booklets the DNR distributes these days?

Okay, so I have to buy a "base" license before I can buy a deer license, and I can't hunt deer with it but I can shoot rabbits and squirrels? Oh, I have to then buy a deer license, which will allow me to take one deer. What if I then want to buy a second license? I see, if I want two licenses, I have to buy them in a combo deal first instead of opting for the license that allows me to shoot one deer…"

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. The last time I took a look at the state's fishing regulations, I pretty much gave up trying to figure out in what body of water I could attempt to catch trout, with what bait, at what time of the year, without being led out of the woods in handcuffs.

Need proof? Here's the DNR's intro to understanding inland trout, salmon, regulations and maps:

"Color coded maps have been developed to assist anglers in locating inland waters that contain trout and salmon and the regulations that apply. See pages 46-50 for a description of regulations concerning streams, gear restricted streams, and inland trout lakes. Stream Types 1-4 and gear restricted streams are differentiated on the maps by color (Type 1 are green, Type 2 are yellow, Type 3 are orange, Type 4 are blue, and gear restricted steams are red). Please note that some gear restricted steams have split regulations. Any lake regulated by Type (A-F) will be labeled in red text and the lake will appear shaded in dark blue or will appear as a blue dot on map…"

Seriously, guys?

Yeah, that's a good idea, publish instructions like these and expect people (well, guys) to read them any more than they do the paperwork that comes with that new lawnmower or leaf blower.

Okay, I realize this is all supposed to be about wise stewardship of natural resources, but is it really necessary to create this sort of confusing mess AND charge an arm and a leg to hunt in your own backyard? Hopefully, most sportsmen will try to make sure they're enjoying their sport legally.

But I wouldn't count on it any more than I would predict that the state's education "experts" are likely to come up with an easy-to-understand and score standardized test featuring clear-cut objectives and which doesn't penalize well-performing schools. Having results that serve a useful purpose wouldn't hurt, either.

Anyway, it seems to me the DNR would have much better luck getting more folks outdoors, hunting and fishing if they just simplified things a little (or a lot).

In the meantime, I'm seriously considering taking up another hobby where the regulations are a little easier to understand, like building my own rocket and space capsule for a solo manned flight to Mars.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas

5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Amanda Muntz has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for October. Muntz has been very active in sports throughout her high school years. She has been a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams each year. She served as a captain in each of the sports and has won numerous awards. She has also been a member of the high school band each year. Academically, Muntz has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. She was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society in her junior year and has served as the chapter's historian/publicist since. As a sophomore, she was a member of the E.P.I.C.S. program. During her junior year, she was a class representative for homecoming and a member of the prom committee. She currently is a member of the school's yearbook committee. Muntz is the daughter of Terry and Karen Muntz of Cass City. She plans on joining the U.S. Navy to pursue a career in dentistry

Cass City's Shelley deBeaubien recently donated 10 boxes containing more than 650 children's books to Campbell Elementary School in Cass City. The books will be distributed to students.

Former Cass City High School student Adam Kranz — now a junior majoring in environmental studies at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., recently presented his own research findings during the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Minneapolis, Minn.

10 YEARS AGO (2006)

Seniors Micah Randall and Courtney Rabideau highlighted Cass City's Homecoming ceremony Friday night as they were announced the 2006 King and Queen.

Andy Dronsella and Becky Schmidt were chosen as the Owen-Gage 2006 Homecoming King and Queen.

To help kick off Cass City Schools' new wellness policy, a 12-bike giveaway was held Friday. The bike winners included: Kayla Koepf, Matthew Walker, Tristen Campbell, Cody Orban, Alex McCoy, Vanessa Munoz, Adrianna Pena, Kade Bitzer, Andrea Farr and Carl Nicol. Each winner was congratulated by Supt. Ron Wilson.

Several Red Hawk seniors earned Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honors for their play in recent home victories. Micah Randall, Brad Hartel, Kyle Sieradzki and Derek Ricker accounted for all 7 Cass City touchdowns in Friday's 52-6 Homecoming win. Emily Schinnerer fueled the Hawk cagers to a 54-36 non-conference decision earlier in the week, on Tuesday, with 22 points and 7 rebounds.

25 YEARS AGO (1991)

The mother of Denise Osentoski, Cass City, and the parents of Kevin L. Liebeskind, Harbor Beach, announce the engagement of their children. Denise is employed at Dr. Ray's office in Cass City, and Kevin is employed by K&B Carpentry. The couple plan to wed in July 1992.

Officials at McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky, recently announced the births of baby girls to a pair of Cass City couples. Heather Lynn Depcinski was born to Albert and Ann Depcinski, Cass City, Sept. 27, and Megan Ruth Zawilinski was born to Phillip and Cheryl Zawilinski, Cass City, Oct. 2

Crowning this year's Cass City High School homecoming queen, Stephanie Leiterman, is the 1990 queen, Jane Marker. Participating in the ceremony were last year's king, Al Dadacki, and this year's king, Brad Gray.

A retirement reception will be held Friday at the Tuscola Area Skill Center to honor William L. Pratt, Ph.D., for his many years of dedicated service to Tuscola County and the State of Michigan in career-technical education.

35 YEARS AGO (1981)

Homecoming queen Brenda Langenburg was crowned Friday night by last year's Cass City High School homecoming queen, Lori Gohsman. Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Langenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Finkbeiner and Theo Hendrick were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr. Joining them later for ice cream and cake were Beth Walsh and daughter of Lapeer, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Don Whittenburg, Mr. and Mrs. John Shagena and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Don Finkbeiner and four children. The family was celebrating Larry Finkbeiner's birthday, which was Oct. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cutler, of Saginaw returned home Saturday from a week's trip to West Virginia and Ohio. They attended the Bob Evans Farm Festival in Ohio.

Winnie Houghton and Jeff Jensen were united in marriage Sept. 5 at the First Presbyterian church in Cass City. Rev. Harry Capps performed the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Alvin (Tom) Houghton of Milford. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jensen of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Babcock of Cass City announce the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Sue, to Bradley Michael Gohsman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McDonald of Cass City. They were married Sept. 15 in Lansing. A wedding reception will be held Nov. 21 at the home of Richard McDonald. Following will be a two week honeymoon in Mexico. The couple is residing in Lansing.

40 YEARS AGO (1976)

The 1976 Cass City Home-coming queen, Beth Erla, receives her crown at halftime of Friday's Cass City—Vassar football game. Placing the crown is Sandy Eisinger, last year's queen. Presenting the traditional bouquet of roses is Principal Russell Richards.

Elkland-Novesta Community Chest officers gather prior to this year's kickoff dinner at Wildwood Farms to map strategy. Members Michelle Zdrojewski, secretary, and Gloria Ouvry, president, Beverly Hurley, treasurer, and Gary Jones, vice-president have a goal of $13,200.

Mrs. Theda Seeger, Mrs. Charles Wright, Mrs. Gerald Whittaker, Mrs. Alex Greenleaf and Mrs. Charles Holm are in Grand Rapids this week attending Michigan Grand Chapter Eastern Star sessions. Mrs. Seeger, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Greenleaf are delegates. Mrs. Seeger is participating as assistant to the Grand Conductress and Thursday, Mrs. Whittaker will be installed as Grand Marshall.

Mrs. Eva Watson had as Sunday dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Narin and Kathy of Sterling Hts., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watson and two children, Mrs. Shirley Lynch and Annemarie and Bill Watson.

Two Cass City area men have completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C. They are Marine Privates Rodney R. Speirs, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speirs of Cass City, and Alexander P. Kessler, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Profit of Cass City. During the 11-week training cycle, each learned the basics of battlefield survival. Each was introduced to the typical daily routine they will face during enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards for Marines. Both are 1975 graduates of Cass City High School. Speirs joined the Marines in December 1975, and Kessler enlisted in January, 1976. They left for training in June.

50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Cass City Police Chief Carl Palmateer has been awarded a $50 scholarship from the Automobile Club of Michigan to attend a basic traffic safety course at Michigan State University. The course is slated for Oct. 17-21 and will be held at Kellogg Center. Palmateer was one of 50 policemen throughout the State selected for the scholarship.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lorentzen and son Rick were in Sandusky Saturday evening to attend the wedding of Miss Judy O'Rourke of Marlette and Gregory Hendershot of Snover in the Methodist church. The bride is a grandniece of Mrs. Lorentzen.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Guild, Miss Alice Smith of Saline and Roy Kitchen spent the weekend at Mio. Sunday they all took the scenic canoe trip down the Au Sable River. Coffee and cookies were served by Roy Kitchen and steaks were served by Mr. and Mrs. Strickland at Fort Loafin. Lorn Hillaker and son Joe were also present.

The results of the election of officers for the Woman's Society of World Service of Salem EUB church for the coming year have been announced. Miss Helen Hower is the new president, succeeding Mrs. Stanley Kirn, Sr. Others elected were: vice-president, Mrs. John Zinnecker; secretary, Mrs. Maurice Joos; treasurer, Mrs. Esther McCullough; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. Luke Tuckey, and spiritual life secretary, Mrs. Ray Silvernail, Secretary of Christian social relations is Mrs. Stanley Kirn, Sr.; secretary of missionary education for youth, Mrs. Ted Morgan, and secretary of missionary education for children, Mrs. David Loomis.

75 YEARS AGO (1941)

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Colwell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 19, when a dinner will be served to the family at noon and open house will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. for friends to call. Mr. Colwell was born at Morganston, Ontario, 81 years ago and Mrs. Colwell, the former Maria Palmateer, who is 75 years of age, claims the same town as her birthplace. They were married October 19, 1881, and came to Michigan in the autumn of 1885 and settled in Novesta Corners and have lived in and near Cass City since that time.

Mrs. Georgene Hillman of San Francisco and Miss Kittie Augustine of Cheboygan are the partners of the Be-Lov-Lee Beauty Studio which will open in the Krug building on East Main Street about October 20. Mrs. Hillman has been in the beauty profession for 13 years, part of that period as a school instructor and as a technician for manufacturers of beauty products. Miss Augustine has been a beauty shop owner in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas for 10 years. She will be in active management of the beauty studio here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bartle entertained Sunday Mrs. Bartle's sister-in-law, Mrs. Park Wagg, of Pontiac, and her son, Private Harold Wagg of Scott Field, Illinois and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bartle and children, Janice and Donald, of Cass City.

100 YEARS AGO (1916)

L. A. Heineman, a former Cass City merchant, recently moved into a new store building in Kingston which was erected the past summer to house his stock of general merchandise. The building is 27x74 feet in size, one story high and built of solid brick. The basement extends the full width and length of the structure. The building is well lighted, a daylight front of late design contributing towards that end. Weldon & Lauderbach of Cass City had the contract for the brick work on the building. They completed their building operations there several weeks ago.

Mrs. O. C. Wood has returned after spending two years with her daughter, Mrs. Riley Simpkins, of La Grande, Oregon, and her son, C. H. Wood of Burton, Washington.

Mrs. Wm. Lamb returned Saturday after visiting with her son, Guy Lamb, in Saginaw for a week. She was accompanied by Mr. Lamb, who stayed here until Monday.

Wm. Ward writes briefly to Cass City relatives that he has arrived at the Mexican border. He is a member of Co. A, 33rd. Michigan, and is stationed at El Paso, Texas.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

NOTICE RESIDENTS OF GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP

Greenleaf Township will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 13th at 6 p.m.

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Winter's Truck Sales & Salvage, LLC vs. Greenleaf Township Lawsuit and financial options.

Clerk - Judy Keller

Hand, foot and mouth disease reported

With school starting this fall, there have been cases of hand foot and mouth disease reported to the Tuscola County Health Department.

"Hand foot and mouth disease is a brief, usually mild disease caused from a virus. The symptoms usually start suddenly with a fever, followed by a sore throat and loss of appetite may occur," explained Ann Hepfer, Tuscola County Health Department nursing administrator.

"One or two days after the fever begins, tiny blisters may develop in the mouth or throat," she said. "A rash on the hands and feet and possibly the buttocks can follow within one or two days. The rash can become blistery but heals without scarring after three to five days after the onset of symptoms."

Incubation of the illness is usually three to five days. A person is contagious two to three days before the onset of symptoms and several days after the onset.

The virus can shed in the stool for weeks, according to Hepfer, who noted transmission of the illness is by direct contact with nasal or oral secretions, weeping from the sores and or contact with stools of the infected person. "Contaminated articles like toys or surfaces are the most common source of transmission," she added.

Washing of hands is very important in helping stop the spread of the illness. Cleaning contaminated articles with a bleach solution – one part bleach to 20 parts of water — and leave on surface for five minutes will inactivate the virus. Washing bedding and any dirty clothes will help stop the illness from spreading. There is no treatment for the illness. Rest and drinking fluids is important to prevent dehydration if throat is sore.

It is recommended to stay home while the fever is present and blisters are seeping.

"Hand, foot and mouth disease is not a reportable disease, so physician offices are not required to report cases," Hepfer said. "Schools do report these activities to the health department, but they are self-reported by parents. These self reports are valuable because they do provide us with a community view of what is occurring."

For more information, visit CDC.gov or call your local health department.

Knights raising cash for "Look Good Feel Better" program during October

Knights Insurance Agency is teaming up with the "Look Good Feel Better" program during the month of October.

This free program reaches out to members of the community struggling with the effects cancer treatment has on their bodies.

Look Good Feel Better is a non-medical, brand-neutral public service program that teaches beauty techniques to people with cancer to help them manage the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. The program includes lessons on skin and nail care, cosmetics, wigs and turbans, accessories and styling in order to help those with cancer find some normalcy in a life that is by no means normal.

Thousands of volunteer beauty professionals support Look Good Feel Better. All volunteers are trained and certified by the Personal Care Products Council Foundation, the American Cancer Society, and the Professional Beauty Association at local, statewide, and national workshops. Other volunteer health care professionals and individuals also give their time to the program.

The next local Look Good Feel Better program is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 14 at Caro Community Hospital. The program is open to all women with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, radiation, or other forms of treatment.

During the month of October, Knights Insurance Agency will be growing the trees in their windows by selling leaves for $1 each. For each leaf sold, Knights Insurance Agency will donate an additional $2. All monies raised will go to the Look Good Feel Better program.

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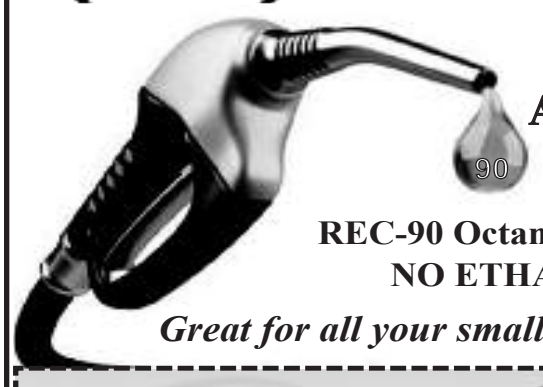

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Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe

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Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m

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TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff deputies are facing a hairy situation. Road and correction deputies are participating in the Tuscola County Department of Health and Human Services "Operation Good Cheer." Normally, deputies are not allowed to grow a beard, but during this time period those that pay and enter a contest are allowed to do so. The proceeds go to children currently in foster care so that they receive Christmas gifts and have a party. This is the second year deputies have done this. There are 27 deputies who have put in money, and about 80 children in foster care. "After" photos will be taken and judged by Tuscola County Department of Health and Human Services staffers. Pictured above are a trio of the participants — Rodney Bertsch, Jonathan Bonk and Mike Kennedy. To donate, call (989) 673-9100 and ask for a foster care licensing worker.

Candidate ranks still swelling in Tuscola County

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Village of Gagetown

In the village of Gagetown, six candidates are vying for three available four-year terms on the village council. They are Edward Rievert, Lee Osborne, Brian Whisnant, June G. Fritz, Paul Hunter and Craig J. Downing.

Cass City Schools

The Cass City Board of Education, which also didn't have enough candidates seeking all four available seats earlier this summer, will now have a full complement of trustees following the recent addition of write-in candidate George Edgar Batty.

Seeking the remaining four-term terms are fellow newcomer Janet Richards and incumbents Janie Meeker and Emily Phillips. Current board vice president Craig Bellew and incumbent Trustee Dan Manwell are not seeking reelection.

Kingston Schools

Voters in the Kingston Community School District will decide a three-way race for one full six-year term on the board of education, as newcomers Sarah Schuler and Lane Walker are challenging incumbent and veteran board member Ray Wolak for his seat. Scott R. Neff, meanwhile, is running unopposed for a four-year term. Neff was appointed to the board two years ago when Sherri Diegel resigned and will now complete the remainder of her term.

Novesta Township

Novesta Township was short several candidates to fill various local government posts – including supervisor and a pair of trustee seats — when voters cast their ballots last August, but residents will find a full slate of citizens seeking office in November.

The only incumbent to have filed for reelection earlier this year was Clerk Joann M. Peters, who was initially running unopposed as a Democrat but now faces a challenge from Bob Dickson, who is seeking the position as an independent.

In addition, Chad D. Daniels is running for supervisor, Valerie Peters is seeking the treasurer's seat, and Jesse Robinson and Russel Rienas are running unopposed for the trustee posts. All of the terms are four years.

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

Wells Township

Officials were facing a similar situation in Wells Township, where Democrats initially filed to run for supervisor (Melvin L. Witkovsky) and treasurer (Patricia Gettel), but no one had filed to run for clerk or two trustee seats.

According to latest candidate list, Karen Varney is now running for clerk as an independent candidate, and there are four candidates – James Kratz, Lorraine Hergenreder, Ronda Benjamin and Lori Zawerucha – seeking the four-year trustee terms.

Enrollment down

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loss of 21 kids.

School officials built a loss of 25 students – which translates into roughly $188,000 in per-pupil state revenue — into this year's budget. As it stands now, that loss will be closer to $158,000.

"So it's still $30,000 we have in our budget that we weren't counting on," Hartel said, adding he's at a loss for why the Cass City Public Schools has been hit so hard in the area of enrollment.

"I don't know. I don't have any answers. We try to do our best to keep them (students), but enrollment is a strange thing," he said. "I think there are a variety of reasons. I think it's just families are mobile, and there's uncertainty in the family structures with a lot of people."

Over the past 15 years or so, Cass City officials have watched local student numbers fall by hundreds of youngsters – losing an average of 3.7 percent of the district's student population annually since the 2005-06 school year, when the district boasted 1,500 students. In 2001-02, Cass City had more than 1,600 kids enrolled.

In contrast, school officials last year reported the then-latest enrollment dip had left the district with fewer than 1,000 students for the first time in memory.

In other area school districts, Kingston School Supt. Matt Drake reported a count of 626 students in K-12.

Drake indicated school officials were anticipating a modest dip in enrollment, with a large graduating class of 60 or so seniors last spring in combination with a smaller kindergarten class of 42 to 45 youngsters. "At the end of the day, it looks like (we're down by) 20 to 24 kids," he said. "We budgeted it to be down 11 to 12 kids."

Kingston's enrollment last February totaled 652, which was up slightly compared to the fall of 2015 (650 students).

In the Ubly Community Schools, Supt. Joe Candela said his district's unofficial count totaled 701 students last week, representing a loss of about 14 students from the previous year. "That's down from last year, but up from what we budgeted for," he added.

Educator still fighting for job

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formance is being monitored as part of his reinstatement.

Meanwhile in the Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District, veteran educator Barbara Merchant Tilt of Cass City, who has 21 years of experience, doesn't have a job and is fighting the district's decision.

Experience, dedication and tenure no longer matter since 2012, when state lawmakers decided to use the Danielson Teacher Evaluation as the benchmark to evaluate teacher performance, said Michigan Education Association Union Representative William "Burt" Burleson.

The evaluation system is supposed to help educators improve their skills, and is part of the No Child Left Behind program approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

MEA officials, however, contend the evaluation process is unfair, being misused and/or not followed properly.

"I think there was some miscommunication in the evaluation process," Burleson said of the situation involving McCollum.

Hartel contends administrators are well-schooled on using the Danielson evaluation. "The evaluation process is structured and based on 25 percent grow data (of students) and 75 percent on observation," said Hartel. "Administrators are trained in using the evaluation. It's not a random decision."

While McCollum was called back, Merchant Tilt was not. The USA Board of Education hired a first-grade teacher, but Burleson says Merchant Tilt could also have been hired back.

"She doesn't have the certification to teach that grade, but she could have been given a temporary certificate so she could. It's a shell came of moving people around," Burleson said. "I've amended the Unfair Labor Practice suit we have against the district.

"Dates have been set to address this, but the district keeps postponing," he added.

Burleson has issues with the state's method of teacher evaluation because it severely impacts a teacher's life.

Burleson, an adjunct professor at Cooley Law College as well as a former Lansing City attorney, said MEA is taking Merchant Tilt's case before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for its review. He contends the Danielson Teacher Evaluation is being misused across the state and is "a morally bankrupt and reprehensible method."

Tilt has 26 years of teaching experience. She was a student teacher in the Ubly Community Schools in 1989, and graduated from Central Michigan University in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in education. She also graduated from SVSU with a minor in English, and earned her master's degree in teaching from Marygrove College in 2003.

Her first teaching assessment was with the Kingston Public Schools and the Pioneer Work and Learn Center. She was granted tenure during her first year there, but was laid off because of low seniority when Pioneer relocated to Vassar. Being laid off didn't last long. She was hired by the Kingston School District to teach at the Pioneer Work and Learn Center, and given tenure the first year.

In 1995 Merchant Tilt was hired by USA Schools and earned tenure in her second year there. She taught high school and middle school students during her 21 years with the district and was named Walmart Teacher of the Year in 1997 and Health Teacher of the Year in the State of Michigan in 2005. She was also the recipient of a Crystal Apple Teaching Award by the USA School Board along with numerous other honors during her teaching career.

"I have never had less than an effective teacher evaluation until this year," said Merchant Tilt. "I was placed in the middle school to teach sixth-grade English language arts and social studies, for the first time, for the 2015-2016 school year. I had never taught this grade or these classes before. I am also on the highest rail of the pay scale and high in seniority after teaching at USA for 21 years.

"MEA (officials have) advised me that this is all I can say due to upcoming litigation," added Merchant Tilt, who is also president of the local Unionville Sebewaing Education Association (USEA) and serves as grievance chair.

"She has been very vocal as a union rep and about grievances," Burleson said of Merchant Tilt.

Several phone calls to USA Supt. George Rierson – seeking comment on the Merchant Tilt situation — were not returned.

Operation Christmas Child on tap

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In all, four states in the Great Lakes Region contributed 904,666 shoeboxes, and the combined 13 regions in the United States donated a whopping 8,765,637 shoeboxes in 2015. Globally, Samaritan's Purse volunteers collected another 2,447,373 shoeboxes from Canada, the United Kingston, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Finland, Spain, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

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KINGSTON'S Brian Hobson was timed in 19:54 Saturday for the men champs of the Cass City invite.

Kingston boys, Brown City girls win local invitational

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Lane Torrey and Michael Bombard turned in Top 10 finishes Saturday at the Cass City Invitational to lead the Kingston cross country team to championship honors at the multi-school gathering.

The Cardinals held off Deckerville 61-81 for bragging rights over the weekend, while Sandusky finished third with a total of 88. Next in the men's team standings was Cass City with 97, followed by Mayville 124, Harbor Beach 125, Carsonville-Port Sanilac 156, Brown City 166 and Dryden 195.

Torrey was the third individual runner to the end line with a time of 17:51. Bombard was clocked in 19:03 and placed tenth. Also for the Cardinals, Aric Hobson handed in a time of 19:32, Brain Hobson 19:54 and Nathan Cloyd 20:51.

The hosts, meanwhile, were led by Zane Wright. The Red Hawk junior ran an exciting neck-and-neck race with Deckerville's Stephen Barker for medalist honors, before finishing as the runner-up with a time of 17:29. Barker was timed in 17:28.

Next for Cass City, in a time of 20:08, was Race Woloshen. He was followed closely by Red Hawk Hayden Larkin with a time of 20:16. Fourth to the tape for the home team was Drew Markel with a time of 21:04 followed immediately by Chase Winter in 21:07.

In the women's field, Brown City was first with a score of 37, while the complete team scoring had Cass City with 43, Millington 68 and Unionville-Sebewaing Area 71.

Cass City had the 7th and 8th individual finishers in sophomores Kacey Haire and Layna Mathewson. Haire turned in a time of 22:29 in her first race of the season, Mathewson recorded a personnel-best time of 22:37.

"We had a special runner, as Kacey decided to compete in the home cross country meet as there was no volleyball tournament this weekend," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Following closely for Cass City was Josie Loomis in 11th place in 23:11. The final two scorers for the Lady Red Hawks were Mary Muter in 19th place with a new personnel record of 23:59 and Marla Muter in 27th with a new personnel record of 25:41.

For Kingston, Jade DeLong, Tanoy Sudhisanrona and Lohr Smith had times of 23:37, 35:00 and 36:23, respectively.

Owen-Gage's Carley Haldane completed the 5,000 meter run in 23:56.

LADY RED Hawk Layna Mathewson turned in a time of 22:37 over the weekend at the Cass City Invitational.

CASS CITY'S Kelsey Bouverette (12) and Megan Graham keep a close eye on Red Hawk setter Sayge Cuthrell (7) during GTW play against host USA.

Playoff implications on the line Friday in Cass City

A pair of Greater Thumb West playoff contenders will square off Friday in the recreational park to wrap up conference play in 2016.

Cass City pounded Vassar 46-6 and Reese thrashed Bad Axe 48-0 to set up the must win game. Both teams improved to 2-2 in the GTW with the easy wins and this week's final home regular season home game is rated a toss-up as they have nearly identical stats on the year, including league losses against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and USA.

For Cass City to be successful, another outstanding performance from the team's offensive line like the one turned in against Vassar will be needed.

"Great win to set up a showdown with Reese," said Cass City Coach Scott Cuthrell. "I thought our line really did a nice job blocking allowing our backs to tear it up."

Reese, too, relies heavily on their run game. They racked up 309 yards against Bad Axe to improve to 5-2. Although the Rockets can guarantee themselves a spot in the post season with a victory in either of their final two contests, they face a tough Essexville Garber squad to end the regular season. The Dukes' only defeats on the season were courtsey of Frankenmuth and Millington.

For Cass City to automatically reach the post season they must win out. The Red Hawks will be heavy favorites in their final regular season game at Caro.

Cass City running backs Brad Hacker, Nick Perry, TJ Moore and Luke Stern were the benefactors on the strong offensive line showing against the defending GTW champion Vulcans. Hacker gained 149 rushing yards on 22 carries and two touchdowns, Perry added 94 yard rushing on 14 attempts and three TDs, while Moore was credited with 72 rushing yards on 10 totes and one score. Stern chipped in 22 rushing yard on six carries.

Defensively, Stern and Kyle Schmotzer split eight tackles to lead Cass City, while Sandyn Cuthrell picked off his second pass on the season.

Owen-Gage rebounds against Hale

A big opening half was enough to return Owen-Gage to the win column Friday at Hale.

The Bulldogs responded from last week's loss to New Haven Merritt – ending a string of 16 regular season wins – with a 34-18 decision to improve to 6-1 and qualifying for post season play for the 6th consecutive year.

Workhorse Jacob Warack paced the winners on offense with 297 rushing yards on 29 carries and three touchdowns. He received plenty of help from teammate David Binder who chipped in 81 rushing yards on 15 attempts. Binder also had 21 yards receiving on a pair of catches from quarterback Aaron Fahrner. Fahrner completed 3-of-4 passes, including a touchdown strike to Derek Vincent.

Owen-Gage led 14-6 after one quarter and 26-12 after two. Hale sliced the advantage to 26-18 in the third quarter, but wouldn't get any closer.

Defensively, Binder, Vincent and Warack led the charge for Owen-Gage. Binder and Vincent each recorded a dozen tackles, while Warack collected nine stops and three interceptions.

Ubly blanks Memphis

Ubly secured at least a share of the Greater Thumb East championship

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USA spikers avenge early season setback

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Winning on the Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School gym floor doesn't come easy. Over the years, there have been numerous beat downs delivered by the Patriots to their guests and last week's whipping of the Cass City volleyball team should come as little surprise to most Thumb area fans.

After falling to the Red Hawks in a 4-game match early in the season, USA avenged the setback in convincing fashion Thursday with straight game decisions of 26-24, 25-9 and 25-21 in Greater Thumb West action.

While escaping from the Patriot gym with victory doesn't come easy, that wasn't always the case. In fact, in 1980 the Cass City boys' basketball team was on hand for the opening game on the Patriots' new gym floor. Red Hawks Ken Martin, Todd Comment, Craig Toni, and others spoiled the hosts' first game ever at their facility with a big win in front of a capacity crowd.

However, throughout the seasons there have been more victories for USA than losses. Two of the more memorable setbacks handed to Cass City came during basketball season. In the 2013-14 campaign, the Lady Patriots held Cass City scoreless from the field during a 55-5 thrashing. In 2008 USA's Tim Holland tossed in his first 3-pointer of the season to defeat Cass City at the buzzer 50-47 in district play. Holland took an in-bounds pass, turned and fired from near half court with just .9 of a second remaining in regulation.

Judging by USA's recent success against the Cass City spikers, big wins aren't limited to basketball season in Sebewaing.

Game One saw USA jump in front, 8-4 and 19-12, before Cass City used an 8-1 run to catch their hosts at 20-20. From there the teams exchanged tallies to 23-23 and 24-24, before a Cass City unforced error vaulted the Patriots to the Game One decision.

Game Two saw USA score five unanswered points to open the middle game. Unlike the maiden game, Cass City never challenged their host on the way to a double digit defeat.

In Game Three, USA continued to have their way, scoring the game's first four points and never looked back.

Sayge Cuthrell led Cass City with seven kills, seven assists and 60 sets, while Lauren Dickinson chipped in

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OWEN-GAGE running back Jake Warack (14) picks up good yardage in Friday's contest with Hale. The Bulldogs upped their record to 6-1 with a 34-18 road victory.

Millington spikers bow

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six kills and 23 digs. The Red Hawks also had Bailee Ross with 34 sets and seven assists, Kacey Haire with six kills and Baylee Murphy, 20 digs.

MILLINGTON

Also last week, Cass City took out host Millington in non-conference play with decisions of 25-14, 25-20 and 25-14 on Tuesday.

The winners had Cuthrell with five kills, 36 sets and two blocks, while Kelsey Bouverette had six kills and four blocks, Haire seven kills, Dickinson five kills and Ross 36 sets.

Defensively for the visitors, Baylee Murphy and Riley Klein had 13 and 11 digs, respectively.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Greater Thumb West

Team	W	L	W	L
USA	4	0	6	1
EPBP	3	1	6	1
Reese	2	2	5	2
Cass City	2	2	4	3
Vassar	1	3	2	5
Bad Axe	0	4	1	6

Greater Thumb East

Team	W	L	W	L
Ubly	4	0	7	0
Harbor Beach	3	1	4	3
Brown City	3	1	3	4
Sandusky	2	2	2	5
Marlette	0	4	0	7
Memphis	0	4	0	7

North Central Thumb 8-Man

Team	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	4	0	7	0
Peck	2	1	5	2
Dryden	3	2	4	3
Mayville	2	2	3	4
Kingston	1	2	3	3
North Huron	0	5	0	7

Mid-Michigan Coastal 8-Man

Team	W	L	W	L
Owen-Gage	4	1	6	1
Caseville	2	3	2	5
CPS	1	3	1	5
Akron-Fair.	0	5	0	7

Mid-Michigan Inland 8-Man

NH Merritt	5	0	7	0
Flint Int.	3	1	4	2
Hale	2	3	4	3
B. Madison	2	3	3	4

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Greater Thumb West

Team	W	L
Reese	6	0
Cass City	4	2
Bad Axe	3	2
USA	3	2
EPBP	1	5
Vassar	0	6

Greater Thumb East

Team	W	L
Brown City	7	0
Ubly	4	3
Marlette	2	4
Memphis	2	4
Harbor Beach	2	4
Sandusky	2	4

Bearcats win

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Friday with a 43-0 home victory over Memphis.

The shutout win improves the Bearcats to 4-0 in conference play and 7-0 overall entering this week's contest at Harbor Beach. The Pirates stand at 3-1 in the GTE and 4-3 overall.

Ubly last went undefeated in the regular season in 2010, following back-to-back perfect seasons in 2009 and 2008.

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USA at Vassar	USA	USA	USA	USA
Ubly at Harbor Beach	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Caro -vs- Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth	Frankenmuth
(8-man contest)				
Kingston at Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Caseville at Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Hale at Merritt	Hale	Hale	Hale	Hale
LAST WEEK	6 - 1	6 - 1	6 - 1	6 - 1
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CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/14	Ubly Invite	3:00 p.m.
9/17	Holly Invite	7:40 a.m.
9/22	Frankenmuth Invite	TBD
9/24	EPB Lakers Invite	10:00 a.m.
10/1	Wagener Park Invite (Sandusky)	7:30 a.m.
10/8	**Cass City Invite**	**9:00 a.m.**
10/15	Reese Invite	9:30 a.m.
10/18	GTC League @ Vassar	4:30 p.m.
10/22	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:00 a.m.
10/28-29	Regional @ Deckerville	TBA

VOLLEYBALL (JV & VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/10	Caro (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/15	**USA**	**6:00 p.m.**
9/17	Caro (JV)	8:30 a.m.
9/17	Bay City Western (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/20	Reese	6:00 p.m.
9/22	**Vassar**	**6:00 p.m.**
9/24	USA (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/27	EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
9/29	**Bad Axe**	**6:00 p.m.**
10/4	Millington	5:30 p.m.
10/6	USA	6:00 p.m.
10/11	**Reese**	**6:00 p.m.**
10/13	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
10/18	**EPB Lakers**	**6:00 p.m.**
10/20	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
10/22	EPB Laker (V)	10:00 a.m.
10/25	**Caro**	**6:00 p.m.**
10/31-11/5	Dist Tourny	TBA

JR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
9/14	Mayville
9/19	**Reese**
9/21	USA
9/26	**Vassar**
9/28	**Harbor Beach**
10/3	Kingston

DATE	OPPONENT
10/5	**Mayville**
10/10	Reese
10/12	**USA**
10/17	Vassar
10/19	Harbor Beach

ALL GAMES BEGIN AT 5:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
8/26	CC 36; Flint Hamady 22
9/1	Ubly 21; CC 16
9/9	**CC 62; Brown City 8**
9/16	USA 24; CC 20
9/23	**EPB Lakers 26; CC 20**
9/30	**CC 48; Bad Axe 8**
10/7	CC 46; Vassar 6
10/14	**Reese**
10/21	Caro

Games begin at 7 p.m.

GO! FIGHT! WIN!

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
9/20	**Vassar (no kick)**
9/27	Memphis (no kick)
10/4	**Reese (no kick)**

DATE	OPPONENT
10/11	Harbor Beach (kick)
10/18	USA (kick)
10/18	**Brown City (kick)**

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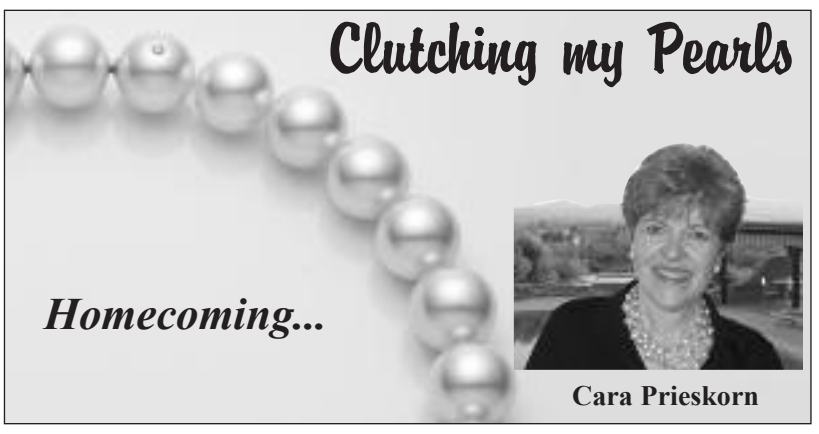

Editor's note: This is the debut of a new column in the Chronicle, penned by Cara Prieskorn, who grew up in Cass City and graduated with the same students she went to kindergarten with. From there, she attended the University of Michigan, Vassar College and Sarah Lawrence College.

She's a former longtime resident of the Hudson Valley in New York, where she owned restaurants and catered for 10 years. In her own words, Prieskorn later "started selling drugs – the legal kind for a large pharmaceutical company. When they claimed they were initiating 'employment utilization' (downsizing), I knew it was time to go home."

Who says you can't go home again? I'm coming home and I can't wait. Whenever anyone asks where I'm from, it is always "The Thumb of Michigan." The reaction is either a confused look or someone who nods and knows exactly what I mean.

I have lived in New York for 43 years, but I will always be from Michigan. This move is my 60th birthday present to me.

When I say I live in New York, people usually assume that it is New York City and I don't discourage them. The fact is, I have spent 43 years in the Hudson Valley, which is more beautiful than New York City could ever be, but it doesn't have the prestige. People respect you if you are from the city, which is viewed as an urban training ground for survival skills.

I have lived in Athens, N.Y., for 10 years. I moved in on Halloween, so let that speak for itself. It is a very small town on the Hudson River with a view of the Catskill Mountains and has a history of shipbuilding, whaling and sea captains. My home, the Old Morton House, was constructed by a shipbuilder. The house was made with beams from his ships, which I find romantic. The house has been dated to 1850 and has six bedrooms. There are only two of us, so all of this space has allowed our pack-rat tendencies, which we refer to as antiques.

Downsizing has been an emotional chore; "But gramma gave me this", "I had that T-shirt in high school", "That was my high school prom dress" (true story). My challenge is the books. I have been collecting books for years and they are now weighing me down.

In truth, collecting usually just means buying. I did get rid of most of my college books, but I pretty much stopped there with the purge. "But that book is rare. I know I have three copies and I'm going to sell them." I have never sold a book in my life.

Why move, and why to Cass City? Cass City is still home. I have family and friends here. Even after having been gone for 43 years, people still know who I am. It may be as "Matt's sister" or "Geraldine's daughter", but they know. This is the only place in the world where I don't have to spell my last name.

I have been talking about moving home for years. It is usually after some major event – a divorce, a downsizing or frustration with New York real estate taxes.

A big house never lets you forget it is there. The porch is sagging, the hedges need to be trimmed two feet, and a gutter coming off in the last storm. We don't know how to fix any of these things ourselves, so we call someone from our "staff". We have three sets of staff; one for outside, one for the inside and one for the garden. I love my friends, but I will really love these capable men. Rotting wood, falling plaster and crabgrass are all in their wheelhouse.

All this help may sound extravagant, but we have no skills in the art of home repair. I'd rather work a few more hours at my job to earn the money to pay them or trade them some catering. We just don't want to do it ourselves and spend the next year looking at a bad plaster job.

I have bought a house here in Cass City, so I have returned home. What I love about Cass City is that I graduated high school with one of my neighbors and the other neighbors have called me to discuss gardening – in a good way. I have been invited to dinner, brunch and coffee. That might happen in Athens, but not in the same week.

I consider this house new as it's only 90 years old. My absolute favorite aspect of this house is that I remember playing there as a child. Even more endearing is that my mother also played there when she was a child. Where else would I find that?

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan. Said premises are situated in the Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the NW corner of the North 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 24, T12N, R10E; running thence East 411 feet; thence South 212 feet; thence West 411 feet; thence North 212 feet to the point of beginning; c/k/a 2289 Froede, Caro, MI 48723 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.
Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, 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: September 21, 2016
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 236-1765

9-21-4

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400.
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles A. Frank, II and Arlene E. Frank, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Golden Rule Mortgages, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 20, 2004 and recorded September 1, 2004 in Liber 1006, Page 1285, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and 42/100 Dollars ($45,880.42), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on OCTOBER 20, 2016.

Said premises are located in the Village of Mayville, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:
Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 7, Block 1 of Leonard Fox's Third Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 32 now being 33A; thence West 72.50 feet; thence North 83.00 feet; thence East 72.50 feet; thence South to the point of beginning. Also a parcel of land 23 feet wide off the West end of Lot 6, Block 5 of the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Page 35-36.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: September 21, 2016
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 16-005659

9-21-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sarah M. Jones, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 17, 2003, and recorded on September 19, 2003 in Liber 955 on Page 864, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment dated September 9, 2016 , on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Two and 99/100 Dollars ($36,422.99).

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 October 20, 2016.
Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 26 and 27 of Seed's Park Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2A, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: September 21, 2016
For more information, please call:
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File #466057F01

9-21-4

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TO: Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Assignees of Wilbur Kenneth Bender (Deceased). IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to quiet title to the mobile home located at 9191 Hamilton Rd., Harrison, MI 48625. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days from the last date of publication, if you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

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9-28-3

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Enrique Solis, An Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, Mortgagee, dated December 3, 2003, and recorded on January 23, 2004 in Liber 975 on Page 968, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Independent Bank 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 Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and 68/100 Dollars ($55,155.68).
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 October 27, 2016.
Said premises are situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 13 North, Range 9 East,

Almer Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the centerline of State Road (M-81) which is Southwest 2367.3 feet from the Section corner common to Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36, Town 13 North, Range 9 East; thence continuing along said centerline, Southwest 75 feet; thence Southeast 457.75 feet; thence Northeast 155.8 feet more or less; thence along the East, North and South 1/8 line (per survey of record), Northerly 27.33 feet more or less to the Southerly corner of a parcel described in Deed Liber 534 on Page 574, Tuscola County Records; thence along the Southwesterly line of said parcel and its Northwesterly extension thereof , Northwest 171.97 feet more or less to a point which is 270 feet Southeast of the highway centerline; thence Southwest 100.8 feet more or less; thence Northwest 270 feet to the centerline of State Road (M-81) and the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: September 28, 2016
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9-28-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lesley M. Colling, as Mortgagor, to Northstar Bank, f/k/a Community Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2004 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on June 8, 2004 in Liber 995, page 1087 ("Mortgage"), and on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two and 99/100 ($110,492.99) Dollars including interest at 6.63% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said M rtgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday November 3, 2016.

Said premises described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan.
Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 16, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, described as beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 16; thence running along the West line of said Section, North 00 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds West 300.00 feet; thence parallel with the South line of Section 16, South 88 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds East, 300.00 feet; thence parallel with said West line, South 00 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds East, 300 feet to the South line of Section 16; thence along said South line, North 88 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds West, 300.00 feet to the Place of Beginning and the Southwest corner of said Section.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date at such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: October 5, 2016
NORTHSTAR BANK, Mortgagee
Zachary J. Eskau, Attorney at Law
175 Thompson Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-6272

10-5-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward F. Hervert JR, a single person, to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 19, 1998 and recorded July 16, 1998 in Liber 745, Page 5, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Ten and 61/100 Dollars ($45,110.61), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

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

Said premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:
Lots 3 and 4, Block 1 of Dubois Subdivision, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 2, Page 5, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: October 12, 2016
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 15-007489

10-12-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.
ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel N. Osterbeck AKA Daniel Osterbeck , a single man, original mortgagor(s), to CF Bancorp Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 29, 2009, and recorded on June 8, 2009 in Liber 1176 on Page 1205, and assigned by mesne assignments to 2010-3 SFR Venture, LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five and 85/100 Dollars ($44,325.85).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 10, 2016.
Said premises are situated in Township of Elmwood, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 33; thence along the West line of said Section 33, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 1897.91 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said West line of Section 33 North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 203.08 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 429.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 203.08 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 429.00 feet to the point of beginning.
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Dated: October 12, 2016
For more information, please call:
FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #460143F02

10-12-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patrick Hill, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2012, and recorded on July 17, 2012 in Liber 1255 on Page 443, and assigned by said Mortgagee to AmeriFirst Financial Corporation 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 Eighty-Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three and 23/100 Dollars ($84,193.23).

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

Said premises are situated in Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the East Section line 413 feet South of the Northeast corner of Northeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4; thence West 40 rods; thence South 250 feet; thence East 40 rods; thence North to point of beginning, all in Section 25, Township 13 North, Range 8 East.
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

Dated: October 12, 2016
For more information, please call:
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31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200
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File #460661F02

10-12-4

Obituaries

Dominik Green

Our hearts are broken, our arms are empty. Our son, Dominik Jayse Green, was born still Saturday, October 1, 2016 in Covenant Medical Center, Harrison Campus, Saginaw.
Dominik's parents are Ashley Farkas and Chris Green.
Dominik will also be missed by his siblings: Serenity, Alexander, Audrina, Daymian, Victor and Deklin; grandmothers: Sonya Teller of Cass City, Brenda Overbey of Williamsburg, KY; aunts and uncles: Kyle Hodder of Grand Rapids, Christian Mellendorf of Cass City, Mariah Mellendorf of Cass City, Holly Sayler of Kingston, TN, Gabriel Overbey of Columbus, OH; cousins: Jordin, Sadee, Ethan and Riley; great grandparents: Lena Teller, Ike and Marty Teller; great uncle, Kris Teller of Munger. Dominik is preceded in death by his uncle, Andrew Teller and grandfather Ira Overbey.
Dominik's funeral service was held Wednesday, October 5, in Kranz Funeral Home Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.
Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.
Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

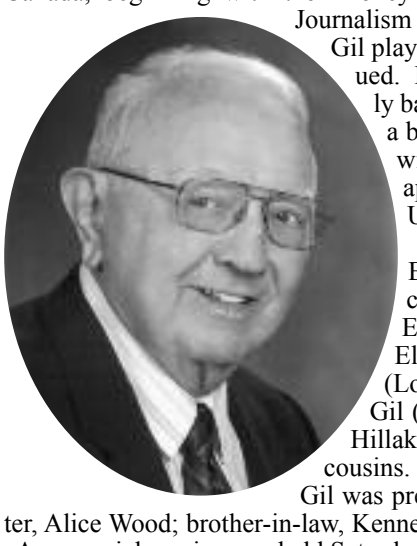
Roger Pohlod

Roger John Pohlod, 70, of Deford, died following a long battle with cancer Monday, October 3, 2016 in Sanilac County Medical Care Facility, Sandusky.
He was born January 1, 1946 in Cass City to John and Hellen (Woloshen) Pohlod.
He married Mary Ann Sabo November 28, 1969 in St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot.
Roger graduated from Kingston High School. Farming was in his blood and from the time he was a young boy he worked on area dairy farms. Roger worked for Marlette Homes, and later worked for Marv Wilcox doing masonry work. He also brokered hay for a few years. For the last many years Roger worked for Osentoski Realty as a real estate agent. A favorite activity of Roger's was watching football, especially the Detroit Lions. He enjoyed cows, kids, grandkids and listening to polka music.

Roger is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; children: Nicholas (Michele) Pohlod of Cass City, Damian (Lindy) Pohlod of Kingston, Victor (Liz Phillips) Pohlod of Deford, Adrian (Michelle Essex) Pohlod of Cass City, Andrea (Brady) Eldridge of Mayville; grandchildren: Kelsey (Jacob) Verbeek, Kylie Westerby, Trent Pohlod, Mason Roger Pohlod, Kate Pohlod, Brad Pohlod, Lucas Swiderski, Lance Swiderski, Abby Essex, Logan Boyle and baby Connor Eldridge due in November; brother: Daniel (Virginia) Pohlod of Kingston; cousins: Ron Woloshen and Race Woloshen; Mary Ann's family: Delores Sabo, Vera (Roger) Bouck, Luella (John) Krug, Louie (Rochelle) Sabo, Madelene (Bill) Parker, Mike Sabo and Michelle Sabo; and many nieces and nephews. Roger will also be missed by his real estate family, especially Dave Osentoski, Corey Michalski, and Gloria Walker.
Roger was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law, Tom Sabo.
A funeral service was held Thursday, October 6, in Our Lady Consolata Parish St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot.
Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Wilmot. Pallbearers for Mr. Pohlod will be: Jacob Verbeek, Ron Bouck, Nathan Bouck, Bryon Pohlod, Luke Krug and Mike Sabo Jr.
Memorials may be made to Tuscola County 4-H, Our Lady Consolata Parish St. Michael Catholic Church, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.
Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.
Military honors were under the direction of the U.S. Army and Kingston AMVETS Post #1072.
Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Ernest Schwaderer

Ernest "Ernie" "Gil" Gilmore Schwaderer, 84, of Cass City died following a long illness Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center, Marlette.
He was born December 31, 1931 in Cass City, the youngest of three children born to Ernest L. and Thelma (Nettleton) Schwaderer.
He married Constance Louise Bartle April 8, 1978 in Cass City. Gil graduated from Cass City High School in 1950, from the University of Michigan in 1959, and from Michigan State University in 1957 and 1968, completing both his Bachelor and Master's degree studying English and Journalism. After high school Gil took a year and traveled with Tom Schwaderer all over Europe. He served in the U.S. Army from February 1953 to December 1955, including 14 months in Alaska. Gil enjoyed traveling. He and Connie shared many trips throughout the U.S. and Canada, beginning with their honeymoon trip to London and Scotland. Gil taught high school English and Journalism from 1959 through 1990 at Bad Axe High School and at Alpena High School.



Gil played football and basketball while in high school and his love of sports continued. He enjoyed watching college and professional sports on television, especially basketball. Gil loved to read, especially mysteries. He always wanted to write a book of his own. Gil served on the Historical Society Board and was always willing to help Katie Jackson with whatever project she had for him. He was appointed to the Rawson Memorial Library Board. Gil attended Cass City United Methodist Church with Connie.
Gil is survived by his wife, Connie; stepchildren: Cynthia (Robert) Beauchamp of Bay City, Craig (Donna) Langmaid of Bridgeport; step grandchildren: Autumn Langmaid, CJ Langmaid, Adam Lalko, Russell Lalko, Erica Langmaid, Andrea (Nick) Davis; great-grandchildren: Kaelean, Zaedin, Ella Grace, Christopher, Elizabeth, Corbin, Jasmine, Madison; sister, June (Lorn) Hillaker of Cass City; sister-in-law: Kathleen (Roy) Tuckey; nephews: Gil (Elizabeth) Wood, Alec (Sarah) Wood, Joe (Becky) Hillaker, Dave (Cheryl) Hillaker, Clark Hillaker; nieces: Megan Wood, Elizabeth (Joe) Mark; and many cousins.
Gil was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Laurence and Helen Bartle; sister, Alice Wood; brother-in-law, Kenneth Wood; stepson, Christopher Langmaid; stepgrandson, David.
A memorial service was held Saturday, October 8, in Cass City United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jackie Roe officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church or United Hospice of Marlette. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Military honors were under the direction of the U.S. Army and Cass City VFW Post #3644.
Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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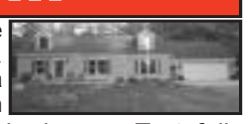
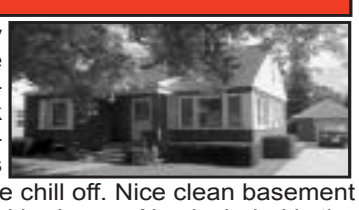


This home sets back from the road in a very private setting. Great for a large family or a family that likes their own space. The house features 5 bedrooms. Tastefully decorated. 2 car attached garage and bonus - there's an outdoor wood burning stove already set up to heat the house in addition to the lp gas furnace. There's a nice driving trail that leads to the back of the property which is an open area with a pond. Cass City schools. CC-130

CUTE & COZY!!!



Cute and cozy home in the village of Cass City. 2 bedroom 1 bath brick home with hardwood floors. Gas fireplace to take the chill off. Nice clean basement with a possible third bedroom. Also included is the extra lot behind the house. Lots of room in the huge backyard. This is a must see home call today!!

CUSTOM BUILT!!!

The main floor has a gorgeous kitchen with dining area and built-in desk. Around the corner you'll find the formal dining room, living room has a gas fireplace. The master bedroom has a walk-in closet and a master bath with shower, garden tub and double sink. Main floor laundry room with a 1/2 bath. Moving down to the basement you'll find a huge family room with bar, a 1/2 bath, The family room leads out to the stamped concrete patio that has a stairway taking you up to the deck that you enter from the living room.

HUNTERS!!!

Attention Hunters - Over the river and through the woods. That's only part of what you get with this 85 +/- acres. Not only does the Cass River run through the property there is also a cabin with garage, shed, fruit trees and food plots. Call listing agent for tour. A-918

SOLD!!!

3 bedroom, 2 bath home in the village of Mayville. Needs work, but still has some nice woodwork and features left in the home. Plenty of uniqueness in the home. Cash buyer.
M-178

SOLD!!!

10 acres with a 3 bedroom home. 70% of the acreage is wooded, great hunting. The property also has a pond and mature fruit trees. Nice and private. The home has been well taken care of. New roof 2 years ago. Move in ready. There is also a small storage shed for your mower and toys. Come take a look. CC-710

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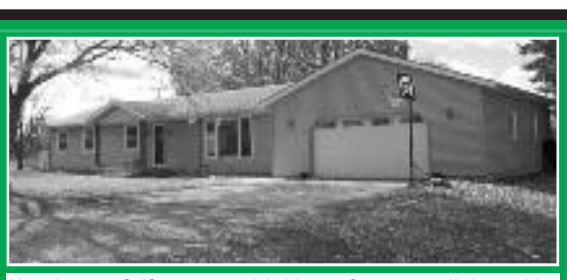
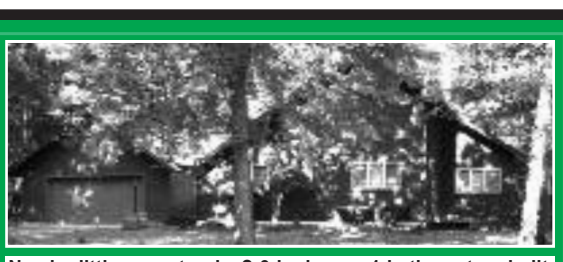


Need room? If you are thinking of country living, this may be the place! This spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch sets on 5 acres and features a 2-1/2 car garage and pond. This Ranch has been completely updated and is waiting for new owners! CY2713



Need a little room to play? 3 bedroom, 1 bath custom built 1,100 square foot, energy efficient home with an attached 2-car plus garage and a 20' x 12' storage shed, on 5 wooded acres. Home has hardwood floors and trim, vaulted ceiling in the living room with French doors leading to an 18' x 28' deck with a great view of nature and the abundant wild life. Home is move in condition. Cass City Schools. CY2727

6 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on a beautiful 2 acre setting. Home was a former AFC home but would also make a great home for a larger family. Property also has a 2 bedroom guesthouse. Call today this is a must see.

2 bedroom, 1 bath adorable home on a nice corner lot. It has attached 1 car garage. Inside the home has had some updating.

Victorian Otter Lake Charm - 1800's home with the character and workmanship of yesteryear devastated by fire! Walking distance to Otter Lake Park. Beautiful stone wraparound porch. Back of home destroyed - lots of potential. TO786

HUD home. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath home located in the Village of Kingston walking distance to school. Home features a formal dining room with a bow window, nice sized kitchen, large living room, full unfinished basement and a large 1.5 car detached garage with workshop. Home needs some updating and repairs. TO798

News briefs

"When Hollywood Went to War" set

CASS CITY – The Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society has partnered with Cass City VFW Post 3644 to present a special soup and supper program entitled "When Hollywood Went to War".

The event is slated for Monday, Oct. 17, with a soup supper at 6 p.m., following by the program at 7 p.m. The presentation will feature guests Dave and Al Eicher.

"When Hollywood Went to War" is the real life story of nearly 90 celebrities who served in the U.S. military during World War II. These 1940's celebrities took time out of their successful careers to protect and preserve their country's freedom. The upcoming presentation will include where they served, as well as war bond rallies and USO shows.

The public is welcome to attend this free program.

Internet safety program focus

CASS CITY - Cass City Public Schools will host two programs in the gym on Internet safety, presented my Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Mark Swales.

There will be a program Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m., for students in seventh through twelfth grade, and a program that night at 7 p.m. for parents.

ITC to conduct line inspections

THUMB AREA – ITC will be conducting aerial inspections of high-voltage transmission towers and lines in the Thumb today (Wednesday) through Tuesday, Oct. 25, weather permitting.

Crews will check for damaged or worn equipment and vegetation hazards. The inspections are done at low altitudes.

Kingston book fair set Oct. 17-21

KINGSTON - The Kingston School District will host a book fair Monday, Oct. 17, through Friday, Oct. 21.

Classes will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m., Oct. 20, for parent - teacher conferences, and there will be no school Friday, Oct. 28, so teachers can participate in professional development.

Ubly Schools nominated for contest

UBLY - Both Ubly Elementary and Ubly Junior-Senior High School have been nominated for the Investing in Youth Contest through Independent Bank.

To vote for the school, go to the Website https://independentbank.com, click on the "Investing In Youth" tab at the bottom right of the page, click on the "view entries" tab at the bottom of that page, and type "Ubly" in the search entries, then box five to submit a vote. Voting is open through Monday, Oct. 17.

Fundraiser to benefit rescue efforts

CARO - Cass River Pet FriendZ will host a spooktacular Halloween dance and costume contest from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Brentwood, 178 Park Dr., Caro.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three costumes. There will be a 50-50 drawing, and live music by the "Leftovers" (must be at least 21 years old and admission is $5 fee, with the proceeds going to help the group's rescue efforts).

Knitting some warmth in Kingston...

WHILE MOST area residents may not be ready for another Michigan winter, some Kingston Community School students are prepared for Old Man Winter. For six years, Helen Sefton has knitted dozens of hats for third-grade students, and the students pictured above are wearing the latest ones she made.

Child support

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"It is one thing to exceed goals and it is another to know that when you do, children and families are benefiting from that accomplishment," Frisch added.

Child support program leadership sets annual goals for program performance based on federal requirements for earned incentive dollars to the states. The counties honored exceeded those goals based on preliminary fiscal year end measures.

Kalkaska County, for example, obtained orders in 87 percent of cases, collected on 83 percent of the cases with debt, collected 75 percent of current support owed, and achieved 105 percent of the goal for establishing paternity. The percentage can be higher than 100 percent if more children have paternity established in the time period than the total number of children needing paternity for that same time period.

Counties are categorized by size of the child support caseload. The child support office awards the highest performing extra-small, small, medium, large and urban counties.

Michigan's child support system ensures families receive the financial support they deserve, while focusing on a holistic approach to serving them. More than 800,000 families receive child support services from Michigan. Total statewide collections exceed $1.3 billion annually.

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