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False cargo certifications land man in federal court

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A U.S. District Court Judge sentenced a Cass City man to one year and one day incarceration for falsely certifying and marking cargo tanks used to transport liquid and gaseous cargos, including explosive materials, as having passed mandatory federal hazardous materials testing.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Ludington handed the sentence down to Garald Bennett, 72, Cass City, early last week in Bay City, describing Bennett's work as "dangerously ineffective."

Acting U.S. Attorney Daniel L. Lemisch, who announced the sentencing, said Bennett falsely certified and marked cargo tanks as having passed hydrostatic pressure and wet fluorescent magnetic particle tests as required by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety Act.

'The sentencing of Garald Bennett related to falsely certifying and marking certain cargo tanks as having passed required safety tests is a clear signal that severe penalties await those that would seek to circumvent hazardous materials transportation laws," said Thomas J. Ullom, regional special agent-in-charge of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Office of Inspector General.

"Working with our federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial colleagues, we will continue our vigorous efforts to ensure the integrity of DOT's HAZMAT safety program," Ullom added.

According to court documents, Bennett managed LPG Service and Leasing LLC (LPG), a cargo tank testing facility in Cass City, where he supervised the employ-Please turn to page 6.



CASS CITY High School junior CarLee Stimpfel explains his wave project demonstration during last Wednesday's third annual Cass City STEM Fair, which featured more than 90 different student projects – created by some 125 students — involving biology, agriculture, robotics, chemistry and physics. See story, page 16.

Traffic crash claims life of Caro driver

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A single-vehicle traffic crash claimed the life of a Caro man Thursday in Tuscola County's Ellington Township.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro identified the victim as 28-year-old Trevor Pierce.

According to reports, troopers were dispatched to Hurds Corner Road near Little Road at about 4 p.m. They discovered a vehicle that had left the roadway and came to rest upside down in the Cass River. The exact time of the crash is unknown.

Troopers, who said the victim was deceased at the scene, determined alcohol may have been a contributing factor.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, MMR Ambulance and the Caro Fire Department all assisted troopers at the scene.

The accident remains under investigation. Troopers are asking anyone who may have witnessed the crash to contact the Caro post at (989) 673-2156.

Novesta meet to address alternative energy rules

by Mary Drier **Special for the Chronicle**

Novesta Township officials are expected to address the issue of controlling alternative energy development.

Although there is no wind farm development planned in the near future in the township, some land owners have been contacted by solar companies about development.

In response, the township's planning commission recommended a resolution for a moratorium on wind farms and solar farms as well as on Medical Marijuana Act (MMA) businesses for nine months or until such time that the planning commission updates Novesta's current zoning

That was recommended of attorney Brian Garner, and the township board agreed.

There will be a planning commission meeting Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30

p.m. at the Cass City Gun Club, 2676 N. Englehart Rd., Cass City. "The township is in the process of doing an update on the zoning ordinances to address wind, solar, and MMA," said township Clerk Joann Peters. "The moratorium will give us time to develop ordinances to ad-Please turn to page 16.

Special meeting on tap tonight in Cass City

by Clarke Haire **Publisher**

The Cass City Village Council

will hold a special meeting tonight

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(Wednesday) to award bids to replace the roof and the water heater at the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool. The gathering starts at 6

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Nurse practitioners integral part of local health care scene

by Mary Drier Special for the Chronicle

As baby-boomers age, the need for medical services increases.

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City has a network of clinics throughout the Thumb area to meet that need. They have numerous doctors who offer a variety of

medical services along with several nurse practitioners who also provide health care services in coordination with the physicians. Hills and Dales General Hospital

has 10 nurse practitioners that work alongside doctors to provide quality care for patients, explained Danielle Blaine, Hills and Dales director of community relations.

Marlene Schank FNP-BC (family nurse practitioner-board certified) is one of those nurse practitioners. She works at the Cass City Medical Practice, 4674 Hill St., Cass City, along with Dr. John Bitner and Dr. Richard Hall.

"I had an aunt who was a nurse. She would talk about her day and some of the things she did," Schank recalled of her early interest in health care. "I listened to her talk about her profession. Helping people sounded interesting. I wanted to be a nurse since I was a little girl."

Although becoming a nurse was her life-long dream, Schank didn't start her nursing career until she

She is the mother of five children and a grandmother of eight. She has a daughter who has gone on to become a nurse and a granddaughter who is also entering the field.

"Being a nurse is something they wanted to do. I really love what I do. It's very rewarding, but I didn't push them about being a nurse," said Schank.

In many cases, nurse practitioners perform the same functions as physicians, including identifying and treating acute and chronic illnesses, ordering and analyzing labs and other diagnostic tests, and prescribing medications.

A key difference is that physi-Please turn to page 6.



TO HELP meet demand for medical services, clinics are using nurse practitioners like Marlene Schank, FNP-BC. Schank works at the Cass City Medical Practice, 4674 Hill St., Cass City, which is part of Hills and Dales General Hospital. The hospital utilizes the services of 10 nurse practitioners. (Mary Drier photo)

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by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

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Norma Abbott



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a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from Daven-

port University.

"She will be seeing patients on the inpatient floor and at Cass City Medical Practice," noted Danielle Blaine, Hills and Dales General Hospital

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nurse practitioner. She resides in Caro with her family." Caverly, FNP-BC, recently

graduated from SVSU with a Master of Science in Nurs-

was 36 years old.

While physicians are formally





TWO AREA SCHOOLS recently united in an effort to create a magical moment for their young ladies. Owen-Gage Schools hosted a daddydaughter dance that included invited guests from USA schools. "The dance included music by a DJ, food and an opportunity to have portraits taken by a photographer," Owen-Gage Administrative Assistant Mary Ann Minkler said. "With attendance nearing 100 people, a fun time was had by all as the ladies danced the night away with the special men in their lives."

Special meeting scheduled for tonight

Continued from page one.

The contracts for replacing the roof and for the installation of a new pool boiler were originally to be award at the council's regular March meeting held on March 22.

But confusion in the language included -and not included- in the bid application forced village officials to re-bid the process. Three contractors submitted bids to replace the roof and two contractors supplied quotes to replace the

'I just ask that all the contractors be licensed and insured," said Tracy Moore, owner of TDM Construction.

In other business last week, the council also heard Chris Townley's plan to complete a Water System Asset Management Plan for a cost of \$7,500.00 and to provide design and engineering services for Water Main Crossings and Sewer Main Crossings of Seeger Street. Townley Engineering, LLC estimated costs for the crossings at \$11,200 and \$9,240, respectively. Details of Townley's engineering services are available for review at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street.

"The MDEQ requires an asset management plan," explained In-terim Village Manager Lou LaPonsie of the expense to develop a strategy for safe drinking water, "We had no choice."

The council also purchased a Kubota F3990 Lawn Mower for a cost of \$29,200 from Farm Depot in Caro. Included with the new tractor is a cab and snow thrower.

It's something we can use all year long, Gary Barnes, DPW Superintendent, said.

In financial matters, the council approved, filed and accepted the financial statements ending Feb. 28, 2017 showing a cash balance of \$1.626 million.

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Fun By The Numbers

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Here's How It Works:

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Are you comfortable talking about depression, anxiety or mental illness in general? Most people are not, but you can be by taking a Mental Health First Aid Course.

Mental health issues are not character flaws or signs of personal or moral weakness. They are conditions that have a variety of causes, symptoms, and treatments. The truth is, mental illness can happen to anyone and is very common.

Take the course, save a life, strengthen your community.



Register for Mental Health First Aid April 18, 2017 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 129 E. Burnside St., Caro The class is FREE.

> To register please call 989.673.6191 or at: www.tbhsonline.com

Mental Health First Aid is a public education program that builds understanding of the signs and symptoms of mental illness and addiction and teaches participants how to respond to a person in crisis and to connect the person with the appropriate professional, peer, social or self-help care.



If you or a loved one is in crisis, call Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems 24 hour emergency services at 989.673.6191 • 800.462.6814 Services are confidential.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire Publisher Tom Montgomery Editor

Changes in lifestyle can cut cancer risk

Spring marks the start of new life of all kinds in Michigan, and there's no better time for all of us to take a look at our own personal lifestyles to ensure we're doing all we can to enjoy many more years of good health.

According to a recently released survey from the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR), many Americans are unaware of key risk factors for cancer.

To encourage healthy lifestyle changes that reduce the risk of cancer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is encouraging residents of all ages to take steps today to improve their health in the future.

"Michiganders need to become more aware of everyday lifestyle habits that increase cancer risk factors so they can make mindful decisions and healthy choices," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with MDHHS. "To reduce cancer risk, maintain a healthy body weight, be physically active, limit alcohol, and try to eat healthier – more fruits and vegetables – and less red and processed meats."

Fewer than half of the people who were surveyed by the AICR were aware of well-established lifestyle-related risk factors for cancer, including inactivity, obesity, consumption of alcohol, diets high in red meat, diets low in vegetables and fruits, and consumption of processed meats.

In contrast, a majority of survey respondents believed that genetic disposition had a significant effect on whether or not the average person will develop cancer. In reality, an estimated 90 to 95 percent of cancers develop in individuals who lack these genes.

According to the Cancer Plan for Michigan 2016-2020, to reduce the risk of cancer, all Michiganders are encouraged to make the following changes to their habits:

*Reduce or eliminate the use of tobacco or smokeless tobacco products,

*Reduce their amount of heavy or binge drinking,

*Ensure that all females and males ages 13-17 years have received the HPV vaccine series,

*Increase physical activity levels as appropriate for each age group, and

*Increase fruit and vegetable intake, and reduce red and processed meats consumption.

Additionally, residents should work to maintain a healthy weight, know about their family cancer history and receive the appropriate genetic counseling if there is a family history of breast and/or ovarian cancer, and ensure that youth are aware of the protective measures they should take to prevent skin cancer.

For more information about steps residents can take to reduce their risk of cancer and make healthy lifestyle changes, visit www.michigan.gov/cancer. In addition, smokers trying to quit are encouraged to call the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) for free, confidential help.

Keep in mind that lifestyle choices aren't the only key to staying cancer-free or beating cancer; it's also vital to stay on top of screenings such as those designed to detect cervical, breast, colorectal and lung cancer. An early diagnosis often greatly improves the chances for survival.

Drier Humor by Mary Drier

Penalty flags, handcuffs and guns



I totally love football! From the time the game on Super Bowl Sunday ends until action on the gridiron starts again in the fall, my life is just an empty.

I follow a couple of colleges and watch as many progames as I can...even the Lions. After all, they are our state's pro team. I even switched satellite television companies to be able to get the NFL Sunday ticket.

To fill the void until football starts, I watch a few hockey games and boxing matches. To me, unless there is physical contact with tackling, hitting or punching, it is not a real sport, so I don't follow baseball, golf, soccer or bowling. That's why I find those sports along with watching hunting and fishing programs as exciting as watching paint dry.

I digress. Anyway, I was surprised when the news report came out that Patriot's Quarterback Tom Brady's jersey was found. I was really surprised that the FBI was involved in tracking down an item of clothing that had been stained with sweat.

The reaction to that news was almost equal to my reaction on to how the heck did the Falcons end up blowing a 25-point, third-quarter lead (I'm still befuddled over that turn of events). I'm generally pretty good about picking who will win, and had bet on the Falcons. Although I normally root for the Patriots, I was cheering on the Falcons during the Super Bowl because I felt it was time another team had a chance to bask in the limelight.

Brady's jersey was stolen during the hectic moments after the teams stunning win. For nearly two months, the purloined Patriot jersey has made headline.

The theft was treated as a felony by law enforcement — another surprise. But then I thought about the potential resale of such a historic piece of sport's history, and how it could fetch several hundreds of thousands of dollars. Some speculated about half a million dollars might be paid for it.

Anyway, the FBI got involved because it became an international incident. It was allegedly recovered from a person in Mexico.

I cannot help but wonder, among with felony and misdemeanor charges that will be filed against the perpetrator, if there might be an additional charge.

Letters to the Editor

Our judges should be elected, not appointed

Editor,

I didn't write this "letter to the editor" to strike a nerve in Jerome "Whitey" Pawlosky. I wrote this letter to see if I could get people with his way of thinking to see the light of day.

We need judges but not like what we have in the 9th District Court. These judges don't follow the law that they were appointed to follow.

Why is "Whitey" so happy that these judges stopped President Trump's executive order to ban these people from the Middle East from coming to the United States for 120 days until we can do a good job vetting them? He mentioned Timothy McVey — I wonder how many Timothy McVeys are there in the 110,000 individuals that President Obama let into our country because the CIA and FBI keep saying there is no way we can vet them?

The ones Obama let in last year — 60 of them are locked up already and the FBI is tracking 300 of them that want to do us harm. I don't want taxpayers' money tracking them. They should be deported.

If the President would try to do that, we would have these bleeding heart liberal judges trying to stop him.

Whitey, do you remember a few years back when a judge rose up acting like God and stopped wolf hunting in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota? He probably can't distinguish the difference between a dog and a wolf. We might as well get rid of our biologists because these judges claim to know everything.

And the people overwhelmingly voted to have a marriage between a man and a woman, but a judge knew better and overruled us.

To stop these judges, we have to vote them in. No appointments for life terms.

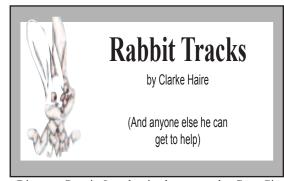
Why don't you and your liberal friends just stop crying? President Trump won't take away your First Amendment.

Robert Peruski Ubly

Does causing Brady anguish and emotional stress count as "unnecessary roughness"?

Aside from watching football, I also watch news and interviews about football. Whenever Notre Dame plays, I remember an interview several years ago by a new reporter who asked about the college's "Touchdown Jesus." The reporter asked if the coach really thought that Jesus cared about football.

Without missing a beat, he responded, "No, but His mother does." Well said!



Director Connie Iwankovitsch reports the Cass City High School play had three very successful performances - and nearly a full house every night!

She asked if the official cast photo of "Aladdin and His Wonderful, Magical Lamp," might be printed in the Chronicle to recognize the efforts of the young adults. I say, "Your wish is my command."



Top from left: Shane Hoppe, Lucas Hayes, Liz Hayes, Maddie Mandich, Sid Lintner, Melissa LaJoie, Adam Habicht, Jared Blattner, Paige Bagnall, Kjersti Herrmann, Emily Czapla, Kristen Bradley, Chyenne Novinski; Middle: Claire Kausch, Sam London, Alexis Mazure, Amy Verhines, Lydia Montei, Gene Hulburt, Jaclyn Palmer; front: Dylan Severence, Kevin Estrella, Mrs. I (director), Jay Larson.

Michigan residents have until Monday, April 3 to register to vote in the May 2 election, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson recently announced.

"Voting provides everyone with an opportunity to be heard through the ballot they cast," Johnson said. "All qualified Michigan residents are encouraged to register and then vote on Election Day."

"The importance of local elections cannot be understated because of the effect the results have on our day-to-day lives," said Johnson, Michigan's chief election officer. "I encourage all Michigan residents qualified to get registered and then cast a ballot on Election Day."

Of Michigan's 83 counties, 61 will hold elections. To find out if their community is holding an election, voters can visit www.Michigan.gov/vote for more information.

To register to vote, applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and U.S. citizens. Applicants also must be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register. Polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters may register by mail or in person at their county, city or township clerk's office or by visiting any Secretary of State office. The mail-in form is available at www.Michigan.gov/elections. First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

To check their registration status, residents may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote. They can see their sample ballot and find their polling place. Residents also can find information on absentee voting, Michigan's voter identification requirement, how to use voting equipment and how to contact their local clerk. The site can be easily viewed on a smartphone.

Voters who qualify may choose to cast an absentee ballot. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are age 60 or older; physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; expecting to be absent from the community in which you are registered for the entire time the polls will be open on Election Day; in jail awaiting arraignment or trial; unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons or will be working as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Absentee ballots can be obtained in person anytime through 4 p.m. Monday, May 1. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person on Monday, May 1, must fill out the ballot in the clerk's office. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

As a reminder, voters will be asked to provide identification when at the polls on Election Day or if obtaining an absentee ballot in person from the clerk's office. They will be asked to present valid photo ID, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or failed to bring it with them can still vote. They will be required to sign a brief affidavit stating that they're not in possession of photo ID. Their ballot will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

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Wednesday, March 29

•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.

Thursday, March 30

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

Sunday, April 2
•Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 do-

Monday, April 3

•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.

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

•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-

Tuesday, April 4
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

•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.

•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-

Second Monday:

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Second Tuesday:

•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro.For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

• Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Second Thursday:

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

•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

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)

•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 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-

•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-

•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 arrest 4 on drug charges

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

Huron County Sheriff' deputies arrested four suspects in conjunction with a drug trafficking investigation in Sebewaing last week.

Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported the arrests took place last Wednes-

"The first two (suspects) were arrested during a traffic stop at Main Street and Beck Street on felony charges for the sale of heroin and crack cocaine. They were a 42year-old husband with an extensive felony criminal history, and his 37-year-old wife, both from

Saginaw," he said.

"A search warrant was then served at a West Sebewaing Street address, which resulted in the arrest of a 42-year-old Sebewaing woman and a 27-year-old Sebewaing man" on the same charges.

"In all, a Saturn Vue, nearly \$500 in cash and heroin and crack were seized," Hanson said, adding all of the suspects were transported to the Huron County Jail, where they were awaiting formal arraign-

"As of press time, the Saginaw man's bond is \$50,000 cash, his wife's is \$350, and the Sebewaing man and woman need \$20,000 cash per person in order to post bond," the sheriff noted.

Sebewaing Village police and Fairhaven Township police assisted deputies.

Hanson encourages residents to report tips related to illegal drug activity by calling their local police department or Huron County Central Dispatch's non-emergency number anytime at (989) 269-6421. "Confidential callers can use our TIPS Line of (989) 269-2861. We're also available on Facebook through our Huron County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force page, he said.

Gagetown area couple face charges

by Mary Drier **Special for the Chronicle**

A Gagetown couple has been charged with one count of obtaining money by false pretenses in a case alleged involving \$1,000 to

Evonne G. Kucharczyk, 59, and Douglas N. Kucharczyk, 56, were

arrested by the Gagetown Police Chief Gene Bucholtz in early Feb-

According to court records, the Kucharczyks allegedly continued to rented a home in Gagetown after the county foreclosed on the property.

Bond in the case was set at \$2,000 for each defendant.

The Kucharczyks, who have posted bond, were bound over to Tuscola County Circuit Court March 6 and are awaiting pre-trial hearings, which have been scheduled for April 17 at 1 p.m.

Court officials noted this case is not tied to the Hearts Faith Adult Foster Care (AFC) the couple owns in Bad Axe.

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

*Mark E. Biebel, 43, Caro, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, with work release, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 1 in Caro.

He was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,228 plus attorneys fees

*Christopher L. Vollmar II, 37, Akron, pleaded no contest to a charge of interfering with electronic communications Feb. 1, 2016, in Akron Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony

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

*Gerald L. Grayden, 72, Lapeer, was sentenced to two to 15 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to obtaining, possession or transferring personal identifying information with intent to commit identity theft, and possession of a counterfeit/forged state identification card Oct. 2 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$326.

*Sam E. Poe, 53, Vassar, was sentenced to six months to five years in prison following his pleas of no contest to charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Aug. 11 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$326.

*James P. Robak, 31, Allen Park, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building April 21 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Stephen M. Webster, 24, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of assaulting a prison employee, two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and one count of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Jan. 1 in Caro.

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

Sue A. Tallman, 47, Caro, pleaded guilty to attempted embezzlement of \$1,000 to \$20,000 while employed by the Caro Moose Lodge between October 2004 and December 2015.

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

*Gregory A. Barrick, 59, Warren, was sentenced to 80 days in jail following jury convictions on charges of driving while his license was suspended, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, failure to transfer a motor vehicle title, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 18 in Indianfields Township, and following his plea of no contest to escape from custody Oct. 11 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions). In addition to jail time, he was

taling \$1,043 plus attorneys fees of \$500. *Karen E. Easterly, 60, Fair-

ordered to pay costs and fines to-

grove, was sentenced to one day in jail following her pleas of no contest to two counts of attempting to write a no-account check between Nov. 2, 2015, and Jan. 8, 2016, in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$235.

*Kenneth D. Grady, 27, Deford, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams) March 23, 2016, in Novesta Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500. *Robert W. Browning, 49,

Kingston, was sentenced to two to 10 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and fleeing a police officer Oct. 29 in Kingston Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony

Browning also pleaded guilty to charges of possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Aug. 9 in Kingston Town-

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$770.





Reporter's notebook

Dear graduates, don't be stupid

by Tom Montgomery Editor



"This life's hard, but it's harder if you're stupid."

—Young gun runner Jackie Brown, a character in George V. Higgins' 1970 novel, "The Friends of Eddie Coyle."

I think that's the line I would lead with if I were ever asked to be a commencement speaker, although it's my hope I'll never have to worry about preparing that speech (which is why I write – not speak – for a living).

It's a hard lesson, one we've all faced in one situation or another. Some of us seem to need to learn the same lesson several times before it sinks in, and some of us never figure it out. That's unfortunate, because if your stupidity doesn't kill you, you're going to have more time than you want to live with regret.

But back to commencement, which marks the culmination of all sorts of fun for area seniors as they welcome back warmer weather along with proms, parties, beach outings, mini-road trips, etc.

My advice to these young adults would be this:

"Congratulations! What a great time in your life – ready to tackle the next chapter, figuring out how to balance more independence with an equal measure of responsibility, and experiencing more of the thrill of victory and agony of defeat that come with "adulting".

Please, just take a few moments before you make a decision that your gut tells you to give a second a thought to, and don't be stupid.

If you want a definition, start with all those lectures mom and/or dad have been boring you with for years. Yup, driving too fast is a bad idea, so is anything that takes your attention off the road in front of you. Your folks were also right when they warned you about drugs and alcohol. If you really think it's all fun and games — only losers get addicted, right? — visit a rehab center and look into the eyes of a 20-year-old trying to kick a four-year heroin habit (if he or she is fortunate; otherwise you'll find him or her in a morgue somewhere).

What a terrible waste.

The same goes for the kids who put themselves in situations they should have known were dangerous. Here's a hint: if a gathering of friends and/or acquaintances involves heavy drinking, motor vehicles and a few short tempers, you might want to grab a close friend and catch a movie instead.

In addition to avoiding stupid acts, you'll want to acknowledge another handicap people your age have in common: many of you really do think nothing really bad is going to happen to you.

It could, and you'll find all the proof you need along the side of many roadways in the form of wooden crosses and flowers marking the scenes of fatal accidents. You might also catch a glimpse of a photo in an area newspaper of a classmate or someone you once knew – placed there by a family member marking yet another year passed since they lost their loved one to a death that, perhaps, didn't have to happen.

Be careful out there while you're preoccupied with grabbing a hold of life and making your own way, regardless of whether your journey involves more school or vocational training, service to your country or entry into the job market right out of high school.

Try to make decisions you know are the right ones, and the people who love you will be cheering you on every step of the way.

Of course, be prepared to fail, too. We all do, you know (in spite of all the people you know who work so hard trying to hide the fact that they have faults). There's no shame in it unless you give up because "there must be an easier way". Just keep in mind that more often than not, there isn't an easy way to achieve something worthwhile.

Don't forget to enjoy yourself along the way and appreciate family members and friends who make your life something special. Like I said, these are going to be some of the best years of your life.

Please, just don't be stupid.

The Cass City Red Hawk PTO is hosting a

Mom-To-Mom Sale

Saturday, April 8, 2017 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cass City Elementary School Gym \$2.00 per person admission, children under 10 are free.

Contact Caitlyn Middaugh for more details (989) 780-0372.

If you would like to rent a table, there is a \$20.00 fee for a 10' x 10' space.

Space is limited, so don't wait to call & reserve your table.

All proceeds benefit the Cass City Red Hawk PTD, which directly supports special requests from Teachers that benefit our students.



Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas

5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Forty Owen-Gage students in grades 6 through 8 participated in a school-level competition of the 24th annual National Geography Bee sponsored by Google. Students answered oral questions on geography. Aaron Fahrner, a sixth grade student, won the school competition and advanced to the state level by completing a written examination. The second-place winner was eighth grade student Daniel Good. Jacob Warack, seventh grade, placed third. State winners qualify for the national championship in May, with a chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Becky Kemp of Sebewaing was the latest drawing winner at Schneeberger Furniture and Appliance in Cass City. Sales person Kim Donovan presented Kemp with a new Whirlpool Estate washing machine.

There's a sharp shooter at the Cass City High School and her name is Morgan Anderson. The Red Hawk freshman recently used a Genesis compound bow at the NASP - national archery in schools program - competition and placed 11th out of 40 ninth grade females entered at the elite event. She ranked 86th out of 471 total females who participated, according to mom Anne Anderson who added, "She practiced with the Laker Archery Club team in Pigeon. Her coaches were Rob Snider and Ray Licht. She has been on the Laker archery team since the 6th grade and in 7th and 8th grade she advanced to national competition in Louisville, Ken-

10 YEARS AGO (2007)

Air Force Airman Cristan J. Parker has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the 6 weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Parker is the grandson of Bruce Parker of Biloxi, Miss. He is a 2005 graduate of Ubly High School.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)

It was an eye opener for John Haire, as he listened to Holli Cooper and Andrew Nahernak, third graders, whiz through 2 stories in March is Reading Month activities at Campbell Elementary

Greg and Kathy Dorman, Snover, were formally honored as the Michigan Milk Producers Association's Outstanding Young Dairy Couple for 1991 during the milk cooperative's 76th annual meeting March 21 in East Lans-

Marine Sgt. Edward K. Brock, whose wife, Dawn, is the daughter of Leslie and Carole Hartwick of Cass City, recently received a certificate of commendation. Brock was cited for superior performance of duty while assigned at Assault Amphibian School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. He is a 1983 graduate of Caro High School, Caro.

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Morell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Patterson of Lexington, attended the auction sale at Applegate Saturday of a friend, Sterling Massman. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Nunn near Port Huron and their infant twin daughters, Katie and Kristie. The babies are grand-nieces of Mr. Morell.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Freeman of Deford, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sunday with a family dinner in their home, hosted by their daughters. Freeman and Ruth Phillips were married March 22, 1952, in Deford. They have a son, Gilbert, at home, and five daughters, Terri Graichen, Deford, Debra Hess, Deford, Rebecca Spencer, Kingston, Penny Matuszak, Caro, and Holly Binder, Caro, and seven grandchildren. Freeman is a bus driver and custodian at Deford Elementary School. Mrs. Freeman is employed at General Cable in Cass City.

Lisa Britt is student of the week for the week of March 22 at Cass City Intermediate School. She was chosen for her classroom leadership and total involvement in the school process. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Britt of Cass City is a sixth grader.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Trzemzalski of Deford announce the baptism of their daughter, Anna Rose, who was born Dec. 1 at Hills and Dales General Hospital, weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces and 20.75 inches long.

Pvt. Richard L. Corl, son of William L. and Marlene A. Cor1 of 1545 Wadsworth Road, Ubly, has completed a tracked-vehicle mechanic course at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, KY. During the course, students were trained to repair engines, transmissions, and the fuel, electrical and air hydraulic systems of the Army's tracked vehicles. They also learned to perform recovery operations for abandoned, damaged, disabled or mired vehicles. He is a 1981 graduate of Bad Axe High School.

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Doerr had as guests from Friday evening until Sunday, her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wright of Whitmore Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Englehart and son Dallas, Mrs. Englehart's father, Maynard DeLong of Port Huron, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Englehart and child and Mrs. Delbert Englehart's sister, Miss Virginia Kill were in Warsaw, Ind., from Saturday until Monday where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bracey and children.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Jr., Elizabeth and Jim visited Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Culpepper at Marlette, Friday evening. Also a guest there was Mr. Culpepper's mother, Mrs. David Culpepper of LaGrange, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith of Decker announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Lynne, to Raymond Buerkle Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burkle Sr., of Snover. An Aug. 20 wedding is planned.

Navy Chief Fire Control Technician Donald L. Cook, whose wife Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Hull of Hurds Corner Road, Gagetown, has returned from an extended deployment in the Western Pacific. He is a crew member aboard the guided missile destroyer U.S.S. Towers, homeported in San Diego. Assigned as a unit of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, the Towers conducted combined training operations with various Navies of friends and allies in the western Pacific area.

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Denise Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fox of Cass City, will be honored Saturday, April 16, at the 29th annual Honor's Day convocation of the University of Texas at Austin. This marks the second year that Miss Fox, a microbiology major with a 3.7 grade point average, was so recognized. She will graduate in December. Those honored are among the top 70 junior and senior scholars at the university.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

Miss Ruth Ann Severance of Decker became the bride of Pvt. David Lee Marshall in a March 19 double-ring ceremony at the Shabbona Methodist Church. The Rev. Clayton Turner, pastor of the Vassar Presbyterian Church, assisted by the Rev. William Burgess, pastor of the Shabbona Methodist Church, officiated at the ceremony at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Severance of Decker and the groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Marshall of Deford

Marine Private George A. Mc-Dowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Charles McDowell Jr. of Ubly, has graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, Calif. He will now undergo about three weeks of individual combat training and then, after leave at home, will report to his first Marine Corps assignment.

Mrs. William Toner returned home after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwartz and family in Pontiac and two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. William Toner Jr. in Hazel Park.

Elwyn Helwig of Croft-Clara Lumber Co. attended a two day window workshop at Bay Port, Minn., recently. The course included a trip through the plant of Andersen Corp. and a day and a half devoted entirely to learning how windows affect the livability of a home.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

Lucille Elaine Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil U. Brown, earned the valedictory honors of the Class of 1942, Cass City High School. The number of honor points earned by Miss Brown Was 2.90. Lowell Sickler, Jr., and Isabelle Gertrude Stirton tied with 2.82 points each for salutatorian honors. Miss Stirton is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stirton of New Greenleaf and Mr. Sickler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sickler, Sr., of Novesta Township.

A lovely wedding took place Saturday afternoon in the Ellington Nazarene Church when Miss Lucy May of Ellington was united in marriage with Raymond Rinerd of Flint. The Rev. Albert E. Raloff, pastor, read the service.

Over 1,000 people attended the two night performance of the three act comedy, "George Washington Slept Here," presented Thursday and Friday of last week by the junior class of Cass City High School. The able presentation of this hilarious play by the cast reflected great credit on Daniel Kroll, speech instructor, who directed the presentation. In the group of players were the following junior students: Stanley Kirn, Clarence Bukowski, Frances Koepfgen, Jeanne Muck, James McCoy, Josephine Nowicki, Betty Jo Agar, Edward Doerr, Vera Lounsbury, Florabelle Wright, Helen Bolla, Stanley VanVliet, George McQueen, Don Doerr Joan Muntz, Lulubelle Heron and Fred Auten.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

Miss Mable, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lounsbury, and Cal Hiser of Elmwood were married at Caro Tuesday. They left on a trip to Saginaw and Bay City and will make their home on the groom's farm in Elmwood.

Nine pigs were sold by Chas Seeley Saturday and he carried home \$300.00 in payment. Eight thousand dollars worth of live stock was shipped from Cass City to Buffalo Saturday by Schwaderer Bros. & Striffler, local stock buyers.

Dr. P. A. Schenck, joint owner of the building with Mr. Wood, will move his dental office in the near future to rooms on the second floor. The dental office will be located in the room under the Lower which makes it ideal in that it is has an abundance of light. This room will be finished in white and the woodwork in white enamel. The reception room is to the west of the dental office and a laboratory to the south. The reception or waiting room has an oak floor, burlap base to the walls with the upper portion finished in light tan and the ceiling in a cream tint.

Bailey & Graham, barbers, were the first to move into the Sheridan Building since it was remodeled for business tenants. While their work room is some smaller than in the old quarters, they still have sufficient space for their needs and are well pleased with the new location. The barber shop is finished on a brown and tan scheme. The burlap wainscoting is done in brown, the walls in tan and the ceiling in cream, while the woodwork is a natural oak finish. The shop is heated by steam and new light fixtures of the semi-indirect type will be installed soon.

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COMING APRIL 7TH "BEAUTY & THE BEAST"

Nurse practitioners integral part of health care

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cians spend more time in school and conduct deeper study of diseases. Nurse practitioners also focus heavily on education. They often complete graduate-level courses and complete hundreds of hours of clinical work, but not as in-depth as a physician does.

A nurse practitioner can see patients at every phase of their lives, and they can specialize in many different areas.

The aspect of becoming a nurse that I liked is that there are a variety of fields. You can work in nursing homes, in pediatrics, neonatal, in hospitals, clinics, as a surgical nurse, and other areas,"

said Schank, who has worked for Hills and Dales General Hospital for nearly three years. "And, they can go on to be a nurse practitioner. There are so many different opportunities available in the

medical field that a nurse can go into."

A nurse practitioner can also be a primary care provider like Schank, who works closely with primary care physicians.

Hospital welcomes 4 practitioners

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ing Degree and as a graduate of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. She also has a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from Oakland University. "She will see patients at Family Healthcare of Cass City and the afterhours clinic," said Blaine, who added Caverly resides in Caro with her

Kimberly Knoll, FNP-BC, most recently graduated from the University of Michigan-Flint, with a Master of Science in Nursing Degree and as a graduate of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. She also has a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from SVSU. Kim will see patients at Family Healthcare of Cass City. Kimberly resides with her family in

Mary Krause, FNP-BC, most recently graduated from Maryville University, with a Master of Science in Nursing Degree and as a graduate of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. She has a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from Oakland University. Mary will be seeing patients in the After Hours Clinic and at Cass City Medical Practice. She resides with her family in Fraser.

Chances are good that at your next doctor's appointment, you may be seen by a nurse practitioner rather than your primary care physician.

"Hills and Dales General Hospital now has ten nurse practitioners that work alongside our physicians to provide quality care to our patients," Blaine said.

"Physicians and nurse practitioners have special skill sets that are important for patient care," she added. "Physicians are formally trained in medicine, meaning the treatment of disease through medication, medical procedure and sometimes surgery. Nurse practitioners, who also are registered nurses, are formally trained in caring for the sick and have knowledge of how to diagnose, treat and manage many common ailments. In many cases, they perform the same functions.

"Physicians spend more time in school and conduct deeper study of diseases. Many physicians will identify a specific area or specialty that they have the most knowledge or interest in to pursue as a career," Blaine explained.

"Nurse practitioners also focus heavily on education, (but) they see patients at every phase of their lives, and typically don't specialize in any one area. They can function well as primary care providers because their background includes knowledge of both holistic and wellness-oriented programs, which spotlight education, risk identification and preventative care.

Blaine added, "Hills and Dales nurse practitioners work closely with our primary care physicians to ensure all of our patients are taken care of whether it is in the clinic setting or on the inpatient unit."

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Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) • Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe



Community Baptist Church (Independent Fundamental)

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4088 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.



Deford Community Church

1392 N. Kingston Rd. (1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.) Sundays - 10 a.m. I Wednesday - 7 p.m. Pastor: David Cooper I 872-4055 DefordCommunityChurch.org

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

EFCA

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6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-3155 Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. • Wednesday - Teen Club 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Pastor: David G. Hill • Website: www.fbccc.us

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First Presbyterian Church

Barrier Free • State & National Historical Registry 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400 • Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Exercise Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri. at 9:00 a.m. • Enroll Now for After School Adventure: Wed. following school - 4:15 begins September 14 Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham

Fraser Presbyterian Church 3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400 Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m. • Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Social/Mission Coffee Hour following worship Pastor: Rev. Linda Graha...



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 ●872-2770 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. • Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Steve Bagnall www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com

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Pentecostal

6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4637 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Family Training Hour: Wednesday 7 p.m.(including youth and children's services) Pastor: Rev. Mark Karwowski - Website: www.lwwccog.net



Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Group 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

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4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3336 Website: www.olconsolata.org Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 p.m. November 1 thru March 31 Saturday 5:00 p.m. April 1 thru October 31 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Parochial Administration: Fr. Christian Tabares



False cargo certifications land man in federal court

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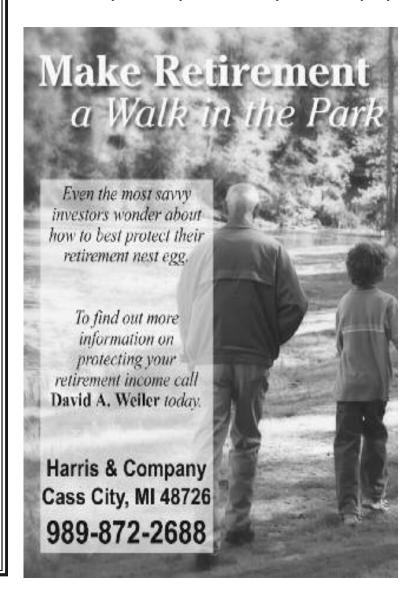
"Bennett, both personally and through his subordinates, repeatedly and falsely certified to customers that LPG had property inspected and tested the cargo tank portions of tanker trucks used to transport liquid and gaseous bulk cargos, including explosive materials, as required by the Department of Transportation regulations governing five year recertifications," Lemisch said, noting the regulations are designed to ensure the safety of the public on the roadways and the people who work on and around the cargo tanks.

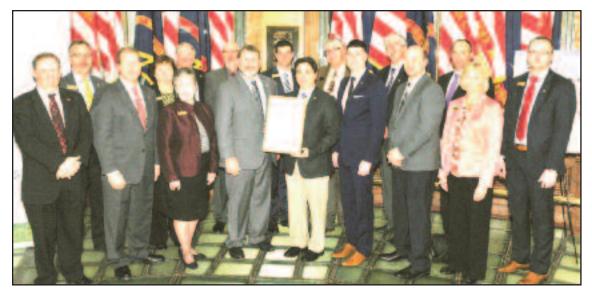
"Bennett also knew that the water tank at LPG that should have held the water used to conduct hydrostatic pressure tests was drained to prevent freezing. Nevertheless, he continued to certify that hydrostatic pressure tests had been done on tanks brought in for inspection," Lemisch said.

"Similarly, when Bennett was in charge at LPG, some of the cargo tanks that were supposed to be tested were not emptied and cleaned properly, making it impossible for workers to enter the cargo tanks to conduct the required testing procedure. Bennett nevertheless falsely certified that the cargo tanks had been properly subject to wet fluorescent magnetic particle testing and had passed inspection," he continued.

"Knowing that the required testing procedures had not been followed, Bennett instructed the employees at LPG to apply labels to the cargo tanks that indicated that the tanks had been successfully tested. Moreover, Bennett directed employees to work on cargo tanks without verifying that the employees followed required procedures."

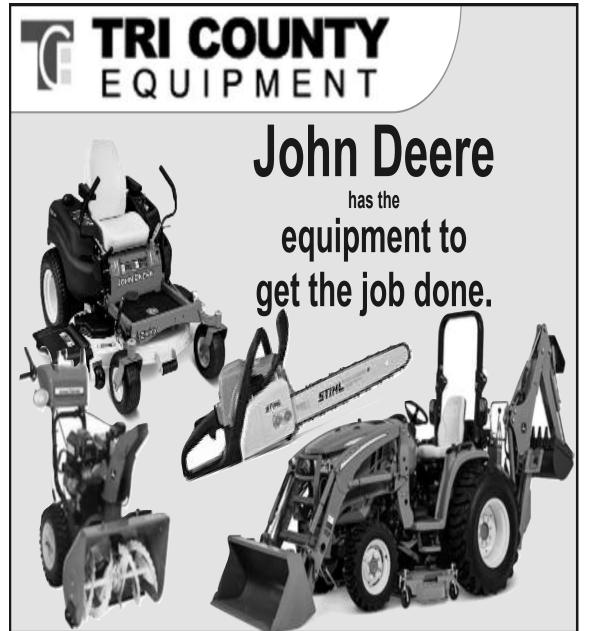
The case was investigated by agents of the Office of Inspector General - U.S. DOT and prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Bay City.





State lawmakers honor MFB...

MICHIGAN LEGISLATORS recently presented a special tribute to the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) to recognize the staff's role in clearing a legal path for the state's farmers to transport supplies to the high plains. Michigan farmers were quick to organize relief efforts after wildfires destroyed more than one million acres of ranchland, but initially faced substantial permit fees required by those states along the 1,200-mile trek for oversized and overweight transport loads. Working with state officials, MFB helped arrange for these fees to be waived, enabling relief efforts to continue. MFB members, including President Carl Bednarski of Caro, were on hand at the state capitol to accept the tribute.



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News briefs

Suicide prevention program set

TUSCOLA COUNTY – The Tuscola County Suicide Prevention Coalition will host an education and awareness session feature Barbara Smith today (Wednesday) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro.

Smith is the founder and director of the Survivors of Suicide, a non-profit group that has been supporting families and friends after a death to suicide for the past 26 years. She also works with families and friends left behind as a private grief and suicide consultant.

HDC is conducting assessment

THUMB – The Human Development Commission (HDC) is conducting a community assessment, and residents across the agency's four-county service area, including Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, are invited to participate.

Every three years, HDC asks customers, board members and area residents about local needs in the community. The agency uses the responses to plan for future service growth.

The assessment takes about 10 minutes to complete and all responses are confidential. Those willing to participate are invited to visit HDC's website at www.hdc-caro.org or Facebook page. A hard copy version is also available Monday through Thursday at any HDC administrative office

Potato commission alive, well

MICHIGAN — Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development officials announced that the state's potato growers have approved a referendum to continue the Michigan Potato Industry Commission.

The state potato commission was designed to promote the potato industry through research, promotion, advertising, and market development and expansion. By law, the program must be renewed every five years. The assessment rate is established annually by the commission and is not to exceed 5.5 cents cents per hundredweight (cwt) for the grower and 1.5 cents per cwt for the first handler.

A total of 19 valid ballots were cast in the referendum. Of those, 17 producers voted yes (89.5 percent) representing 9,471,678 hundred-weight of potatoes (88.2 present of the production volume represented) and two producers voted no (10.5 percent) representing 1,266,900 hundredweight (11.8 percent).

For renewal of the program and its activities, more than 50 percent of the voting producers, representing more than 50 percent of cwt produced by those voting, must approve it.

Kingston Lions planning benefit

KINGSTON — The Kingston Lions Club will host a craft show along with a soup and sloppy Joe lunch from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Kingston Elementary School, 3644 Ross St.

For more information or to rent a space, call (989) 683-2056.

Easter egg hunts on tap in area

CASS CITY — The Cass City Missionary Church will host an Easter egg hunt in the village of Cass City Saturday, April 15, at 1 p.m. at the

In Kingston, meanwhile, the Kingston Days organization will host an Easter egg hunt at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 8, in the Kingston Elementary School cafeteria. Participants should bring their own basket or bag. A photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny will be available for \$5 for two photographs. There will be four age groups, with the first hunt starting at 10 a.m.

Displays set to honor veterans

LAPEER COUNTY — According to Lapeer County Commissioner Gary Roy, the Lapeer County Historical Museum is displaying Vietnam history now through November.

In addition, the Vietnam Moving Wall will be in Almont July 6 through July 10, and at the American Legion Hall in North Branch Oct. 20 and 21.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Fish Point bird tour scheduled for April 8

by Mary Drier Special for the Chronicle

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials are inviting birdwatchers and other nature enthusiasts to celebrate spring and explore Michigan's wetlands with a birding tour at the state's seven Wetland Wonders or Signature Wetlands.

There will be a tour Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m., at the Fish Point State Game Area, 7750 Ringle Rd., Unionville. The Refuge has 2,477 acres of waterfowl habitat.

Highlights of the birding tours may include diving and dabbling ducks in full breeding plumage, trumpeter and tundra swans, osprey, bald eagles, sand hill cranes, and many others. This is also the time of year when turtles, beaver, woodchucks, and muskrats emerge to sun themselves.

The tours will be led by DNR Wildlife Division staff members, as well as volunteers from Ducks Unlimited and Audubon Clubs, and may include a "sneak peek" driving tour into refuge areas that normally are closed.

Residents planning to participate in the tour in Unionville will meet at wildlife area's headquarters building. Participants are asked to dress for the weather and wear boots because the ground will be muddy, and bring binoculars or spotting scopes for long-range viewing.

Tours are generally conducted caravan-style, with people taking their own vehicles to follow the guide.

Tours are designed to make people aware of the refuge, of migrating

birds, and to develop a love of wildlife and bird watching. The Fish Point Wildlife Refuge is in the middle of the Mississippi Flyway of bird migration. The flyway's path includes Canada, Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Min-

nesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

The Fish Point Wildlife Refuge has a 25-foot observation tower that offers a panoramic view of the area as well as an opportunity to be closer to the birds as they land. The refuge has hundreds of acres of

corn for the birds to eat on their way through.

As birds migrate and animals come out of hibernation, there will be a variety of viewing opportunities over the next few weeks. The best viewing is March to May. Fish Point is a small peninsula on the south-

east corner of Tuscola County in Saginaw Bay.

Those who cannot attend the tour are invited to drive through the refuge on their own over the next few months to observe the birds and other wildlife. More information is available by calling (989) 674-2511.

All in the (Baker) family

Brad Baker the fourth son to earn coveted Eagle rank

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Brad Baker filed the necessary paperwork to receive Boy Scouting's highest rank – the Eagle – just three days before the deadline on his 18th birthday in February, but don't assume he's a chronic procrastinator.

Far from it. In fact, the Cass City High School senior has made a habit of living scouting's familiar motto of being prepared.

Take his future plans, for example. Baker is already well on his way to a welding career – an interest sparked during his introduction to the skill at a Boy Scout summer camp a few years ago – by taking dual college enrollment classes over the past semester through Baker College.

"So, by the end of next year, I'll have an associate's degree in welding. After I get my associate's degree, I plan to transfer to Ferris State University to get my bachelor's degree in welding engineering," noted Baker, who would like to eventually ply his craft on a pipeline or aboard an oil freighter, preferably off the coast of sunny Florida.

Baker and his twin brother, Brent, are the youngest in a houseful of Eagle Scouts, but like his brothers before him, he's determined to leave his own mark on the Cass City family's legacy.

In a way, he already has by continuing a tradition dating back decades to his great-grandfather, who earned an Eagle badge before the Eagle rank was created.

Aside from his twin, who earned the Eagle rank at age 14, Brad has two other brothers – Austin, now 22, and Lucas, 20 – who are also Eagle Scouts. They are all the sons of Jim and Stephanie Baker. Jim Baker also earned the Eagle rank, at age 13 back in the late 1970s

Brad Baker, the latest in a long line of Eagle Scouts to come out of Boy Scout Troop 594, Cass City, acknowledged his involvement in scouting starting at the tender age of seven or eight was a natural choice, given his family background, but he's also quick to say he joined willingly.

"It was a little bit of both; it was in the family, but I thought it would be a great experience. I always liked camping and fishing and all that good stuff," he re-

In time, Baker worked his way up the ladder from Tiger to Wolf, then Bobcat, Bear, Webelo and Webelo II. He then crossed over into the Boy Scouts, earning the ranks of Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star and Life before focusing solely on the Eagle.

Baker says he spent more than a year preparing for, planning, organizing and completing his Eagle project, one of the last and biggest challenges before earning the right

to wear the Eagle insignia. The project involves developing and organizing a community service project, with the scout expected to not only plan the work, but also lead a team of volunteers in completing each step.

Baker set his sights on construction of a new, permanent stage for Memorial Day and other ceremonies held at the Elkland Township Cemetery just east of Cass City.

"I was just thinking of something to do, and I saw all the maintenance they had to put into the old (wooden) stage at the cemetery," he said. "I was thinking of something more permanent and easier on the eyes.

"It's poured concrete, block and mortar. It has a nice maroon block, a sidewalk and a brush finish," he explained, adding the work has been taking place on and off for the past year. Weather delayed the project at times, but Baker had anywhere from four to eight young people helping him along with two to three adults.

Aside from construction, Baker had to coordinate fundraising efforts to come up with the \$2,000 project cost, a task made easier by the generosity of local service clubs, businesses and other groups, including the Cass City Gavel Club, which chipped in \$1,000, and VFW Post 3644, which also offered a sizeable donation

Baker's accomplishment places him in some pretty impressive company

Past Eagle Scouts include the late Gerald R. Ford (38th president of the United States), Academy Award-winning film director Steven Spielberg, professional basketball hall of famer and later U.S. Senator Bill Bradley, Mike Rowe (host of Discovery Channel's "Dirty Jobs" show), and Neil A. Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon.

Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle rank has been earned by more than two million young men. However, only about three to four percent of all scouts attain the highest rank in the Boy Scouts program.

The requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges. Of those, 12 are "Eagle required", including first aid, citizenship in the community, citizenship in the world, communications, personal fitness, environmental science, personal management, camping, family life, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, and swimming, hiking or cycling.

Earning badges along with various scouting activities are designed to encourage the boys to embrace the same qualities listed in the scouting law: being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, trustworthy, brave and

clean

Developing leadership skills is also a vital aspect of scouting, something Jim Baker says he can see in his sons along with other boys involved in scouting.

Jim's contributions to scouting in the Thumb includes service as scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 594, and pack committee chairman for Cub Scout Pack 3594, Cass City. He is also a committee member in the Thumb District within the 27-county Water and Woods Field Service Council.

However, Jim said his involvement in scouting didn't translate into pushing his own sons into the program when they were old enough. "It would have been easy to say, 'You're going to do this or do that'," he acknowledged, noting his sons made that decision on their own. "I was never a wrestler, but all four of my boys were wrestlers because that's what they liked."

Brad attributes his success and growth in the Boy Scout to his dad's example along with the guidance of former Scoutmaster Scott McLachlan and current Scoutmaster Ed Nizzola. "They were with me throughout my journey. They helped keep (me) on track," he said.

Brad indicated he wouldn't hesitate to recommend scouting to other youths. "It helps prepare you for real life – to get ready for whatever might come at you and have a back-up plan," he said.

Equally important, according to Jim, is that the Boy Scouts is an organization that still values leadership and encourages its members to take on roles as leaders.

Earning scouting's highest rank, Jim said, "kind of defines who you are. It says something about your work ethic, your ability to make ethical decisions. It makes you a leader. It really does."



BRAD BAKER, A Cass City High School senior who comes from a long line of Eagle Scouts in his family, earned his own place among the recipients of Boy Scouting's highest rank after recently completing his Eagle project — construction of a permanent stage for Memorial Day and other ceremonies at Elkland Township Cemetery.



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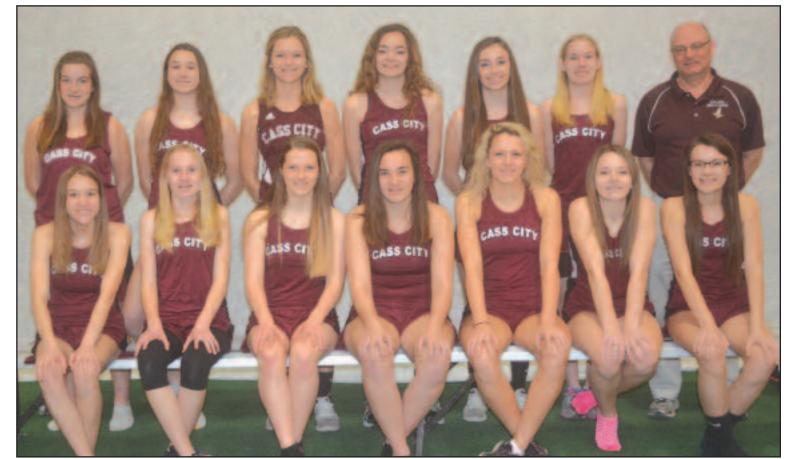
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THE 2017 Cass City Red Hawk boys' track team members are: (front row, l-r) Keaton Belka, Lucas Swiderski, Joseph Sieradeki, Ethon Fetterhoff, Kevin Estrella, Colby Sutton, Gabriel Farver, Drew markel (middle row) Logan Severance, CarLee Stimpfel, Zane Wright, Jarod Naegele, kris Nika, Collen Wrubel, Coach Jon Zdrojewski (back row) **Chase Denniston, Andrew** Venema, Darrren Miller, Chase Winter, Kyle Jamison Schmotzer, Kruse, Shaede Perzanowski and Justin Schaufele.

THE 2017 Cass City Red Hawk girls' track team members are: (front row, 1-r) Brittany Stilson, Mary Muter, Emilee Steely, Erri-Hoyt, Victoria anne Cumper, Taylor Cumper, Katie Autry (back row) Kenidee Gibbons, Hailey Schmotzer, Josephine Loomis, Layna Mathewson, Abbey Šalcido, Marla Muter and Coach Jon Zdrojewski. Missing is Coach Deidra Zdrojewski.



Cass City track teams ready to roll

by Clarke Haire Publisher

Ten returning letters will be instrumental in Cass City's defense of their Greater Thumb West boys' track championship, the Red Hawks' first since 2009.

However, there will be holes to fill for Coach Jon Zdrojewski from last year's banner team as he enters his 5th year in charge. Gone are Greater Thumb West (GTW) champions Bransen Stimpfel, Parker Haire and Keith Lounsbury.

Stimpfel, who now runs for Central Michigan University, was the conference champion in the 1,600

meter run and Haire was a double winner at the conference meet, winning both the 110 and 300 meter hurdle events. Lounsbury was a strong middle distance runner and was a member of the record-setting 3,200 meter relay

Add the names of sprinters Sawyer Cuthrell and Branden Horne, plus distance specialist Jose Torres to the list of 2016 graduates and it's clear that repeating as GTW champs will be no easy feat for this year's team.

"I expect us to at least contend for a league title, but rivals Reese and Vassar will be tough. We should take several athletes to the state finals again," said Zdrojew-

Four returning state qualifiers – juniors CarLee Stimpfel and Zane Wright, and seniors TJ Moore and Darren Miller – should be among the state's best in their respective events.

stimpfel finished 5th in the 3,200 meter run at the Division 3 State Championships last June and has since added a cross country state championship to his resume.

Wright, meanwhile, joined Lounsbury and the Stimpfel brothers on the 3,200 meter relay team at the 2016 state finals. They established a new school record at the season-ending meet, finishing

third with a time of 8:07. Wright hopes to break the two minute mark in the 800 meter run this spring.

Moore and Miller are proven point winners. Moore was a state qualifier in the 400 meter run as a junior and Miller is a two-time state qualifier in the pole vault.

"The rest of the team is young," Zdrojewski said, adding, "I have a few seniors returning to track this year, I hope they will perform well."

Athletes to watch, according to Zdrojewski, include sprinters Chase Denniston, Kyle Schmotzer and Brendan Hamilton, while Cole Chippi should shine in the

field events and Gabe Farver should be much stronger in the distance events with a year's experience under his belt.

Turning to the Lady Red Hawks track team, Coach Deidra Zdrojewski has six letter winners back, but faces a familiar problem entering her 5th year at the helm.

"Low numbers of athletes," she said when asked about her team's weakness

Returnees Victoria Cumper, Josie Loomis, Brittany Stilson, Layna Mathewson, Hailey Schmotzer and Melissa LaJoie will be our team leaders, says Zdrowejski, adding, "I expect league favorite Reese to be strong again."



Inner State Athletic Conference awards

ISAC 2016-2017 Girls' Basketball All-Conference First Team

Tiffany Hoover, Senior- Landmark Academy, Shayna McIvor, Senior- Landmark Academy, Aubrei Stewart, Senior- Merritt Academy, Alyson Witike, Junior- Owendale-Gagetown, Rebecca Davis, Senior- Michigan School for the Deaf, Maria Leblanc, Junior- St. Thomas More Academy

ISAC 2016-2017 Girls' Basketball All-Conference Second Team

Adrianne Brown, Junior- Landmark Academy, Sierra Gordon, Junior- Merritt Academy, Amber Rubio, Junior- Merritt Academy, Hope Knowlton, Junior- New Life Christian Academy, Bridget Weisbrod, Freshman- St. Thomas More Academy

ISAC 2016-2017 Girls' Basketball Honorable Mention Players

Kayla Cartier-Landmark Academy Charity Sherlock- Landmark Academy Taylor Poelker- Landmark Academy Teraja William- Merritt Academy Jessica Walkowski- Merritt Academy Natasha Dubbs- Owendale-Gagetown Megan Fritz- Owendale-Gagetown Molly Ward- St. Thomas More Academy

ISAC 2016-2017 Boys' Basketball All-Conference First Team

David Binder, Senior- Owendale-Gagetown John Basile, Senior- Merritt Academy Ezra Giraud, Sophomore-Faith Payton Phillips, Junior- Landmark Academy Matt Weisbrod, Junior-St. Thomas More Academy

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ISAC 2016-2017 Boys' Basketball All-Conference Second Team

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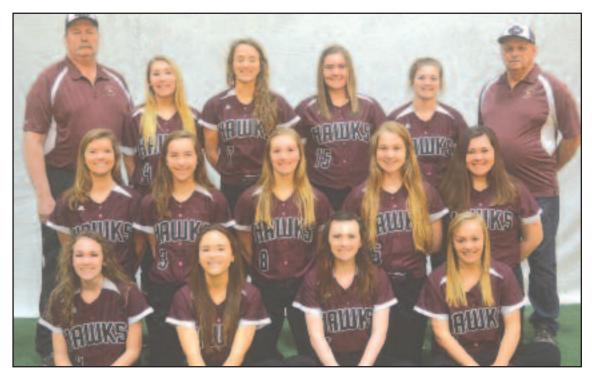
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Tom Willberding- St. Thomas More Academy

Danny Kennedy- New Life Christian Academy

Matt Alcorn- New Life Christian Academy Jon Moses- Landmark Academy Brett Hager- Landmark Academy



THE 2017 Cass City Red Hawk girls' softball team members are: (front row, l-r) Konnar Warren, Riley Klein, Kelcie Autry, Kate Stimpfel (middle row) Baylee Murphy, Lauren Dickinson, Kacey Haire, Megan Graham, Bailee Ross (back row) Asst. Coach Kenny Martin, Dakota Cook, Sayge Cuthrell, Kenna Nye, Brianna Mester, and Coach John Hacker.

Hawk gals ready to make some noise in the GTW

by Clarke Haire Publisher

With a light graduation toll, many consider Cass City the dark horse in the Greater Thumb West softball title chase.

Although the Lady Red Hawks will be without all-conference picks Macy Dickinson and Maegan LeValley in 2017, Coach John Hacker will have six returning letter winners to mold the team into a championship contender this spring. Dickinson was honored as a Greater Thumb West (GTW) allconference second team honoree in her final season for her work on the mound. She appeared in a team-high 78 innings, striking out 61 en route to seven victories. LaValley earned GTW honorable mention praises at first base. She hit for over a .300 average on the

While Cass City graduation losses are few, the Lady Red Hawks suffered a huge blow with the unexpected loss of second baseman Brianna Mester. The

sophomore slap hitter tore her ACL during basketball season and the injury will require surgery, followed by six months of rehabilitation. Mester was an honorable mention all-conference choice as a freshman.

A pair of returning junior GTW all-conference second team players will anchor the Cass City defense in 2017. Returning to third base is Riley Klein, while Sayge Cuthrell is back to patrol center field, when she's not on the rubber. Both Red Hawks enjoyed notable seasons at the plate as sophomores. Klein belted nine doubles and drove in 11 RBIs during her rookie varsity season. Cuthrell, then a second year player, held a .473 batting average and a .546 on base percentage, both team highs.

Other all-conference picks in 2016, juniors Bailee Ross and Baylee Murphy will give Cass City tested players in key positions. Ross led the Lady Hawks in the power department last season and clubbed five homers during

her sophomore campaign. She's been spending time fielding grounders along the first base line in early season workouts. Ross will also help with the pitching chores. Murphy also hit for over a .300 average last year and is a defensive gem behind the plate.

Lauren Dickinson and Kelcie Autry complete the list of returnees for Coach Hacker. Dickinson has a strong arm and good range at shortstop and Autry gives Cass City more speed in the outfield.

New to the roster for Cass City are juniors Konnar Warren, Kate Stimpfel, Megan Graham, Dakota Cook, Kenna Nye and sophomore Kacey Haire.

They'll all see plenty of action before entering GTW play in late April. As always, Reese and USA are pre-season favorites in the GTW. However, the Patriots lost Nikki Baurer and the Rockets lost Kaylee Cypher – both all-conference dream team pitchers a year ago – leaving this year's GTW championship up for grabs.



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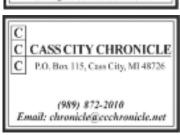
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Parcel 2: Commencing at a point 305 feet North of the South 1/4 line post of Section 34, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, Village of Caro, Almer Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence West 241 feet; thence Northwesterly along centerline of an intermittent creek 791 feet to the Michi-Railroad Central right-of-way; thence Southeasterly along said right-of-way to the North-South centerline of Section 34; thence South to the point of beginning, except a parcel of land described as part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 34, which is North 00 degrees 03'35" West, 305.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 34; thence continuing along said North and South 1/4 line, North 00 degrees 03'35" West, 40.00 feet; thence parallel with the South line of said Section 34, West, 50.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03'35" West, 110.00 feet; thence West 252.00 feet to a traverse line along a creek; thence along said traverse line, South 33 degrees 39'49" West, 106.93 feet; thence continuing along said traverse line South 01 degrees 46'00" East 61.03 feet to the terminus of said traverse line; thence East, 241.00 feet to the place of beginning, said property extending West 10 feet more or less to the centerline of a creek. P.P. #050-034-000-1100-00

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Said premises are located in the Township of Watertown, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

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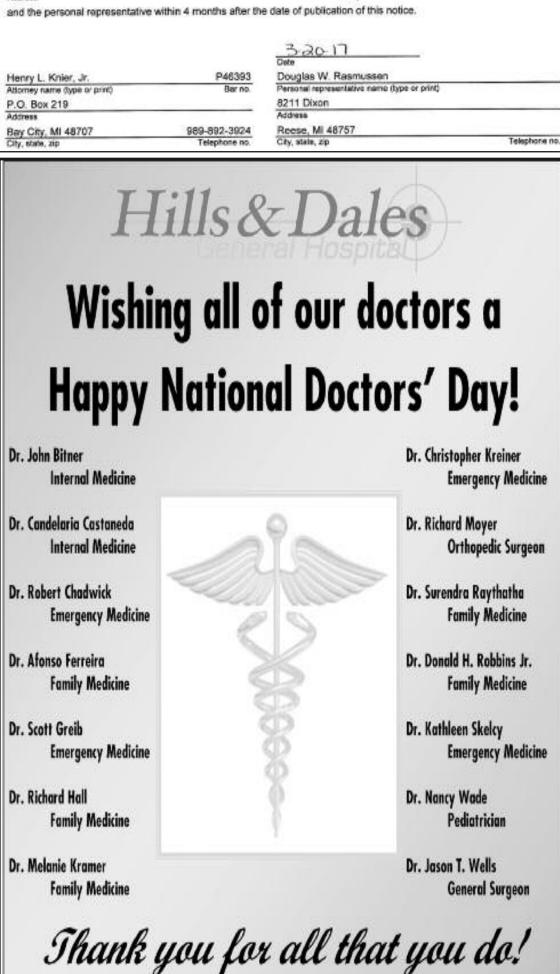
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Cass City Planning Commission PUBLIC NOTICE

The following Meeting of the Cass City Planning Commission has been scheduled for

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan,

To review the Site Plan for the Hills and Dales General Hospital **Expansion and Renovation Project**

The Public is invited to attend.

Nanette S. Walsh Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE Novesta Township Residents

A Public Hearing has been scheduled before the Novesta Township Planning Commission for

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

immediately following the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m. regarding a request for a special land use permit.

The request is for a one-room Amish parochial school on parcel id number 018-024-000-0300-00

The hearing will be held at the Cass City Gun Club located at 2676 Englehart Rd. Cass City, Michigan.

> **Joann Peters** Novesta Twp Clerk

Obituaries

Harriet Hartwick

Harriet Marie Hartwick, 87, of Deford, passed away Sunday March 26, 2017 in Autumnwood of Deckerville. She was born November 28, 1929 in Grant Township, Huron County to Fred and Sarah (Gemmill) Milligan. She married Harry T Hartwick on September 9, 1950 at her family home in Grant Township. He passed away March 19, 2017.

Harriet graduated from Cass City High School in 1948. She worked for Walbro Manufacturing for six years. Harriet was a representative of Stanley Home Products for 12 years. She loved working in her flower gardens and watching the birds who visited there. Harriet enjoyed craft painting, reading and traveling. She was fond of walking in her yard with her beagle Mandy. Harriet is survived by her daughters: Dawn (Mike) Bills of Fuquay-Va-

rina, NC; Anita (Jeff) Rich of Deckerville; close family friend, Kim Dorland of Coleman; grandchildren: Taylor (Jade) Bills, Ashley Bills, Nicole Bills; great grandchildren: London Bills and River Bills who is expected in May; sister-in-law, Margaret Sefton; many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by sisters: Gloria (Lawrence) Hartwick, Mary (Henry) Doerr; brothers: Fred Milligan, Jr., Jack Milligan; nephew, Henry Doerr.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2016 in Kranz Funeral Home with Sheila Robinson officiating. Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mrs. Hartwick: Cody Dorland, Mike Bills,

Josh Cox, Jeff Rich, Dave Robinson, Jessie Robinson. Memorials may be made to Autumnwood of Deckerville or Cass City VFW Post #3644. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Harry Hartwick

Harry T. Hartwick, 87, of Deford, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017 in Autumnwood of Deckerville. Harry was born on November 20, 1929 on his family's farm in Deford, where he lived most of his life, to Fred and Olive (Gibbard) Hartwick.

He married Harriet Marie Milligan on September 9, 1950 at her family home in

Harry graduated from Cass City High School in 1947. He went on to work at Frutchey Bean elevator in Deford and later as a manager in their Greenleaf location before leaving to work at Saginaw Steering Gear in 1968, retiring in 1993 after 25 years. As a younger man, Harry enjoyed playing in both baseball and softball leagues. Harry loved to hunt deer, pheasants and especially rabbit and listening to his best hunting dog, Bell, work. He always looked for another good hunter but never found another as good as she was. Harry was also very proud of his yard and garden that were im-

Harry is survived by his wife of almost 67 years, Harriet; daughters: Dawn (Mike) Bills of Fuquay-Varina, NC; Anita (Jeff) Rich of Deckerville; close family friend, Kim Dorland of Coleman; grandchildren: Taylor (Jade) Bills, Ashley Bills, Nicole Bills; and great-grandchildren: London Bills and River Bills, who is expected in May.

He was preceded in death by his infant brother, Freddie and brothers: Arthur Hartwick, Grant Hartwick, Basil Hartwick, Gordon Hartwick and a sister, Doris

Jordan.

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 25, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Sheila Robinson

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mr. Hartwick are: Dave Robinson, Jessie Robinson, Taylor Bills, Jamie Kilbourn, Mike Bills, Josh Cox, Zach Hester and Cody Dorland.

Memorials may be made to Autumnwood of Deckerville or Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE

The following Special Meeting of the Cass City Village Council has been scheduled for

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

To award bids for the Pool Roof Replacement

Pool Boiler Replacement and Installation

Approve and Sign the Change in Mode of Delivery Agreement with the U.S. Postal Service.

Approve a Resolution for a Charitable Gaming License for the **United Way of Tuscola County**

Select an Executive Search Initial Meeting Date with the Michigan Municipal League

any other business to come before the Village Council

at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan

The Public is invited to attend.

Nanette S. Walsh Clerk/Treasurer

Lloyd Montreuil Jr.,

Lloyd Wilfred Montreuil Jr., 77, of Cass City died following a brief illness Thursday, March 23, 2017 in St. Mary's of Michigan, Saginaw. He was born December 10, 1939 in Detroit to

Lloyd Wilfred and Marie (Phaelan) Montreuil, Sr. He married Judith Leona Wakefield August 29, 1964 in Cass

Lloyd graduated from Owendale High School in 1959 and worked on his family farm until he joined the Army. He served as a Private First Class during the Cuban Missile Crisis and was honorably discharged. Lloyd worked as a transmission inspector for Pontiac Motors and later transferred to the Flint Buick Plant. After retiring from GM Lloyd went on to work for Michigan Sugar in Caro. He enjoyed working in his garden and was proud of his tomatoes, hot peppers and zucchinis.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Judith; sons: Donald (Patti) Montreuil of Gagetown, Kevin Montreuil of Cass City, Martin (Jackie) Montreuil of Buffalo, NY; grandchildren: Holly Brooks, Janet Montreuil, Monica Montreuil, Eric Montreuil, Kayla Montreuil, Rod Wakefield, Michael Keyser, Heidi Wakefield; seven great grandchildren; sisters: Kathleen Olsen of Sacramento, Ca; Carolyn Wangrud of Oklahoma City, OK; Linda Brooks of Georgia; brother in laws: Robert (Patricia) Jordan; Dalbert (Nancy) Wright; several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; his son Rodney Wakefield; grandson Matthew Keyser.

Funeral service were held Monday, March 27, 2017 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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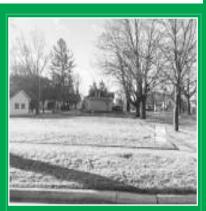


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Students showcase their STEM skills during annual fair

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

Local students offered to "school" community members in the subjects of science, technology, engineering and math during a special event in the Cass City Junior-Senior High School gymnasium last week.

More than 125 students in grades six through 12 showcased a variety of projects – from maple syrup production to the science of waves to rocketry — during this year's annual Cass City STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Fair.

An estimated 250 people attended the gathering, which has grown in popularity since the inaugural event.

"(It) started two years ago, making this the third annual STEM Fair," said T.C. Gruber, who teaches chemistry, physics and biology along with introductory and advanced STEM classes at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

"As a science department, we recognized that students were doing a lot of exciting work in and out of class and we wanted to give the students the opportunity to show the community," Gruber added. "It has been a very popular event for students. This year we had a little over 80 student projects submitted, and that number has increased each year.

"The goal of the event is to give students an opportunity to show off their STEM skills to their parents and community as well as learn more about a topic of their choice," he explained. "We also invite after school groups and colleges to the event so that that students and families can get an idea of future STEM opportunities.

"The AAUW sponsors the scholarship prizes for the winners of the STEM Fair that are handed out at their senior awards night," Gruber said. "First place this year was CarLee Stimpfel with a wave demonstration, second place was Addy Battel with a maple syrup presentation, and third was Shaede Perzanowski and Brad Hacker with a rocket demonstration."



CASS CITY eighth grade student Mariah Mellendorf, a second year STEM student, demonstrates a robot she programmed to "spell" utilizing color sensors and color-coded cards with letters on them.



KATIE KUENZLI, a Cass City junior and advanced placement chemistry student, mans a volcano demonstration project at the STEM fair.

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Meeting to address alternative energy rules

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dress those issues.

We've learned from other townships that you just cannot zone to keep them out, but regulations can be set that have to be met," she added. "Solar farm development is being considered here. There are five property owners on the southeast side of the township that have been contacted."

Some landowners in Almer and Ellington townships are also among those who have been contacted regarding solar development, and a wind farm is also being planned in those two townships.

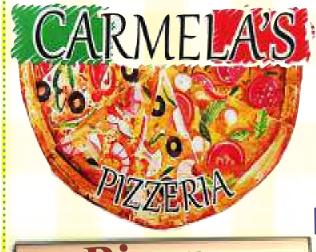
Peters takes issue personally with the moratorium.

"Some have a real issue about any kind of change in the township... especially wind and solar development. They don't want commercial zoning or any industrial zoning, and yet they want (services) and a new township hall," said Peters, referring to input from audience members at

township meetings. "We have no tax base. You need to have a tax base for money to do things.'

Currently, the only solar farm in Tuscola County is a \$2.5 million, 665-kilowatt operation at 2437 East Dayton Rd. Wells Township that was developed in 2014 in a partnership between DTE Energy Company and Thumb Electric Company.

In addition, some farming operations throughout the county have solar panels to generate power for their own use.



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