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Man pleads in abduction, assault of 13-year-old

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A 48-year old Unionville man facing two dozen felony charges

for the alleged abduction and rape of a Millington area girl under the age of 13 last summer avoided a two-week jury trial scheduled to get underway this week by enter-

ing pleas to four of the counts.

David A. Brigham pleaded no contest to one count of kidnapping and three counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Dismissed in the case were one count of kidnapping – child enticement, three counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, 10 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct, and one count each of assault by strangulation, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, criminal sexual conduct – second degree assault, and interfering with electronic communications.

Kidnapping is punishable by life in prison or any term of years, and first degree criminal sexual conduct carries a mandatory minimum 25-year prison term.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case. Brigham, who has remained jailed since his arrest – initially on a \$3 million bond that was later revoked – was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Investigators said Brigham was at one time related to the victim's family by marriage, and that he lured the victim away from her parent's Swaffer Road home in the early morning hours of July 30.

The case unfolded when Lt. Ted Hull, Sgt. Josh Herman, and Detective Scott Sgt. Jones from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department responded to a call at about 5:15 a.m., according to reports, which state Brigham returned the child to the residence at about

10:30 a.m. and was arrested.

"The child knew him and he exploited that. He (Brigham) was

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Tuscola
County
Prosecutor
Mark
Reene said.

Reene noted the girl was immediately placed in protective custody and subsequently given medical attention. She was also interviewed at the Tuscola County Child Advocacy Center, which

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David Brigham



CASS CITY Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery was presented with the Tuscola County Bar Association's 2017 Liberty Bell Award during a ceremony held in the Tuscola County Circuit Courtroom Friday afternoon. He is pictured above (center) with Sandy Erskine, president of the local bar association, and George A. Holmes, chairman of the bar association's Liberty Bell Award Committee.

Wendorf heading back to prison following plea in sexual assault

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Sanilac County resident and convicted sex crime offender faces a lengthy term in prison following his conviction on charges stemming from the sexual assault of woman in the parking lot of a Mayville bar and restaurant last November.

Jeffrey Innes Wendorf, 58, of Decker, was ordered to serve 16

years and eight months to 30 years in prison during his sentencing last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Wendorf previously pleaded guilty to charges of unlawful imprisonment and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder in connection with the attack in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender – having three or more prior felony convictions – which weighed heavily on his sentencing.

Wendorf has remained behind bars since his arrest. After entering his pleas, the court revoked his \$700,000 bond.

Wendorf was originally charged with kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than mur-

der, criminal sexual conduct, second degree, and aggravated assault.

Investigators say the defendant attacked a 31-year-old female victim during the early morning



Jeffrey Wendorf

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Reene said the victim suffered physical injuries during the assault.

Reene has lauded what he de-

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County keeping close eye on Lansing

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

As the waiting game continues regarding the future of the Caro Center and whether state officials will sink millions of dollars in Tuscola County to build a new state hospital, Tuscola County commissioners are keeping a close eye on Lansing.

The county board received an update during a regular meeting Thursday.

It was reported that state Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville) and Dr. Edward "Ned" Canfield (R-Sebewaing) recently met with Gov. Rick Snyder, who indicated he would keep an open mind when a decision regarding location of the

new state hospital is finalized.

County Controller Michael Hoagland has drafted a letter to be sent to every state legislator, and the Huron County Board of Commissioners has adopted a resolution in support of keeping the Caro Center in Tuscola County.

Snyder's proposed 2018 budget outlines \$115 million to replace the 100-year old Caro Center at 2000 Chambers Rd. with a new 200-bed psychiatric hospital, but where it will be built is unknown.

If the proposed new psychiatric hospital is not built in Tuscola County, it would have a huge economic impact on the area.

"According to a recent economic impact study, if a new facility is not built here devastating job

losses would occur with the elimination of 349 direct jobs and 398 indirect jobs for a total of 747 jobs lost," Hoagland said.

Of the center's 349 employees, about 70 percent reside in the county, and most live within 30 miles of the facility.

"And, the current location is central to best serve patients and families. The decision to locate the facility here over 100 years ago still makes sense because most patients come from the population centers just to the south," said Hoagland. "Moving this facility to the west or north would significantly increase travel times and be a burden for the vast majority of patients and families. It would

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Huron County woman dies in hit, run accident last week

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested a suspect in an early morning hit-and-run accident that claimed the life of a Bad Axe woman and left a Harbor Beach woman seriously injured Friday.

According to Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, Deputies responded to the scene along M-53, west of Thomas Road in Colfax Township, at about 2:30 a.m.

"From a witness account and preliminary investigation, it appears that 38-year-old Sheila D. Peruski of Bad Axe and 21-year-old Cassandra R. Herron of Har-

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Entrepreneurs

Cass City brothers launching their own specialty toothpaste

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Like many new entrepreneurs, Daniel and Joseph White are full of enthusiasm and confidence about their chances of making it in the business world.

But the twin brothers from Cass City may not be what you envision when you think about typical business owners.

For starters, while the Whites have put considerable time and effort into a fledgling business venture focused on the growing use of coconut oil in oral health regimens, they haven't yet graduated from high school. In fact, they aren't even old enough to drive a car or to vote.

But that hasn't stopped them from setting their sights high.

The sons of Darcy and Paul Guello of Cass City and Dr. Mark White of Caro, Daniel and Joseph began their entrepreneurial journey last fall when they enrolled in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA) in Midland, where they've since spent months learning how to choose a product, research their competition and target market, and create a business plan and marketing strategy.

The teens, who are both home schooled, settled on the idea of man-

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TWIN BROTHERS Daniel (right) and Joseph White of Cass City are gearing up to launch their own brand of coconut oil toothpaste, a project sparked during their training at the Young Entrepreneurs Academy in Midland.

Boyfriend of drug overdose victim in jail

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Although a man has been arrested in connection with the overdose death of Emily Lynn Dennis, 26, Caro, charges have not been filed against him.

"We are wading through information from the investigations and piecing together who did what and how things happened," said Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene. "That will take some time to do."

Deputies found Dennis deceased about 12:20 a.m. April 20th at a home on Dodge Road in Elmwood Township.

According to information from dispatch records, there were two overdose incidents from the same

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Daily named outstanding freshman at CASNR

A former standout Kingston area 4-H member has also proven himself to be an outstanding college student.

Clay Daily, an Oklahoma State University (OSU) student from Mayville, was recently named the Charles and Magda Browning Outstanding Freshman in the school's College of Agricultural



Clay Daily
Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR).
Daily is an animal science major with a business option. He is the son of Greg and Linette Daily. The Brownings established the

Outstanding Freshman award to recognize both the academic excellence and outstanding leadership activity during a student's freshman year at OSU. It is awarded at the end of a student's sophomore year for their efforts as a freshman.

Daily is involved in several clubs and organizations on campus, including the CASNR Freshman and Transfer Council, Animal Science Leadership Alliance, Block and Bridle, Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlemen's, and Collegiate Farm Bureau. During his freshman year, he served on the OSU Freshman Representative Council.

"I am extremely grateful and honored to be named as the Charles and Magda Browning Outstanding Freshman, yet this award is a direct reflection of the talented faculty that are devoted to teaching, the insightful students pursuing degrees and College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources," Daily said. "Being a small town kid from Michigan, I will always appreciate the people and opportunities that Oklahoma State University has presented me and am proud to call Stillwater home."

Daily was an OSU Top Ten Freshman Man and finalist for

Outstanding Greek New Member. Additionally, he has been recognized on the president's honor roll and accepted into the OSU Honors College.

"Freshmen students are encouraged to get involved in CASNR and all across campus. Some students take this advice to heart. Clay is no exception," said Cynda Clary, CASNR associate dean of academic programs. "In only two short years, Clay has left his mark on this campus and we have confidence he will continue to positively impact OSU as he continues his collegiate career."

Daily, who earned a reputation for raising and showing outstanding animals during his years as a 4-H member participating at the Tuscola County Fair, is part of the OSU McKnight Scholars Leadership Program and maintains a 3.571 GPA all while volunteering his time to numerous community service projects. This includes Greek events, a special needs livestock show, Into the Streets, LifeChurch, Toys for Cowboys and more.

Daily also received the E. Pauline Osborne Agriculture Scholarship and the Joseph Fleming Memorial Scholarship at the CASNR banquet.

Owendale-Gagetown announces honor roll

The 3rd Marking Period honor roll students have recently been announced by Owendale-Gagetown officials. To be named, students have received all A's and B's.

3rd Grade: McKenzie Baker*, Eli Dubs-Peterson, Chloe Fritz, Aubrey Hellebuyck*, Brooklyn Hunt, Logan Mihacsi, Alan Sagash, Kennedy Seldon, David Siens and Anastacia Torrez.

4th Grade: JoAnn Baker*, Danielle Hunt*, Lucas McKnight*, Sophia Siens, Lucio Torrez*, Lily Willerton and Natalie Wood.

5th Grade: Addison Bach, Shelby Bowers*, Joshua Dubs, Karsyn Gruehn*, Isaac Miller*, Lillieyannah Sagash, Conner Snear and Hannah Wood.

6th Grade: Allison Haldane*, Amber Haldane*, Dagon LaCroix*, Erin Morrish, Emily Schultz and Gage Witzke.

7th Grade: Haden Gruehn, Madelyn Haldane* and Monee Schember.

8th Grade: Boyd Evans, Clay Evans*, Jameson McKnight*, Hunter Meier, Libby Ondrajka* and Andrew Partaka.

9th Grade: Branden Fritz, Carley Haldane, Chentel Hill, Chase

Howard*, Kaitlyn LaCroix*, Sierra Mascorro, Andrew Roemer, Hailey Schave and Alexis Urban.

10th Grade: Jade Androl*, Cordell Clarkson, Matthew Fritz, Megan Fritz* and Carlee Riev-ert*.

11th Grade: Emalee Bach, Natasha Dubs*, Aaron Fahrner*, Madyson Fuerst*, Morgan Ondrajka*, Luke Retford*, Zane Schember, Ashley Treder and Alyson Witzke.

12th Grade: David Binder, Cara Morrish* and Jacob Warack*.

* Denotes all A's

Ubly officials announce honor roll

Kingston High School officials recently announced the 3rd Marking Period Honor Roll.

7th Grade

Emily Bicego, Brandon Bombard, Madison Coyer, Ethan Cumper, William Cumper *, Collen Dibble, Gaven Dibble *, John Egan, Carter Geister *, Zachary Hayost, Isabel Hurd, Summer Jenkins, Alex Kotsch, Landen Noakes, Owen Phillips, Jacob Rayl *, Nicholas St. George *, Jayden Stark, Shayleigh Torrey, Ethan Ulewicz * and Brooklyn

Walker *.

8th Grade

Don Anger, Thomas Barrett, Andrew Bitterle, Hailey Bitterle, Kyleigh Clapsaddle, Kaylee Cook *, Jason Dibble, Kealsie Dinsmore, Katelyn DuRussell, Lucas Fetting, Colten Gildner *, Morgan Green *, Rayann Harp, Kayla Hobson *, Hannah James *, Paige Klupp *, Ronnie Lemke, Joslyn Lupa *, Michael McNeil, Dustin Peter *, Ella Retan *, Alexandra Sherman, Chelsea Smith, Jessica Stoll, Makayla Thompson *, Olivia Ulewicz *, Lynneah Van-

Horn, Trayton Wenzlaff *, Madison Wieland and Samantha Wood *.

9th Grade

Anna Ahern, Elissa Bicego, Danielle Crisman, Randy Crisman, Jake DeLong, Robin Edwards *, Samuel Gaiser, Collin Geister *, Caleb Goss, Johnathan Green *, Aaron Koehler, Payton Kolacz, Anastasia Krych, Jalen Little Thunder, Shelby May, Ryan McGarvie, Braden Mosher, Wren Murdoch, Isaac Muxlow *, Evan Neff, Lohr Smith, Millan Smith, Joseph Snover * and Bryan Wright.

10th Grade

Maisey Bigelow, Gerilyn Carpenter, Nathan Cloyd, Brian Coltson, Levi Cryderman *, Mason DeBlois, Kendra DeLong, Jillyann Dinsmore *, Dakota Distelrath, Kerra Elling, Tyler Hayost, Connor Henry, Hunter James, Lily Lyons, Camryn MacGuire *, Hannah McSkulin, Lacie Peters, Carley Smith, Morgan Tallieu *, Gunnar Thompson, Lane Torrey, Amira Varvel and Emily Warrington *.

11th Grade

Mariah Andrews, Alexis Board *, Dezerick Carter, Lauryn Cumper, Grace Dinsmore, Christa Ewald, Kaisa Giddings, Garrett Green *, Riley Kinel *, Hailey Kowalski, Juliana Krych *, Courtney Mallory, Samantha Moore, Madisyn Pennington, Haley Pohlod *, Josselyn Rushlow, Daniel Schwarck *, Caitlyn Sherman *, Jada Shiel, Quinlan Western, Alayna Williams and Cassidy Zyrowski.

12th Grade

Savannah Anger, Allison Bundschuh *, Chelsey Clapsaddle, Allison DeLong, Jade DeLong, Gretchyn Goodman, Cheyenne Gottler *, Victoria Hale, Grant Koehler, Stephen Krych, Jade Masker, Morgan Miller, Aracelli Peter *, Samantha Pritchard, Elizabeth Scott, Nathan Scott, Nicole Sholes, Cira Skinner, Vivian Smedeman, Chelsey Stevens and Autum Taylor *.

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In Our OPINION...

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It’s time to reform auto insurance here

Guest editorial
by Matt Coffee and Michael Van Beek
Mackinac Center for Public Policy

Once again there’s talk in Lansing about reforming auto insurance in Michigan. This is a perennial issue: Since 2001, legislators have introduced 340 bills about auto insurance regulations, according to MichiganVotes.org.

But like drivers in the Indy 500, lawmakers keep going around in circles without getting anywhere. This pattern needs to stop and policymakers should fix the problem.

The interest in reforming auto insurance stems from a well-known fact: Michiganders have the regrettable privilege of paying some of the highest premiums in the country. According to research from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the average annual premium in Michigan was \$1,351 in 2014, second only to New Jersey and Louisiana and 37 percent more than the national average.

Michigan drivers pay a hefty premium for no-fault protection but don’t really benefit from it.

Bad drivers aren’t to blame for Michigan’s abnormally high auto insurance premiums. After all, Michiganders can navigate the most miserable conditions, thanks to our winter wonderland. When a snowflake falls in Atlanta, on the other hand, there are ditches full of cars and highways are backed up for miles.

What is to blame, however, are Michigan’s unique auto insurance laws. The state’s no-fault approach is similar to that of just 11 other states, and no other state forces all drivers to buy unlimited personal injury protection.

Michigan’s current auto insurance system was created in 1973, and a solid case can be made that it has been, by and large, a failed experiment. For instance, the no-fault system — which gives insurance benefits to anyone injured in an auto accident regardless of who was to blame — was meant to reduce litigation.

Since the law guarantees insurance benefits for all accident victims, the theory goes, there should be fewer lawsuits, reducing costs for both insurance companies and the courts.

That’s not what’s happened in practice.

Michigan still allows an accident victim to sue an at-fault driver if a certain threshold for injuries is met. The Michigan Supreme Court has interpreted the law in a way that lowers this threshold — effectively undoing what no-fault set out to achieve. Not surprisingly, Michigan ranks as one of the most litigious states in the nation, according to the Pacific Research Institute.

The failed no-fault system is only half the problem. Requiring insurers to provide unlimited PIP (personal injury protection) is even more problematic. It’s easy to figure out how this approach contributes to astronomical insurance premiums, why it’s rife with abuse and why no other state uses it.


With no limit on what insurers must cover, anyone injured in an auto accident can seek and “afford” the most expensive treatment possible. What’s worse: While private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid have fee schedules that limit what medical providers can charge, there are no schedules for what they can charge for services they provide to accident victims. That’s why it’s common for hospitals to charge auto insurers significantly more

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Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Being single is not a disease



I’ve been single for over 20 years, and I’ve come to enjoy being footloose and fancy free without having a ball and chain to hold me back.

I eat when I want. Go out when I want, and come home when I want. I go to bed when I want and can take up the entire mattress if I want.

I admit that after the divorce, being a force of one took some getting used to, and the changes that came with my new status.

One of the first changes I noticed was going to a restaurant alone. The first thing the greeter asks is if anyone will be coming to join with you. The “no” response is greeted with a blank look, and then being guided to an out-of-the-way table. As soon as you’re seated, the waitress whisks away the other placemat and silverware.

Hmm. “I’m single, not a kleptomaniac; your paper placemat and silverware are safe with me,” I would think to myself.

About the same time I became single, I became aware of the “Red Hat” movement in which ladies celebrate getting older, dress in red and purple, enjoying life and fellowship.

With my change in relationship status, I realized there was no holiday for single people.

Besides the traditional holidays, there is Mother’s Day and Father’s Day that celebrate parenthood. There is Grandparent’s Day. And there are two holidays for people in love or in a relationship — Valentine’s Day and Sweetest Day.

About eight years ago I tried to create a “Self Day” for single people. I wrote a Drier Humor column about it and invited single ladies to meet me at the Oasis. A few years later the party was moved to another restaurant. It has alternated between those two locations.


Valiantly, for several years I struggled for a movement to create Self Day, or at least a Pseudo society like the Red Hatters.

Each year a handful of faithful followers would meet with me to go out to eat, have a few drinks, and share some laughs. I set the date of April 15 to meet because I felt it was a day that would be easy to remember. Plus, April is one of the few months that don’t have a holiday.

When a charter member of the Self Day attendees got married, she lamented she would no longer be able to attend. At that point, I grudgingly conceded my campaign to create a holiday for single people wasn’t going to happen. So I opened up the April

15 meeting to female friends who knew me. That year there were between 30 to 40 ladies who joined me. I was surprised and pleased with the turnout.

I guess because single ladies like myself are footloose and fancy free and can do what we want, it’s the married ladies who need a night out the most.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

According to statistics released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, eight out of every 10 police officers in America are overweight.

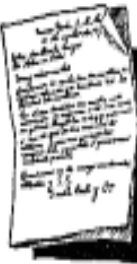
The new study highlights a widespread problem in police departments across the country. According to some researchers, law enforcement officers are actually 25 times more likely to die from weight related cardiovascular disease than on-duty injuries.

“As sheriff I try to instill in the deputies the need to stay in shape both for themselves and for their duties,” Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent recently posted on the department’s Facebook page.

“I ran a 5k and challenged them to meet or beat my times. Three of them did that and I purchased them shirts as a prize – can’t use taxpayer money for such things,” Skrent said. “Others are now taking up the challenge to get into better shape. I will have another event in the fall. Congratulations to (left to right) Detective Scott Jones, Deputy Ryan Robinson and Deputy Bryan Hemerline.



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

Gov. Rick Snyder issued the following statement regarding a recent announcement that unemployment rates had dropped in all 83 Michigan counties last month.

“It is very encouraging to see unemployment rates drop across all 17 employment regions of our state. As we continue down this path toward our future, we must remember that to truly reinvent Michigan, we must make sure every sector of the state is part of the reinvention,” he said. “Michigan is truly at its best when we come together as one to help with success for all. (The) announcement combined with our state’s total unemployment rate decrease continues to prove that.”

Didn’t the Three Musketeers adhere to something like that?


Tuscola County Recycle Center, 1123 Mertz Road, Caro, Michigan is hosting a spring household hazardous waste and latex paint collection on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The event starts at 9:00 a.m., and you must have an appointment to attend. If you have questions or to make an appointment please call (989) 672-1673.

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Wednesday, May 3

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Thursday, May 4

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

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- 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.
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- 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.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

- Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

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) 658-8625.

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Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

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Third Tuesday:

- Living with Parkinson’s Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

Third Wednesday:

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

Third Thursday:

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

Third Saturday:

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

Fourth Monday:

- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Fourth Wednesday:

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

Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

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Troopers seize pot, heroin in traffic stop

A pair of Pennsylvania residents were taken into custody during a traffic stop last week in Sanilac County’s Lamotte Township after Michigan State Police troopers discovered heroin and marijuana in their vehicle.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the traffic stop took place at about 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The officers attempted to stop the vehicle for speeding. After a short pursuit, troopers were able to stop the vehicle, a subsequent search of the vehicle yielded 270 bundles of heroin and 20 grams of marijuana.

The occupants of the vehicle were returning home after visiting relatives in northern Huron County, according to troopers, who identified the suspects as Joshua Boston, 28, and Windy Baker, 33, both of Pennsylvania.

Both were later arraigned on multiple felony charges in Sanilac County District Court.



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Circuit court proceedings

Several appear in court on charges last week

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

*Nicholas M. Brown, 20, Troy, was sentenced to 93 days in the county jail following his pleas of no contest to charges of operating while under the influence of a controlled substance – causing incapacitating injuries, failure to stop at the scene of an accident – causing serious impairment or death, operating a motor vehicle with the presence of a controlled substance in his body, failure to stop at a personal injury accident, possession of marijuana and operating a motor vehicle with an expired license July 25, 2015, in Fremont Township.

The jail term will be delayed for one year, according to court records, which state Brown was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$3,976.

*Daniel E. Palazzola, 56, Saginaw, received a one-year delayed sentenced following his pleas of no contest to home invasion, second degree, and assault or assault and battery Dec. 20 in Elkland Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$888.

*Nicole S. Davis-Shelters, 34, Vassar, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 36 months probation following her plea of guilty to uttering and publishing involving a \$1,500 check drawn on Frankenth Credit Union July 22 in Indianfields Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758 plus restitution of \$4,673.66.

*Roger W. Bearinger, 37, Vassar, pleaded no contest to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and aggravated assault Feb. 4 in Juniata and Indianfields townships.

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

*Steven L. Myers, 52, Millington, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to register in December 2016 in Millington Township.

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

*Eric A. Hampel, 49, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Dec. 29 in Caro, and no contest to bribing a witness in December in Caro.

Pre-sentence investigations were ordered in the separate cases, and bond was continued at a combined \$28,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.


*Brandon C. Smith, 25, Saginaw, pleaded no contest to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, April 23 in Vassar Township.

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

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Reporter's notebook

She knows how to pay it forward

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Social networking sites have the potential to do a lot of good, but like anything else, humans tend to louse them up by selfishly expressing themselves out of anger, hate, self-pity, etc.

Fortunately, the good still comes through sometimes. Take this Facebook post attributed to Ashley C. Ford's Twitter account but re-posted on The Cannavist Mom's page on Facebook: "Wanna give back? Call your local schools and ask to pay off overdue lunch accounts for kids," the post read. "Kids have bigger worries than whether or not they're able to eat or not that day."

It's a simple suggestion, one that a Cass City area woman recently took to heart, prompting her to "pay it forward" by tracking down Cass City Public Schools Food Service Director Shari Bock and handing her \$500 to apply towards some youngsters' delinquent lunch accounts.

"It was a very generous donation," Bock said, noting the gift has been used to eliminate the lunch program debt of students from a dozen families.

I'd love to share the donor's name, but I can't, because I don't know who it is. Like the spirit behind her gift, the woman's compassion and generosity were extended without a desire for recognition or anything else.

Talk about really paying it forward.

The gift not only lightened the load for some families, it also brightened the day for Bock, who along with school Supt. Jeff Hartel has earned a reputation for ensuring youngsters don't go without lunch – or face the humiliation that comes with being unable to afford something as basic as nutrition.

Towards that end, kids who accumulate more than \$25 in lunch program debt in Cass City receive an alternative lunch regardless of their families' ability to erase the debt.

Bock feels that part of the problem is that many parents dismiss the idea of applying for free or reduced meals for their kids at the beginning of the school year because they are able to afford the cost at that time.

"They start out the year and everything is going fine. Then there is a change, someone loses a job," said Bock, who encourages families to apply for free and reduced lunches whenever the need arises. "We'll take that application anytime," she said, adding the cost can really add up, especially for parents who are sending two or three children and paying \$2.50 a day per child for school lunches.

There's no shame in applying. In fact, families who do are in good company; roughly half of the students at both Cass City Elementary School and Cass City Junior-Senior High School come from families that qualify for meal price breaks.

And if you're behind on paying for your kids' school meals, you're not alone, either. School officials say the current combined lunch debt stands at about \$4,000. In the past, the district simply carried over that debt from one year to the next, but a new law requires schools to cover any red ink at the end of each fiscal year.

Of course, the more important story here is the children and families who are struggling. Fortunately, their ranks have been thinned a bit locally for now, thanks to a generous, anonymous gift.

That's the sort of caring in action that reminds us that there are some really wonderful folks in our community, people who do more than lend lip service to those who are less fortunate or are temporarily having a tough time making ends meet in spite of their best efforts to take care of their own families.

The thought is heartbreaking for any parent to ponder, right? And not just because children these days have bigger worries than wondering if they'll be able to eat lunch on any given day.

So...wanna give back? You're welcome to call Bock's office number at (989) 872-5729. I can guarantee she would love to hear from you.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Several Thumb area teams were on tap Friday in Bad Axe for the annual Hatchet Invitational. And, as expected, Frankenmuth finished on top of the boys' standings with 174 points, and became a dual winner on the day as they added the girls' title with 148 points at the 16-school gathering. Erin Zdrojewski and Stephanie Leeson were the lone winners for Cass City. Zdrojewski recorded a time of 11:47 to win the 3200-meter run. Leeson, with a height of 9' 6", was tops in the pole vault. Zdrojewski also added a time of 5:30 in the 1600-meter run to finish as the runner-up and accounted for Cass City's only other performance included among the top 3 places

Heavy bird. Joshua Stone harvested his first turkey while hunting with his dad, Steve, in the Deford area. It weighed 27 pounds, had a 10 1/2" double beard with 1 1/2" spurs.

This week's Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winners are the Cass City Lady Red Hawk 800 meter relay team members. At the Ugly Invitational, Red Hawks Katie Hacker, Miranda Spry, Haley Wynn and Stephanie Leeson captured first place honors with a time of 1:57.

10 YEARS AGO (2007)

In this week's "Ask Your Neighbor" column the question was, do you think Mother's Day is important? Frank Kelly, 85, said Mother's Day is significant because it celebrates the reason why he is alive, "It's important to me," he said, "I went over and put flowers on my mother's grave." Frank Kelly, originally from Pinnebog, is a "happy-go-lucky" person that enjoys hunting, fishing, golf and "chasing women."

Cass City sophomore Lukas Varney is this week's recipient of Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honor. Varney was a double winner Friday at the Akron-Fairgrove Invitational, helping the Red Hawks to a third place team finish. Also a member of the Red Hawk varsity baseball team, Varney won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:07.58 and the 1600-meter run in 4:47.43. Lukas is the son of Kathy and Ben Varney.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Profit of Palmetto, Ha., formerly of Cass City, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary May 11. They were married at the Central Methodist Church in Detroit by the Rev. Shirley Johnson May 11, 1942. They have 4 children: Sally Meyer of Kalamazoo, Robert Jr. of Caro, Miles of Granite Falls, Wash., and Jeff of Abilene, Texas. They have 3 grandchildren. The couple will host a coffee hour at Country Lakes Village May 9.

Lisa K. Peters, daughter of David and Sandra Peters, Gagetown, has been named "student of the month" at Owen-Gage High School for the month of April. A senior, Peters has been involved in a number of activities and groups during her high school career, including band, Students Against Drunk Driving and French Club. The class merit chairman also has been active in athletics, playing basketball, volleyball and softball. Peters' future plans including attending Lake Superior State University, where she plans to major in fisheries/wildlife management.

Dawn L. Mulrath, daughter of John and Lois Mulrath of Cass City, graduated from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Saturday. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. While at Central, Mulrath, a 1988 graduate of Cass City High School, was a member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority, the American Society of Quality Control and the American Production and Inventory Control Society.

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

Unionville farmer Barry Sting reloads his 12-row planter in a field south of Bay City-Forestville Road, about a mile west of Gagetown. He started planting 300 acres of sugar beets, half his and half belonging to a cousin, Monday of last week and finished Friday.

Three sisters, whose ages total 248 years, spent April 26 together at the home of Mrs. Hattie Jones, who is 84 years old. Joining her at Drayton Plains were Mrs. Rachel Wright, 83, of Cass City and Mrs. Nida DuBois, 81, of Drayton Plains. Mrs. Elmer Francis took her mother, Mrs. Wright, to Drayton Plains for the day.

Hills & Dales births: April 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Seeley of Cass City, a boy, Timothy John; April 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brady of Cara, a boy, Ronald Eugene Jr.; and April 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Guilds of Cass City, a girl, Sheila Elizabeth.

Patrick J. Roberts, son of Bernard and Florence Roberts of Ruth, has been awarded a special scholarship under the 1982 National Merit Scholarship Program, Sons and daughters of employees of corporate sponsors of the National Merit Scholarship Program, including General Cable Co., are eligible for the awards. Patrick's father is employed at General Cable in Cass City.

Cass City Cub Scouts cleaned the village park April 21 in conjunction with Keep America Beautiful Day. Among those involved in the effort were Joey Spencer, Steven Tuckey, Eric Wachterhauser and Brian Ypma.

Lori Ann Teichman of Cass City has been named to the dean's list for the winter term at Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City. The dean's honor list includes the names of full-time students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or above out of a possible 4.0.

Displaying the Robert Young trophy for the best combined time for boys and girls in the 4-mile relay are the thinclads that won the honor for Cass City from among 13 schools. Members are Lorie Hurley, Carrie Lautner, Susie Sheldon, Renae Stimpfel, Greg Bliss, Scott Hobart, Randy Hicks and Kevin Bliss.

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Auten of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter Darlene Debra to Ruble Riggs Bedford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bedford of Royal Oak. The bride-elect is currently employed as a receptionist at Hills and Dales General Hospital. The prospective bridegroom is presently in the U.S. Army, stationed in Texas. An Aug. 13 wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dorman of Snover were Mother's Day Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Schember and family in Cass City. Renee Schember sprained her ankle April 30 and is still on crutches.

Harlan Hobart, Gagetown, was honored for his long service to the Michigan Producers Dairy Company at a luncheon held Tuesday, May 3, at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth. The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation will receive a contribution of \$1,000 from the company in honor of Hobart in appreciation for his services to the cooperative. Hobart's name will be added to the foundation's honor roll in the Anthony Hall Conference Room at Michigan State University.

Clare Comment, Charmont Lanes owner, receives an appreciation plaque from Doug Blasius, chairman of the bowling tournament for handicapped students, following last week's Region X Special Olympics tourney held in Cass City. An estimated 240 students from three counties took part in the tourney. Winners will advance to state competition.

Robert F. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allison Green of Kingston, recently was awarded a doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Prior to enrolling at the U of M, he completed his pre-dental requirements at Central Michigan University and Michigan State University. He attended Kingston Community Schools before moving to Lansing in 1965 where he graduated from Waverly High School in 1970. While attending dental school, he served as treasurer of the Jonathan Taft Honorary Dental Society. Upon graduation, he became a member of the American Dental Association. Following a brief vacation,

Dr. Green will be practicing dentistry with Dr. R. Paul Chappel at 6240 Hill St., Cass City. He will begin accepting patients the first week of June. He and his wife, Marilyn will reside near Kingston.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

Several area students have been recognized for scholastic achievements at Ferris State College and Central Michigan University. At CMU, Larry Kenneth Seale of Cass City, a sophomore, and Lynn Marie Bilicki of Deford, a freshman, were named to the scholastic honors list. At Ferris, Larry R, Hughes, a sophomore in commerce, and Gary W, Miller, a junior in pharmacy, were named to the dean's list. Both students come from Cass City. Steven L. Kehoe of Gagetown, sophomore, Technical and Applied Arts, also made the list. To qualify for listing at both schools, students must have earned a B or better average for the semester.

Although the trampoline has been in use at Cass City School for just about a semester, members of the physical education department say that it already has proven to be a very useful addition to the facilities. Used by both boys and girls, the unit has proven popular with both Mrs. John Fahrner and Mrs. John Bifoss, who are both enthusiastic about its possibilities for the girls. It is surprising how much that the girls learned in the six short weeks that we used the trampoline in connection with our tumbling course, Mrs. Fahrner reported..

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Merchant announced this week that they were celebrating the operation of the bakery under their management with a grand opening Saturday. An unusual aspect of the event will be that the concern will also mark 30 years serving Cass City at the same time. Free flowers will be given to the ladies and bakery specials will be used to thank the customers, the Merchants said.

Miss Betty Kennedy of Decker won the washer given away by Schneeberger's in Cass City this week when she broke a tie in a "count the bubbles" contest with the following essay: WASH A FARMER CLEAN. Winning a washer is much cheaper than buying one, especially when you are just setting up housekeeping. I particularly would like to win a washer since I plan to live on a farm; and as everyone knows, no one gets any dirtier than a farmer, especially one who has pigs.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holm of Cass City announce the engagement and coming marriage of their daughter, Miss Barbara Lorraine, to Nelson Maillette, of Bay City. The couple will speak their vows May 16 at St. Joseph's Church in Bay City. The Rev. Fr. George Vincent will chant the nuptial mass.

Francis Elliott of Bay City and Leonard Elliott of Ugly, sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Elliott, of Cass City, have purchased a grocery store at Ugly. The former owner was M. D. Hartt, who was engaged in the same business in Cass City for many years. Mr. Hartt has accepted a position in the McLellan Creamery in Cass City.

Bruce Stine of Pontiac, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stine, of Cass City, and Miss Roberta Romig of Ugly, spent the weekend with Harrison Stine at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he is attending school.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

Fire destroyed the Vassar high school Sunday morning. The cause of the blaze is unknown. It was well under way in the basement when discovered. The loss is \$40,000, with only \$10,000 insurance. Hugh Gardner, timekeeper at the building operations of the Hires Condensed Milk Co.'s plant, left Cass City Monday to locate a car of steel which had been lost in transit from Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Gardner located the car at Fostoria, Ohio, a short distance out of Cleveland Wednesday and Supt. Godfrey hopes to have it here within a few days.

Brigham pleads in abduction, assault

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employs a trained forensic interviewer and was established to reduce the trauma young victims face in the wake of such crimes, while also providing investigators the information they need to quickly track down and arrest of-

fenders. Following his arrest and initial appearances in court, Brigham was ordered to undergo a forensic psychiatric evaluation to determine if he was competent to stand trial for the alleged abduction and rape. Tuscola County District Judge

Kim Glaspie ordered him to undergo a mental evaluation and criminal responsibility evaluation at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, where he was deemed capable of assisting with his defense and could be held criminally responsible for his actions.

Wendorf prison-bound for lengthy term

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scribes as the “exemplary efforts” of Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department Detective Scott Jones and Sgt. Michael Mattlin in wrapping up the case. Reese noted surveillance video from the business also proved invaluable during the investigation. “Really good work done by the sheriff’s office – it was a combined effort to complete the identification,” he added. “It prevented another victim from being attacked.” This wasn’t Wendorf’s first brush

with the law as an accused sex offender. According to the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry, he was convicted of first degree criminal sexual conduct in January 1989 in Sanilac County Circuit Court. Details of that case were not available, but the registry notes Wendorf is listed as a Tier 3 offender, which includes those convicted of rape, attempted rape, molesting a child under the age of 13 years, and kidnapping a minor, even if there is no sexual component to the crime. Tier 3 offenders must report to

law enforcement four times a year for life. They also face strict reporting requirements, including reporting within three business days to changes in addresses and employment, new school enrollment, and the purchase or sale of a vehicle. They also must report email addresses and screen names. In addition to his criminal sexual conduct conviction, Wendorf previously was convicted on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) in Sanilac County District Court in May 1985, and in Tuscola County Circuit Court in July 1985.

Huron woman dies in hit, run accident

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bor Beach were walking east in the eastbound lane of M-53, approximately 600 feet west of Thomas Road,” Hanson reported. “According to another pedestrian companion, 41-year-old Christopher M. Harder of Elkton, who was walking some distance behind the two, a lighter colored eastbound SUV came up from behind and impacted with both. The vehicle then stopped but continued on to Thomas Road, then left the area southbound. “Unfortunately Ms. Peruski lost

her life to the accident and was pronounced dead at the scene,” Hanson said. “Ms. Herron was taken to the Huron Medical Center and later flown out to an out-of-county hospital with serious injuries. “From statements Mr. Harder made, it’s believed the trio had set out to stargaze from a nearby residence where Ms. Peruski was residing. It’s also appearing alcohol played a role with the three,” added the sheriff, who noted that due to an outstanding out-of-county warrant for Harder, he was taken into custody and lodged in

the county jail. “Accident investigators from our office processed the scene and were assisted by the Huron County Medical Examiner’s Office. As of press time, an autopsy is being scheduled,” he said. At about 6:40 a.m., a motorist contacted Huron Central Dispatch and reported that an SUV was parked on Munford Road, near M-19, in Bingham Township, with a sole occupant sitting in the back seat. “Our deputies responded and determined that SUV was the accident vehicle, as well as the 21-year-old male occupant from Bad Axe was the accident driver,” Hanson said. “The Mercury Mountaineer SUV was then impounded and the driver was taken to Huron Medical Center for a requested blood test.” The suspect, whose name was not immediately released, was subsequently arrested and lodged in the county jail on felony related charges that include leaving the scene of an accident resulting in a death.

Brothers launching business

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ufacturing a coconut toothpaste as an alternative to the increasing popularity of “coconut oil pulling” – swishing a tablespoon of coconut oil in the mouth — a practice known for detoxifying and cleansing teeth and gums, making them whiter while reducing inflammation and even halitosis. The Whites have spent many hours working with YEA mentors and consultants while developing what they’re calling CocoBright All Natural Coconut Oil Toothpaste, which they plan to manufacture, package and sell under the name of the company – Jackal and Fox — they formed. Last month they presented their business plan to a panel of investors as part of a YEA competition. Those individuals were not only impressed enough to name the Whites winners of the contest, making them eligible to compete at the next level in New York for the chance to earn the title of top teen entrepreneurs in the country, they also agreed to invest about \$900 in their toothpaste venture. “The product idea came to us when our mother made her own coconut oil toothpaste two weeks before her dental visit. The dentist said her teeth and gums looked better than ever and that it was from the coconut oil toothpaste,” said Daniel White, who serves as CEO of Jackal and Fox and oversees the company’s sales, distribution channels and human resources. “We tried to buy some locally and couldn’t find any, and the options online were limited. We also discovered over 100,000 people per month in Michigan were searching for coconut oil toothpaste online,” he added. “So, we decided to make our own commercial toothpaste using the ingredients in our mother’s recipe. We consulted with two microbiologists to obtain a consistency and flavor that would appeal to the market,” Daniel continued, noting one of the biggest challenges was to find a way to stabilize the coconut oil, which solidifies in cooler temperatures and becomes “super oily” in warmer temperatures. In the process of solving that problem, Daniel added, the new product can be used without fear of the coconut oil clogging drains. Joseph, who serves as chief operating officer of Jackal and Fox and is in charge of the firm’s financials, quality control and supply chain, noted CocoBright will be sold in tube form and priced at \$2 to \$4 per ounce, similar to other online products. “However, CocoBright beats the competition with non-GMO and organic ingredients and it doesn’t clog drains,” he said. “We’ve already seen early interest before the launch, (and) we are in the process of getting purchase agreements signed with 12 retail stores,” Joseph added. The Whites are well on their way in their search for production and packaging companies, and they would like to keep their business as local as possible. If the business is successful, they also have plans to donate some money towards a community center that would cater to activities for the area’s youth. That’s a lofty goal, but one the brothers figure isn’t out of reach. “It’s rare when you can launch a product that already has a proven demand and hardly any competition,” Daniel said. “With over 100,000 searches each month just in Michigan, and people requesting it at retail stores but there (is) none on the shelves, we know CocoBright is hitting the market at a critical time when there is a huge demand.”

Troopers investigate fatality

by Tom Montgomery Editor Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro are continuing their investigation into a fatal traffic crash that claimed the life of a Mississippi woman early last week in Tuscola County’s Wells Township. According to reports, troopers were dispatched to the scene of the two-vehicle head-on collision – on M-46 near Shaw Road – at about 5 p.m. Monday. The drivers involved were Ronald Godin, 26, of Caro, and Kimberly Callahan, 44, of Cleveland, Miss. Godin was transported to an area hospital for treatment of his injuries. Callahan was pronounced dead at the scene. No other information has been released, Troopers were assisted by Caro MMR, Kingston Fire and Rescue, Mayville EMS and the Caro Fire Department.

In Our OPINION...

It’s time to reform auto insurance in Michigan

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than they charge medical insurers or Medicaid and Medicare for exactly the same service. Considering the problems with Michigan’s auto insurance system, one might wonder why nothing has changed. After all, each lawmaker has thousands of constituents who are harmed by these steep premiums. The answer to this riddle is what economists call “concentrated benefits and diffuse costs.” The status quo provides concentrated benefits to medical providers, attorneys and accident victims, and they will spend significant resources lobbying the Legislature to protect these benefits. The costs, meanwhile, are diffuse, paid by drivers all across the state. Diverse and unorganized, drivers’ voices are easily drowned out by the loud, coordinated and well-funded voices of those who defend the status quo. It’s time to admit that our no-fault auto insurance system has largely failed. As a result of court rulings, it has strayed from its original purpose and its promised benefits have not materialized. For the sake of Michigan drivers, policy makers need to overhaul it and make our state competitive again.



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Ubly class crowded at the top

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

When it comes to academic excellence, it's crowded at the top of the graduation list this year at Ubly High School, where the district's Class of 2017 is boasting two valedictorians and two salutatorians.

The co-valedictorians are Olivia Lipskey, daughter of Kevin and Tracy Lipskey of Ubly, and Kirah Osentoski, daughter of Roger and Carmel Osentoski of Ubly.

Lipskey, who will graduate with a cumulative grade point average



Olivia Lipskey

credits.

She serves as student council president and has been involved with National Honor Society (NHS), FFA, HOSA, drama club, cross country, track, band and student government.



Kirah Osentoski

of 4.099, has participated in dual enrollment classes throughout high school and will be graduating with 39 college

major in social work.

Osentoski, who closes out her high school career with a grade point average of 4.040, has been an active member of Youth Advisory Committee for the past three years, serving as vice president and co-president.

She has also been a member of the Ubly High School Band throughout high school and served as drum major the past two years. In addition to serving as a class representative for two years, Osentoski was elected treasurer of the student council for her senior year. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and attends Good Shepard Catholic Church.

In the fall, Osentoski plans to begin attending classes at Central Michigan University to study biomedical sciences or biochemistry.

Ubly's co-salutatorians this year are Travis Terbrack, son of Bill and Kay Terbrack of Ruth, and Brianna Pionk, daughter of Alfred and Pamela Pionk of Ubly.

Terbrack has earned a grade point average of 3.985. He will be attending Oakland University this fall with plans to become a social worker.



Travis Terbrack

Throughout high school Terbrack has been a member of the NHS, Drama Club and the dual enrollment program. Outside of school, he has held a job at Shade Tree Dairy Supply for the past four years while also helping his family on the farm.

Pionk, who has earned a grade point average of 3.913, has been a class representative for two years, was elected vice president of the student council in her senior year, and has been a member of the NHS for the past three years.

In addition to her academic honors and leadership services, she has been active in athletics, playing volleyball for four years and softball for three years. In the fall, Brianna will be attending Oakland University, where she plans to earn a degree in the medical field.



Brianna Pionk

High honors

In addition to the valedictorians and salutatorians, Ubly students earning high honors are: Riley P. Murray, Eric J. Wolschleger, Jessi N. Clink, Abby L. Wright, Michelle L. Inbody, and Chelsea M. Holdwick.

Honors

Seniors who have earned honors are Megan D. Leppke, Lindsey L. Nast, Allison Romzek, Derek A. Brown, Gavyn P. Pallas, Morgan L. Block, David M. Bowman, Noah A. Krueger, Jonathan A. Brandel, Tyler A. Osentoski, Emma M. Melnik, Ariel C. Waterbeck, Rachel N. Lemanski, Autumn R. Loss, Grace A. Grifka, Lauren A. Kranz, Cade A. Walsh and Aaron R. Klama.

County keeping a close eye on Lansing

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also be inefficient by increasing law enforcement patient travel times."

Statistics show the majority of patients come from Genesee and Oakland counties, and roughly 80 percent of patients are from counties within a one-hour drive or less. Only 13 patients are from northern Michigan counties.

"An impact study, without the facility being located here, (indicates) the unemployment rate would increase from the current 7.9 percent to an estimated 14.7 percent, which would create the highest unemployment rate of any county in the state," said Hoagland.

A variety of data has been collected to make a case to state officials for building the new hospital in Tuscola County.

According to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, in 2016, the center had \$8,951,400 in direct operational expenditures, an indirect economic impact of about \$26,585,658, and the annual payroll of the center's employees totals about \$13 million.

Based on those factors and others, it is estimated the overall economic benefit of the Caro Center locally adds up to a whopping \$54

million.

That information was passed on to Canfield, chairman of the state House Health and Human Services Committee, who recently told commissioners that information he was provided with – such as the Caro Center not being centrally located to health facilities, that travel time for family members is extensive, and that the facility is used up and of no further use – is inaccurate.

"I contend that all of these assumptions are actually misguided," said Canfield, who has lived and provided medical care in the area for several years.

In fact, he noted, Caro Community Hospital is within four miles of the facility and is licensed and accredited by the state of Michigan. Other major healthcare providers readily available include Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City and a veterans affairs hospital in Saginaw, as well as dialysis, oncology, MRI and closed-head injury facilities, all located in the region.

In addition, the state owns about 650 acres around the Caro Center that can be used to build a new hospital. And, the city of Caro provides sewer to the center and could also provide water.

"I think the state has an incredible opportunity to lead by exam-

ple by keeping and re-investing in the Caro Center. The center is poised to be the greatest 'come-back kid' story, since it's already accomplished a century of public service," commented Nancy Barriger, a long-time county resident. "The state has spent an enormous amount of money, trying to strengthen its business community," she said. "Some people question the effectiveness of the \$295 million spent on the 'Pure Michigan' campaign that was created to boost Michigan's tourism industry. Economic reports say the campaign was successful with each \$1 spent about \$8 in direct spending was generated.

"How does the possibility of the state abandoning the center fit it?" Barriger asked. "There are many projects paid with the public's tax dollars that involve asbestos removal, demolishing old buildings and restoring the properties left behind, and rehabbing old buildings into new uses.

"What kind of message will the state be sending if it walks away from the Caro Center, and builds new facilities elsewhere?"

Area residents are encouraged to write their state representatives about keeping the new state hospital in Tuscola County.

News briefs

Ubly updating its master plan

Ubly Village officials and residents are scheduled to meet today (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at Sleeper Public Library to start work on an update of the village's master plan, which was first drafted 20 years ago.

The update will also focus on the community's recreation plan, according to David J. Jaroch, village president.

"Spicer Group will introduce the steps involved in the planning process and will then prepare planning documents using maximum input from the community. These plans will become the guidelines for future development and allocation of resources," Jaroch explained. "Often, additional funding sources become available to assist implementation."

The meeting is open to the public and all are welcomed, Jaroch said, adding interested individuals will be kept informed of future meetings.

St. Agatha to host spring meet

The East Region Council of Catholic Women Spring Meeting is slated for Wednesday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown, which is part of the Our Lady of Consolata Parish.

The day will include a light breakfast, morning prayer, rosary, mass, lunch and speakers in the afternoon. The guest speakers will be Deacon Jene Baughman and his wife, Lee Baughman, who present program entitled "Mission in Nigeria".

Cost for the day is \$10 per person. Registration can be completed by contacting Valerie Fischer at (989) 553-3088.

Local church plans open house

CASS CITY – The Cass City Missionary Church, 4449 Koepfgen Rd., is planning to host an open house to celebrate its new building addition.

The event is slated for Friday, May 5. Residents are invited to stop in any time between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., enjoy a free Mexican-theme lunch, and take a close look at the church addition. Everyone is welcome. More information is available by calling (989) 872-2729.

HDC awarded grant of \$61,600

CARO — The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) last week awarded several Rural Development Fund Grants aimed to promote the sustainability of land-based industries and support infrastructure that benefits rural communities.

Among the recipients is the Human Development Commission (HDC) in Caro, which will receive \$61,600 earmarked for improvements to its commodity food warehouse, strengthening the agency's commodity distribution program.

MDARD is proud to help support these important projects," said Director Jamie Clover Adams. "This is a great opportunity for us to give Michigan businesses a boost, improve local infrastructure around the state, and ultimately open the door for the creation of more good-paying jobs."

The department received 73 proposals with requests totaling more than \$12.9 million. Of those, MDARD awarded funding for 17 projects.

Event benefits drone purchase

CARO - Northstar Bank, 1100 Caro Rd. (M-81), will host a benefit hot dog roast 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today (Wednesday).

Get a hot dog grilled by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and help support the department's effort to purchase a drone that deputies will be using in conjunction with various investigations.

Honoring the Thumb's fallen

THUMB - The annual Thunder Across the Thumb motorcycle ride to honor the fallen and to help those who are still serving in the armed forces will kick off at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 5. It starts at the Caro Area Airport and will proceed to the airport in Sandusky.

The ride is free, with donations going to help the troops. For more info, call Bill at (989) 823-2554 or Talonda at (989) 673-2750.

Trafficking program set May 7

CASS CITY - Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Mark Swales will present a free program on human trafficking and Internet safety from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Charmont in Cass City. For more information, call (989) 673-1723 or (989) 269-3319.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Victim's boyfriend arrested

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residence in the 5000 block of Dodge Road. Dennis' boyfriend had overdosed earlier that day and was treated. The next overdose at that address was for Dennis.

"The preliminary autopsy report is done, but I haven't received the official autopsy," said Reene. "And, I'm waiting on the toxicology report. That takes and average of about 30 days to get."

Doctor Kanu Virani, deputy medical examiner and forensic pathologist, Oakland County, performed the medical examination.

Based on evidence collected by deputies at the scene, heroin is suspected to be the cause of the overdose, according to Tuscola County Undersheriff Robert Baxter, who noted detectives from the Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) are assisting in the ongoing investigation.

Dennis' 31-year-old boyfriend, whose name has not been released pending a review of the investigation by the prosecutor's office, is being held on a parole detainer, according to Reene.

Friends of Dennis were shocked by her death, especially if it is determined to be heroin related because, they say, they didn't suspect her of using the drug.

"This is another sad example of what is happening in the country, state and local communities of opioid addiction," Reene said. "Addressing this issue is a high priority for law enforcement and the medical community.

"For those who think there isn't a problem, they are sadly mistaken. I heard there were four overdose incidents in the Cass City area the same day as the fatal overdose," he added.

Overdoses involving opioids have reached epidemic levels, prompting health departments to distribute Naloxone/Narcan, a drug used to reverse the effects of opioid overdoses. Tuscola County Behavioral Health System (TCBHS) is among the agencies that are making Narcan kits and instruction in how to use them available to the public free of charge.

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Froggin’ around...



LOOKING A BIT groggy but otherwise no worse for the (winter) wear, a toad emerges from his long winter nap in a Deford area garden. At left, gray tree frogs like this one, spotted on the deck of an area residence, are common in Michigan and are frequently seen (and heard) as they gear up for mating season in May. Among their talents is changing color to better match their surroundings in an effort to avoid being spotted by predators.



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THE FINAL RED Hawk Award of Excellence recipients for the 2016-17 school year, honored during last week’s regular Cass City Board of Education, are Ali Learman, a third grade student, and high school freshman Leevy Matthews.

Learman, Matthews Hawk award winners

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education recently honored the final recipients of the district’s coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence for the 2016-17 school year.

They are Ali Learman, a third grade student, and high school freshman Leevy Matthews.

During the months of October, December, February and April, each school building staff is asked to nominate students for the award in order to recognize students for leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees and their families are then invited to attend a school board meeting, during which teachers, administrators and the board members themselves congratulate each winner and present them with a maroon ribbon and certificate.

Veteran elementary school teacher Kris Milligan nominated Learman, the daughter of Paul and Mayra Learman, for the award.

“Ali is a great student to have in class. She is always trying her best and is very successful,” Milligan wrote in her nomination letter. “She likes to be challenged and is willing to work hard to solve problems.

“She is currently working on a goal of breaking the all-time record for Reading Counts at the elementary level,” Milligan added. “She figured out how many points she would need to read each month to beat that score. She knew she was less busy in the winter, so she decided to work above her monthly goal in the winter months.

“Ali has beaten the school record by 200 points and is continuing to read and add to her score,” she continued, adding that Learman had reached a total of 1,168 reading points, topping the previous record of 1,012 points posted by former Cass City student Alex Varney, who is now 25 years old.

“Ali’s personality is so much fun to be around. She sees the humor in many situations and has a very quick wit about her. It won’t take long before she will bring a smile to your face,” Milligan said. “(She) is a friend to all of her classmates. She treats people how she likes to be treated. She is respectful of others’ feelings and notices if someone is having a rough time.

“Ali shows leadership skills that will carry her through many situations in her life. She will be an asset to any team she works with,” Milligan added.

High school social studies teacher Sean Zawilinski nominated Matthews for the Red Hawk award. He is the grandson of William and Lucille Burns.

“Leevy began his high school career by transferring to Cass City Junior-Senior High School. He had previously attended Ugly Public Schools,” Zawilinski noted. “I asked Leevy what motivated him to come here, and he said there were two important things; the first was that he had already made friends with students here and wanted to go to school where they were. The other was that we offer soccer and bowling teams, and he wanted to join those as well.

“Leevy has a sense of humor that often keeps his friends in stitches,” she said. “He is willing to help them out whenever they have questions, whether it is classwork or life. His friendship with another student has allowed him to get to know a young man in our school who has limited English-speaking ability. The two of these young men help the third one feel more comfortable in my classroom.

“Leevy works hard in school,” Zawilinski said. “He wants good grades and will work to achieve that goal. As I said earlier, he is willing to help other kids out with classwork or anything they may need. He is even willing to help me out as well.

“I look forward to watching Leevy grow into a young adult and I’m glad he’s here in Red Hawk country,” she added.



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BAD AXE’S Clark Brady is held tight to the bag by Cass City first baseman Zack Beecher during GTW action. The two schools split their conference double header.

Early season showdown a crowd pleaser

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The hype was better than advertised at the Hurd Invitational Friday in Vassar, site of a 15-school gathering that featured two of the state’s premier distance runners.

“The competition at the meet rivaled that of the State Finals,” said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski noting the field included Division 1 and 2 schools competing for just six medals in each event.

Many spectators on hand were jacked-up to see what they felt was the marquee event – the 3200 meter run - that pitted the current Division 3 and Division 4 Individual Cross Country State Champions.

They weren’t disappointed.

Cass City’s CarLee Stimpfel and Caro’s Yami Albrecht ran step for step for seven plus laps at a blistering pace, before, on the bell lap, Stimpfel’s stronger kick enabled him to pull ahead of Albrecht for the title.

“Both racers ran personal best times, not surprising with the history these two have. They pushed each other to the amazing performances. These two will meet again at regionals in Marlette on May 19 and this promises to be the race to watch as they will likely be ranked 1 and 2 in the State in Division 3 after Friday’s performances,” Zdrojewski said.

Stimpfel ran a time of 9:32.21 with Albrecht finishing right behind at 9:33.55.

The pair also faced off in the 1600 meter run won by Albrecht with a new personal record of 4:23.98, while Stimpfel finished third, also with a new personal record of 4:31.83. Zdrojewski says his junior distance king can rewrite the record books at Cass City.

“For those keeping score, CarLee narrowly missed the school record still held by Greg Bliss at 9:31.80, he will likely not see this level of competition again until regionals and the State Finals,” he said.

In a surprise showing, Red Hawk Brendan Hamilton finished in sec-

ond place in the long jump with a leap of 18’11”, as did teammate Darren Miller in the pole vault with a height of 11’6”. Brady Warford added to a strong showing in the field events for Cass City, earning a 6th place medal in the shot put (41’4”).

Still, it was TJ Moore who proved to be the top point taker and medal winner for Cass City. The gifted senior athlete earned a medal in all four events he competed in. Moore finished 5th in the 400 meter dash, 5th in the shot put, 5th in the discus with a new personal record of 120’4”, and was part of the 6th place 1600 meter relay team along with Ethon Fetterhoff, Chase Denniston, and Collen Wrubel.

Schmotzer earned three medals on the day taking a 6th place in the 100 meter dash. Schmotzer also ran a leg of the 5th place 400 meter relay team along with Ethon Fetterhoff, Chase Denniston, and Hamilton.

In the women’s field, The Lady Red Hawks was lead in the medal count by sophomore Hailey Schmotzer.

“Hailey finished a very impressive 6th place overall in the 100 meter hurdles with a new personal record of 18.54. She also medaled in the 300 meter hurdles, taking a 6th place overall (55.58). She is looking very good in both hurdle events and continues to make marked improvements in both as her confidence grows,” Zdrojewski said.

The 3200 meter relay team of Layna Mathewson, Mary Muter, Marla Muter and Emilee Steely was the only other Red Hawks to medal at the always tough early season meet.

Reese was a double winner on the day, taking the overall men’s crown with 140 points, while the Lady Rockets tallied an overall winning score of 175.

USA INVITE

Bad Axe nipped Cass City 105-102 for bragging rights last Tuesday at the USA Invitational, while the Reese girls turned back Bad

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Hot hitting Cass City splits league games

Thirteen Cass City hits weren’t enough to turn back host Bad Axe Thursday to kick off Greater Thumb West baseball play for Coach Josh Stern’s Red Hawks.

The two teams exchanged leads four times in the opener before Jason Error’s last inning single resulted in a 7-6 walk-off victory for the Hatchets.

However, Cass City remained hot at the plate in the nightcap and rebounded nicely with a double digit hit parade and 9-4 decision.

“The guys are hitting the ball well. They have been working hard to develop their swings and it seems to be paying off,” said Stern, adding “The hustle on the base shown by everyone has really impressed me. They run hard and look to make every play close or get extra bases whenever they can.”

Game one featured four lead changes, before RBI singles from Luke Stern and Zack Beecher had Cass City in front 5-4 entering the 6th inning.

Bad Axe regained the lead in their next at bats when they plated a pair of markers to charge in front 6-5. The damage in the frame could have been worse if not for the defense of center fielder Joey Krol. On the verge of breaking the contest wide open, the Red Hawk junior southpaw hauled in a deep fly ball and then gunned down a Bad Axe runner at the plate to complete the double play and end the host rally.

However, after Cass City tied the game in the top of the seventh, Error delivered in dramatic fashion for the winners.

Joe Messing tossed a complete game to earn the victory on the mound. He had four Ks, walked two, and was charged with 6 earned runs.

Cass City’s pitching chores had starter Brent Baker work 4 1/3 innings, fanning five and walking four, before handing the ball to Nick Perry and eventual Beecher, who was tagged with the defeat.

Perry worked one inning and was charged with one earned run, despite not allowing a hit. Beecher worked the final 1.1 innings. He surrendered three hits.

At the plate, Krol had three knocks, including a double and a pair of RBIs for Cass City, while Stern, Baker and Beecher all chipped in 2 baggers.

For Bad Axe, Messing had two

hits including a triple, while Brandon Erla and Error each had two RBIs.

In Game two, Bad Axe struck first, but nine unanswered runs helped Cass City salvage a split on the day with a 9-4 victory.

A huge third inning by Cass City broke the contest wide open.

Krol and Kendall Anthes combined to handle the pitching duties for the visitors. Krol earned the victory with six solid innings of work, whiffing seven and just one

earned run.

Bad Axe starter Austin Affer lasted just two complete innings and was strapped with the defeat. He allowed six hits, before giving way to Erla, who had five strikeouts in 3 1/3 innings on the hill.

Eight different Red Hawk batters collected hits, including two each by Sandyn Cuthrell and Anthes. Cass City also had Hunter Vaughan with a triple and 2 RBIs.

Bad Axe’s Erla had a double and triple in vain.



CASS CITY COACH John Hacker and Riley Klein are all smiles after the junior third baseman clubbed a grand slam in the opener of Thursday’s Greater Thumb West twin bill in Bad Axe.

Lady Hawks swept GTW host Bad Axe

Dominating pitching performances by Sayge Cuthrell was more than enough for Cass City to sweep host Bay Axe Thursday in the Greater Thumb West maiden double header for both schools.

The junior hurler recorded seven strikeouts in the Red Hawks’ game one victory and followed with a 13 strikeout effort in the visitors’ game two win.

Cass City plated five runs in the first inning and added five more in the second before cruising to an 11-0 decision.

Riley Klein had a big game at the plate that included three hits and five RBIs. Her second inning grand slam over the right-center fence sealed the fate of the Hatchets.

Cass City also had Konner Warren with a 3-for-3 effort at the plate, while Sayge Cuthrell, Lauren Dickinson and Brittany Hamilton chipped in two hits apiece.

Ashleigh Krug went the distance on the hill for Bad Axe and took the loss. She whiffed 10 and surrendered 11 hits.

Cuthrell, meanwhile, limited the Hatchets to singles by Maddy

Jimkowki and Breyton Meeks. She issued one free pass.

“I thought we would be hitting the ball a little better by now,” said Cass City Coach John Hacker. “That really scares me heading into Wednesday’s game against USA. Sayge is going to have to dominate her position if we hope to win. It looks like we will have to scratch out a couple of runs playing small ball. We’ll have to play our best to win.”

USA opened its GTW schedule sweeping Reese. The Patriots pounded out 36 runs in the two victories.

“Where did they get all the hitters,” questioned Hacker. “They lost a lot of seniors from last year and Sayge held that team down until the final inning.”

Cuthrell and Krug squared off again in the late game and the results were similar. The Red Hawks jumped out to a 3-0 advantage before settling for an 8-3 triumph.

Cuthrell yielded five hits and one earned run to collect the decision, while Krug was tagged for 10 hits and four earned runs in defeat.

Baylee Murphy’s double off the

right field fence highlighted Cass City’s attack that also featured multiple hits by Cuthrell and Bailee Ross.

For Bad Axe, Meeks was 2-for-3 at the plate with a triple, while Sydney McDonald, Abby Newland and Cynthia Labor added singles.

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CC golfers off to slow start

The Cass City golf team struggled Friday at the Ublly Invitational.

Yale took top honors at the eight school affair with a score of 342 and was followed in the team standings by Bad Axe with 352, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 379, Vassar 384, Ublly 386, Sandusky 399, Brown City 426 and Cass City 428.

Brad Hacker led the way for the Red Hawks shooting an 18-hole score of 87, which included a score of 41 on the front side. Hunter McGrath was next for Cass City and carded a score of 101 on the Huron County course known for its high winds that were plentiful on the day. Finishing the scoring for the Red Hawks

were Kalean Boynton and Tylor Cowdry who shot 104 and 136, respectively.

For Ublly, Jake Uhl shot 91, two strokes better than Bearcat Blake Badger, while David Sorenson tallied a score of 99, Levi Block 103 and Justin Briolat 104.

The meet medalist was Bad Axe's Ethan Krohn. He shot 75.

GTW JAMBOREES

Also last week Cass City traveled for Greater Thumb West jamborees hosted by Vassar and USA.

On Tuesday, Bad Axe squeaked out a one stroke victory over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, 187-188, at Huron County's Scenic Golf and Country Club, while Vassar was a distant third with 191, followed by

Cass City with 202

McGrath and Boynton both shot 47 to lead Cass City, while Hacker's 51 and Nick Perry's 57 completed the point winners for Coach Jon Ligrow's team.

One day earlier, it was Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port that claimed victory in Tuscola County. The Lakers turned back Bad Axe, 182-187, while Cass City finished next with 199 and host Vassar finished last with 212, despite playing on the Vulcans home course.

Boynton fired a score of 46 and Hacker a score of 47 to pace the Red Hawks. McGrath and Perry both shot scores of 53.

Hatchet Krohn was the medalist at both meets with identical scores of 39.

Schmotzer Lady Hawks' top medal winner

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Axe 169-130 for top honors.

Stimpfel easily won both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs and anchored the 3200 meter relay team to a second place finish along with Gabe Farver, Wright and Lucas Swiderski.

Moore won the 400 meter dash and added second place points in the shot put and 6th place points in the discus. Moore also was part of the 4th place 1600 meter relay team along with Schmotzer, Wrubel and Kris Nika.

Wright's excellent season continued, according to Zdrojewski, with a win in the 800 meter run and a third place showing in the 3200 meter run.

The Red Hawks' 400 meter relay team of Hamilton, Schmotzer,

Jarod Naegele and Denniston finished second and the 800 meter relay team of Hamilton, Schmotzer, Fetterhoff and Naegele also finished as runner-up.

Other individual efforts for Cass City saw Darren Miller returned to his pre-injury form and winning the pole vault at 11 feet. Hamilton took 4th place in the long jump and 5th place in his first running of the 200 meter dash. Freshman Drew Markel finished 7th in the 3200 meter run with a new personal record and 10th in the 1600 meter run with another new personal record.

"I look for Drew to continue to improve as he gets stronger and learns the strategy of the longer races," said Zdrojewski.

Turning to the girls' field, again

Schmotzer continues to shine in the hurdle events, taking 4th in the 110 meter hurdles and 2nd in the 300 meter hurdles. In addition, Schmotzer was part of the 3rd place 400 meter relay team along with Kenidee Stanhope, Brittany Stilson and Taylor Cumper.

Cass City also had Melissa LaJoie with a 3rd place distance in the discus and 5th place distance in the shot put, while Mary Muter is starting to show signs of strength in the distance races, taking 4th in the 1600 meter run and 6th in the 800 meter run.



DEDICATION CEROMONIES highlighted the opening of the Cass City girls Little League Saturday at the recreational park fields, where league personnel officially named the two diamonds in front of an overflowing crowd. At the left, Mark Halabis presents Jamie Krol a plaque honoring her late dad – Jim LaRoche , while on the right, Emily Phillips-Lasceski tells Heidi Smith that the north field will honor her daughter Lexi Smith who died of cancer in 2012.

Said Phillips: "Lexi touched the hearts of our entire community. She should be a reminder to all of us to never give up."

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's choice for their Athlete of the Week award is Cass City junior Sayge Cuthrell.

Cuthrell has become the work horse of Coach John Hacker's pitching staff entering the Red Hawks' toughest stretch of the schedule.

And judging by her last outings – both ends of a double header against Bad Axe – she appears ready.



"Sayge is going to have to dominate her position if we hope to win," says Hacker.

And that's exactly what happened against the Hatchets as she combined for 20 strikeouts, while scattering seven hits over both games. Cuthrell, now in her third varsity season, threw a shutout in game one and was charged with one earned run in game two.

At the plate, the Red Hawk leadoff hitter scored twice in the opening game, before going 2-for-4 in the late game.

Cuthrell, who has won the award in volleyball, basketball, and now softball, is the daughter of Scott and Amy Cuthrell.

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2017 Spring Sports Schedule



BOYS' BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
4/4	Caro
4/6	Millington
4/11	Brown City
4/13	Ubly
4/15	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington *
4/17	Sandusky
4/24	Memphis
4/27	Bad Axe
5/1	Marlette
5/4	USA
5/8	North Branch
5/11	Reese
5/13	Saginaw Nouvel *
5/15	Harbor Beach
5/18	Vassar
5/25	Lakers
5/30-6/2	Districts @ Bad Axe

* Time to be announced
All games begin at 4 p.m.


Home Games Highlighted



Home games in bold.

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GIRLS' SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
4/4	Caro
4/11	Brown City
4/13	Ubly
4/15	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington *
4/17	Sandusky
4/24	Memphis
4/27	Bad Axe
5/1	Marlette
5/4	USA
5/8	North Branch
5/11	Reese
5/13	Brown City *
5/15	Harbor Beach
5/18	Vassar
5/20	Piconning *
5/25	Lakers
5/30-6/2	Districts @ Bad Axe

All games begin at 4 p.m. * Time to be announced

Home Games Highlighted





TRACK & FIELD



DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
3/22	Reese/USA/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
4/4	Reese/USA/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
H 4/7	Marlette/Reese/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/10	Marlette/Bad Axe/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/13	Brown City Invite	4:00 p.m.
H 4/18	Brown City/Harbor Beach/Ubly	4:30 p.m.
4/21	Marlette Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/25	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/28	Vassar Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/2	Ubly Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/5	Reese Invite	4:30 p.m.
5/9	EPB Lakers Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/12	Bad Axe Invite	4:00 p.m.
H 5/16	GTW League Meet	4:00 p.m.
5/20	Regionals @ Marlette	
5/23	Tribune Meet of Champs @ BA	
5/30	Thumb Meet of Champs @ Caro	
6/3	State Finals	

H-Home Meet

GOLF



DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/10	Millington	1:00 p.m.
4/24	GTC Jamboree @ Vassar	3:30 p.m.
4/25	GTC Jamboree @ USA	4:00 p.m.
4/26	North Huron Invite-Bird Creek	TBA
4/28	Ubly Invite	8:15 a.m.
5/1	GTC Jamboree @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
5/2	GTC Jamboree @ Cass City	4:00 p.m.
5/4	Caro @ Cass City	4:00 p.m.
5/10	Brown City Invite	8:00 a.m.
5/11	GTC Jamboree @ Lakers	4:00 p.m.
5/12	Warner Memorial @ Vassar	TBA
5/15	GTC Jamboree @ Verona	TBA
5/31	Regionals	TBA

Junior High Track

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
H 4/12	USA/Brown City	4:30 p.m.
4/19	Marlette/Sandusky/Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
4/24	Harbor Beach/Bad Axe/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/26	Sandusky/Reese/Brown City	4:30 p.m.
5/3	Vassar/USA/Lakers/Reese	4:00 p.m.
H 5/8	Bad Axe/Reese/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
H 5/10	USA/Reese/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
5/17	GTC West League Meet @ BA	TBA
H 5/19	Gavel Club Relays	4:30 p.m.

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Obituaries

Dolores Hartsell

Dolores Roseline Hartsell, 89, of Mishawaka, IN, formerly of Cass City, died Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in Tanglewood Trace Assisted Living Facility in Mishawaka, IN. She was born November 17, 1927 in Commerce Township to George Frederick and Mary (O’Leary) Dingel. She married Alton Clarence Hartsell November 27, 1948 in Pontiac. He died July 31, 1990. Dolores was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Lake Orion and later of Deford Community Church. She was a proud member of the Women’s Christian Temperance Union. Dolores appreciated and was very supportive of the Forgotten Man Ministries organization. She loved tending her plants and gave many to friends. Dolores enjoyed collecting antiques, visiting antique stores, yard sales and flea markets looking for a great find to add to her collection. Dolores enjoyed reading Christian stories, cookbooks, letters, cards and especially poems. She was skillful at crocheting and sewing and made pillowcases and many quilts for her grandchildren.

Dolores is survived by her daughters: Roseline (Tim) Thompson of Clarkston, Nancy (Michael) Daugherty of Osceola, IN; son-in-law, Douglas Bailey of North Branch; grandchildren: Dwayne Eskelson, Dawn Freeland, Denise Steffler, Eric Eskelson, Jeff Bailey, Steven Bailey, Julie Reimers, Matthew Hartsell, Shannon Bennett, Kayla Daugherty, Krysta Daugherty; sixteen great-grandchildren and a great great-granddaughter due in May.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Diane Bailey; son Leonard Hartsell; great-grandsons, Kelby Freeland and Alex Bailey; son-in-law, Delbert “David” Eskelson; and all her siblings: George Dingel, “Bud” Lawrence Dingel, William Dingel, Angie Male, Gladys Weldon, Jenny Curtis, Dorothy Rader, Donna Dingel, Loretta Dingel, Cecilia Dingel, Julietta Dingel and an infant sister.

A funeral service was held Monday, May 1, in Deford Community Church, Deford, with the Rev. David Cooper officiating.

Interment will be in Kingston Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Deford Community Church. 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.

Jacob Mozdzen

Jacob Louis Mozdzen, 24, of Sebring, FL, formerly of Cass City, passed away Saturday, April 22, 2017 in Highlands County, FL. He was born July 13, 1992 in Cass City to Mark and Sandi (Kapa) Mozdzen. Jake attended Cass City schools and later graduated from Riverview High School in Riverview, FL. After graduation Jake worked as a CNC Operator for several companies including Cole Carbide and MiTech for several years. He also loved his part time job as First Mate for a charter boat company in Port Austin. In Florida, he worked as a Superintendent with J & M Steel Company. Jake enjoyed all sports from shooting hoops, playing softball and baseball, to snowboarding—you name it and he would try it. His passion was working on cars and recreating masterpieces. Jake was a seasonal sportsman who enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, turkey hunting and bow hunting. Jake’s love of nature found him spending as much time outside as possible and brought him great peace and joy. He had a personality that was magnetic and a smile that would warm your heart. Jake loved everybody he came in contact with and brought smiles to everyone he met. Jake was loved by everyone including his family and friends and will be deeply missed.

Jake is survived by his daughter, Brooklynn Mozdzen of Owendale; mother, Sandi Mozdzen of Sebring, FL; father, Mark (Julie) Mozdzen of Deford; siblings: Jordon (Alex) Mozdzen of Houghton Lake, Kenny Grady of Cass City, Kendra Grady of Deford; grandparents: Louis and Judy Kapa of Mayville, Jennie Mozdzen of Deford; Les and Bev Auten of Cass City; aunts and uncles: Dave (Cindy) Kapa of Mayville, Don Kapa of Mayville, Todd Brown of Mayville, Carla (Kurt) Beck of Houghton Hancock, Christy (Mike) Cunningham of Battle Creek, Greg (Laura) McCrory of Skidway Lake, Ronnie (Danielle) McCrory of Marlette, Al (Jeri) Mozdzen of Hale, Ronald (Marcia) Mozden of Deford, Margie Mozden of Deford, Gerald (Shelley) Mozden of Evart, Edward (Karen) Mozden of Deford, Julie (Brian) Dasinger of Bellvue, CO. He will also be remembered by many cousins whom he loved dearly.

Jake was preceded in death by his grandfather, Adolph Mozdzen; and aunt, Shari Brown.

A funeral service was held Saturday, April 29, in Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City with Brad Speirs officiating.


Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Jacob will be: Jordon Mozdzen, Kenny Grady, Steven Rychlewski, Brandon Diem, Kris Thompson, Taylor Rocheleau.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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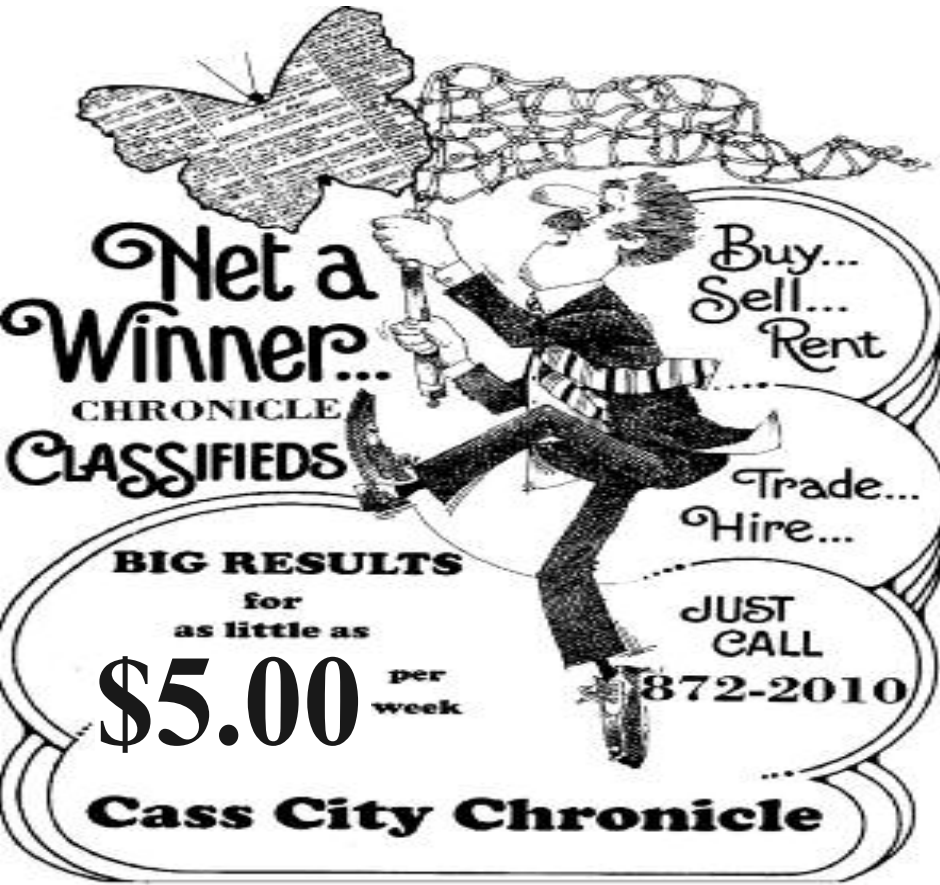
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