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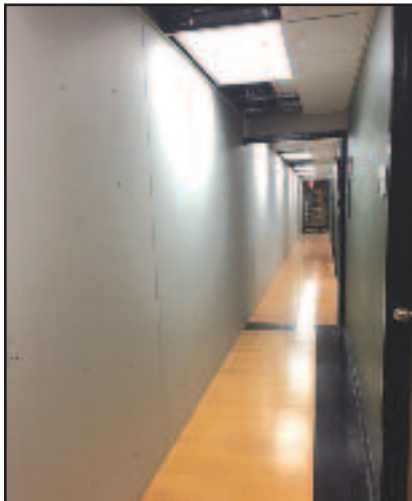
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HILLS AND Dales General Hospital has a new entrance in place (on right in top photo) as construction crews prepare to begin work on a \$6 million renovation/expansion. Temporary walls (left) have been installed and the registration staff – (from left) Rita Bartle, Renee Cooper and Kendra Lopez – is working out of new temporary quarters at the north end of the hospital.

Facelift is underway at Hills and Dales, staff making adjustments

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials are asking patients and visitors to “excuse their mess” these days as contractors have begun the formidable task of giving the Cass City hospital a new look as well as more space and updated facilities.

Officials broke ground this spring on the \$6 million renovation project, and the work to-date has included preparing for months of construction while enabling the hospital to conduct business as usual.

“Inside the hospital right now, the temporary walls are going up on the first floor and second floor. On the outside, the fence is up and they are creating the road for construction vehicle use,” said Danielle Blaine, Hills and Dales’ director of public relations.

“In the next few weeks, once the walls are completed, we will see demolition of the old building begin.”

The hospital’s maintenance staff has already tackled a major job – transforming a double-wide trailer into a new, temporary entrance at the north end of Hills and Dales.

“The temporary trailer is for everyone; patients – both outpatient and emergency room – visitors, vendors,” Blaine noted. “It is the only entrance into the hospital for now.

“We owe a huge thanks to our maintenance staff, who took the trailer that arrived in two pieces and made it into what is now (after adding) drywall, paint, flooring, doors, trim, cameras, alarms,” said Blaine, who noted the crew also made the entrance

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Not enough juice?

Inadequate power supply stalls big dairy plans for community

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Plans to make Cass City a central dairy processing center are stalling. When ground was broken in September 2013 for construction of the \$40 million Dairy Farmers of American (DFA) processing plant at 4105 N. Division St., officials described it as the first of a multi-phase project.

“Back when the DFA project started, the plan was to have three dairy processing facilities in Cass City,” explained Tuscola County Commissioner Tom Young. “That is still the hope, but a power source is needed for development of the second phase.”

Young has extensive knowledge about the DFA’s plans, having served as the Michigan Department of Economic Development business development manager for the Thumb area.

“I knew about and was working on DFA’s projects back in 2007,” said Young. “For the next dairy processing phase to move forward, it needs power — and soon. DTE said it would take approximately three years to run power to the new (proposed) plant in Cass City. DFA would like to see that timeline shortened to two years. A power line would have to be run for four miles.”

DTE has several projects ahead of the one for DFA.

“We asked if the power project for DFA couldn’t be pushed forward, but DTE (officials) said that wasn’t possible because other projects

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Council votes to not fill vacancies

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

In a split decision during Monday’s early morning special meeting, the Cass City Village Council opted against replacing a pair of board vacancies in the near future.

The 7 a.m. gathering was held — after tabling action during another special meeting Friday morning on the subject — to set policy and procedure to fill the positions created by the resignations of trustees Steve Erickson and Mark Karwowski. Erickson resigned as a trustee May 22 and Karwowski on June 26, leaving the council with five members instead of seven.

Village Clerk-Treasurer Nanette Walsh outlined suggestions submitted to replace the former trustees, including filling the position of Erickson with one of four candidates who have already submitted a letter of intent.

Walsh also reported that the council could seek interested parties to submit similar letters to fill the position of Karwowski or that the council could appoint a person to fill each term.

“The council’s options included replacing either trustee, both trustees, or neither,” said Walsh.

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Koylton Township officials seeking more road funding

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Because the cost of maintaining roads has gone up like everything else, Koylton Township officials will ask voters to approve a new road millage during the Tuesday, Aug. 8, election.

“Road improvements is one of the items residents asked for during our last annual township meeting,” said Koylton Township Supervisor Doug Kramer. “To do that, we need more (millage) funds.”

Township residents will be asked to approve a two-mill increase for road maintenance for two years. If approved, the levy would generate about \$67,000 the first year.

The two-mill tax equals \$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value. So, if the millage is approved, it would cost the owner of an \$80,000 home roughly \$80 a year based on its taxable value.

“It is a new millage, and if approved, can only be spent on road improvements,” Kramer pointed out. “It is really important for residents to understand that money can only be spent on roads and nothing else.”

The township currently levies two mills for roads, but more money is needed to do the necessary improvements.

“Some of the roads residents asked to be improved (are) White Creek Road, the Mayville Road, and Marlette Road,” he said. “White Creek Road needs to be repaved. Some of the other work is stone patching and doing graveling.

“Those at the annual meeting really stressed they wanted roads improved.”

It costs about \$120,000 to pave one mile of road with a three-inch base. Putting down a mile of stone costs about \$36,000, and it’s estimated it will cost between \$18,000 and \$20,000 for gravel.

Kramer noted the Tuscola County Road Commission offers a \$25,000 incentive towards road work for qualifying roads, but he isn’t sure the money can be used for the White Creek Road project. Koylton Township has about 50 miles of roads.

Response times delayed

Sheriff: Road patrol far too lean

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent figures a lengthy delay in his department’s ability to respond to a domestic violence call during

the early morning hours of July 4 underscores the need for voters to approve an increase in the millage that funds the sheriff’s road patrol division.

Voters will decide the proposed tax hike in August.

“A domestic violence call came in at 12:56 a.m. where an intoxicated person was pushing and shoving others in the house, trying to get keys to drive away,” Skrent said of the recent incident requesting deputies to respond to a residence in Arbela Township.

“The only vehicle on patrol was Sgt. (Josh) Herman and Deputy (Spencer) Coleman. While en route to the call, they were called off for an injury crash, which happened also in Arbela Township,” he said, noting the accident call came in about 14 minutes after the domestic violence report.

“A driver had left the road, went through a person’s yard and struck a parked vehicle. The driver was suspected of being intoxicated and was slightly injured,” Skrent said. “The driver was treated by MMR and taken to jail, where a search

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Kingston to address wind ordinance at meet tonight

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Although southern Tuscola County is not listed as an area for potential wind development, one area township is taking steps to be ready.

The Kingston Township Planning Commission will host a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the township hall, 5943 Howard St., Wilmot, to discuss a proposed wind energy ordinance.

At the meeting, planning commission members and Rob Eggars from the Spicer Group will answer questions about the ordinance.

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Striffler-Benkelman reunion set

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12 and 13, mark this year's dates for the Striffler-Benkelman family reunion.

The event has been revived and is held locally every five years for relatives of two closely related families. Although few local relatives still hold the surname of Striffler or Benkelman, there are many relatives in the area, plus many family members will travel from other states, including Virginia, Texas, Tennessee, Arizona, Massachusetts, Vermont and California.

The bond they have in common is that their ancestors lived and

farmed in the Cass City area in the 1800's.

The reunion provides an opportunity for family members to learn about and experience their family history. On Saturday, Aug. 12 a charter bus will feature a 70-mile tour of the area, highlighting farms, churches, homesteads and the Elkland Cemetery. Every stop will include a short historic lecture on the significance of the site and the role Striffler-Benkelman ancestors played in the community. A souvenir booklet of family history will be included in the tour.

On Sunday, Aug. 13, families will meet for a luncheon in Ubley.

A photographer will be present to document the gathering, and a genealogist will review the family history for both the Striffler and Benkelman families. There will also be a program of events to welcome all cousins and enjoy family stories.

About 75 to 100 people are expected to attend the two-day event.

A registration packet is available and must be completed by the end of July to attend the reunion.

More information is available by contacting Mark Battel at (989) 550-2621 or Maggie Battel Bethel at (616) 874-4247.

Kingston announces honor students

The following Kingston High students have been named honor students for the second semester they are:

7th Grade - Audree Audinet, Emily Bicego, Brandon Bombard, Madison Coyer, Joseph Cryderman, Ethan Cumper, William Cumper*, Collen Dibble, Gaven Dibble*, John Egan, Carter Geister, Mariea Haag, Zachary Hayost, Isabel Hurd, Summer Jenkins, Isis Johnson, Alex Kotsch, Landen Noakes, Owen Phillips, Jacob Rayl*, Brandon Sanders, Angel Shiel, 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*, Mark Crousore, Jason Dibble, Kealsie Dinsmore, Katelyn DuRussell, Colten Gildner*, Morgan Green*, Rayann Harp, Kayla Hobson, Hannah James*, Paige Klupp*, Joslyn Lupa, Dustin Peter*, Ella Retan*, Alexandra Sherman, Chelsea Smith, Jessica Stoll, Makayla Thompson, Olivia Ulewicz*, Lynneah VanHorn, Trayton Wenzlaff*, Madison Wieland and Samantha Wood*.

9th Grade - Anna Ahern, Elissa Bicego, Mason Biddle, Danielle Crisman, Jake DeLong, Collin Geister*, Caleb Goss, Johnathan Green*, Katelyn Iseler, Aaron Koehler, Payton Kolacz, Anastasia Krych, Jalen LittleThunder*, Shelby May, Ryan McGarvie*, Braden Mosher, Wren Murdoch, Isaac Muxlow*, Evan Neff, Tristen Skinner, Lohr Smith, Joseph Snover* and Bryan Wright.

10th Grade - Maisey Bigelow, Gerilyn Carpenter, Nathan Cloyd, Brian Coltson, Levi Cryderman*, Kendra DeLong, Jillyan Dinsmore*, Dakota Distelrath, Kerra Elling, Connor Henry*, Hunter James, Lily Lyons, Camryn MacGuire*, Hannah McSkulin, Carley Smith, Colton Stadler, Morgan Tallieu*, Gunnar Thomp-

son, Amira Varvel, Amanda Velez and Emily Warrington*.

11th Grade - Mariah Andrews, Alexis Board*, Lauryn Cumper, Grace Dinsmore*, Christa Ewald, Kasia Giddings, Garrett Green*, Riley Kinel*, Juliana Krych, Courtney Mallory, Jacob McDaid, Samantha Moore, Madisyn Pennington, Haley Pohlod, Josselyn Rushlow, Daniel Schwarck*, Caitlyn Sherman*, Jada Shiel, Quinlan Western*, Alayna

Officials at Owen-Gage announce honor students

Owendale-Gagetown school officials recently announced 4th marking period honor students.

3rd Grade: McKenzie Baker*, Eli Dubs-Peterson, Aubrey Hellebuyck*, Brooklyn Hunt, Alan Sagash*, Kennedy Selden* and Anastacia Torrez.

4th Grade: JoAnn Baker*, Raven Griswold, Danielle Hunt*, Lucas McKnight*, Haiden Schave, Sophia Siens, Lucio Torrez* and Natalie Wood.

5th Grade: Addison Bach, Shelby Bowers*, Joshua Dubs, Karsyn Gruehn*, Isaac Miller*, Lillieyanah 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* and Libby Ondrajka*.

9th Grade: Carley Haldane, Chentel Hill, Chase Howard, Kaitlyn LaCroix*, Sierra Mascorro, Andrew Roemer and Hailey Schave.

Williams and Cassidy Zyrowski.

12th Grade - 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, Autum Taylor* and Amber Tubbs

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

11th Grade: Natasha Dubs*, Aaron Fahrner*, Madyson Fuerst*, Morgan Ondrajka*, Luke Retford*, Kaitlynn Ross, Ashley Treder and Alyson Witzke.

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

Second Semester

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*Denotes all A's.

NOTICE

Greenleaf Township Residents Board of Review

Notice is hereby given that the Greenleaf Township Board of Review will hold their July meeting to correct any errors.

Tuesday July 18, 2017 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held at: Greenleaf Township Hall - 6435 Bay City Forestville Rd., Cass City.
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In Our
OPINION...

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Village officials can do much better job

The Cass City Village webpage proudly proclaims the motto, “Each step in the right direction”, but as we see it, our local officials are lost when it comes to ensuring the public is made aware of its discussions and actions during open meetings via coverage in the local newspaper.

That’s not to say the village is violating the law – officials post meeting notices at the municipal building and on their Facebook page. However, the Cass City Village Council has slipped into the bad habit of making little, if any, effort to give the newspaper in its own community a heads up when special meetings are scheduled.

Consequently, when special meeting take place, especially early in the morning, we frequently learn about them from one or more readers who stop by the paper because they’re wondering what’s going on.

That was the case Thursday, when the village posted plans to host a special meeting early the next morning (Friday), and again on Friday, when action was tabled until another special meeting could be held early Monday morning. In both cases, the council was scheduled to address filling vacancies left by the resignations of trustees Steve Erickson and Mark Karwowski.

As it turns out, the majority of remaining council members decided not to fill those vacancies at this time. We couldn’t tell you why, because we weren’t privy to the discussion prior to that decision.

Cass City officials haven’t always ignored their working relationship with the press. In fact, for many decades, the local council and village manager went out of their way to notify the Chronicle when a special meeting had been scheduled or a regular meeting had been rescheduled.

Not anymore.

And frankly, we’re not only concerned, we’re also a bit surprised, considering the fact that Cass City is in the midst of scheduling interviews for candidates lining up to be the village’s next manager.

We don’t know if the failure to welcome press coverage is intentional or simply an oversight, but we do know this: word of council action – sometimes accurately, other times not so much – has a way of spreading across town like wildfire.

Transparency is vital in local government, just as it is at the state level, but it will inevitably suffer when officials fail to provide adequate notification of meeting dates and times to the media. That’s especially true at small community newspapers such as the Chronicle, where a bare bones staff is charged with covering a significant amount of territory.

We’re hoping village officials will see their way clear to pick up the phone and call us when an unexpected meeting is scheduled to conduct village business.

It’s not just a courtesy; it’s an obligation, one we hope local residents will demand in order to be informed without having to attend every session of the council themselves.

The bottom line is, Cass City village officials can do a better job of maintaining good communication with the local press, and they should because cooperation serves both organizations.

More importantly, it serves the public’s right to know.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Reading between the lines



I read a lot. The only way I can shut my mind down at night and not think about what I have to write is to read.

After dealing with facts and figures all day, I escape into the world of fiction. I read a wide variety of fiction — historic fiction, bodice ripper fiction, crime novels, mysteries, etc.

I never gave my reading habits much thought until a friend posted some surprising facts about books.

The post said that 33 percent of high school grads never read another book the rest of their lives!

It pointed out that 42 percent of college grads never read another book after college, and that 57 of the new books that come out are not read to completion.

The post also said that 80 percent of United States’ families did not buy or read a book last year; and that 70 percent of United State adults have not been in a book store in the last five years.

Although sad, I can understand the part about not going to the book store, with so many e-books and e-magazines available. I guess that is why so many book stores have closed.

Back in the day, there was a saying that “reading is fundamental”. That is very true. The ability to read opens the door to knowledge.

The post’s closing statement concluded: “The more a child reads, the likelier they are able to understand the emotions of others.”

This is so true. I’ve read books that made me laugh, some that made me cry, and ones that gave me shivers.

I almost lost a job because of a Steven King book — “Salem’s Lot”. I had an inside office without windows. I had a 10-minute break at 10:30 a.m., so I thought I would read a few pages. I was totally lost in the book. The next thing I knew was when the lunch bell sounded. I had read for over an hour. I scrambled out of my office and rushed around with a very red face, trying to look as though I had been busy that entire time.

From then on, I set an alarm when I read on break.

My one son had a difficult time learning to read and was rather stubborn about it. I was at my wits end when I came up with an idea. He was fascinated watching me write news stories back when I was a freelance writer years ago. So, I had him dictate his story ideas on my type recorder. When I was done writing articles, I would type up his story and work with him to read it to me.

That worked for a while until he became bored with it.

Then, we discovered comic books. He loved them and was eager to read them. Initially, I didn’t care much for the idea of reading comic books; but then I realized reading was reading, and encouraged him. As the saying goes the rest is history. He is not only an avid reader, but also a speed reader now with amazing retention of what he reads.

On the subject of reading, one of my friends posted that her daughter likes to read and said that she “likes the smell and feel of a new book.”


That simple statement made an impression on me because I have “gone to the dark side” of reading.

A few years ago I broke down and ordered a Kindle electric reader. Initially, I wasn’t sure that I liked it, but using it does have some advantages. I don’t have

to have a light on to see to read, and I can make the print large enough so I don’t have to wear glasses to read.

However, e-book readers do have a downside. When I can’t sleep in the middle of the night, I turn on my Kindle to read. Just when the book gets to a really good part, the battery dies. At that point, I have to stop reading or wander around the house in the middle of the night, looking for an extension cord.

Looking for an extension cord wins, because I have to know what happens next.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

This just in, courtesy of Nan Walsh, Village Treasurer, regarding Saturday’s special meeting, when the five finalists for the Cass City Villager Manager position are slated to appear.

She says interviews are scheduled 90 minutes apart. Twenty-three questions will likely run (on average) up to 75 minutes depending on the number of follow-up questions asked and the length of the stories candidates tell. (Some candidates will be more concise, some will run longer.)

To provide as much protection to the Village as possible in countering any perception of favoritism, discrimination, or decision making on the basis of anything other than “bona fide occupational qualifications” every candidate will be asked the same “primary” questions.

Interview Day

The council will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. to finalize the interview process; distribute questionnaires/packets; assign a system so each council member asks questions to each candidate; review the allowable and legal parameters of public interviews and outline the process to get to final selection.

Interviews will follow the schedule below. (Order of interview slots were by MML random draw.)

8:30 a.m.	Nancy Barrios
10:00 a.m.	Andrew Niedzinski
11:30 a.m.	Lunch Break
12:00 p.m.	Deboria Powell
1:30 p.m.	Mike Greene
3:00 p.m.	Ted Andrzejewski
4:30 p.m.	Break

Deliberation and motion consideration to follow, plus other business including water fees facing the Cass City Little League program.

Forests across America are a prized natural resource, and anyone can help plant trees in these vital areas by joining the Arbor Day Foundation this month.

Through the Replanting Our National Forests campaign, the Arbor Day Foundation will honor each new member who joins in July by planting 10 trees in forests that have been devastated by wildfires, insects, and disease.

The cost for joining the Arbor Day Foundation is a \$10 donation.

America’s national forests face enormous challenges, including unprecedented wildfires that have left a backlog of more than 1 million acres in need of replanting. The Foundation has worked with the United States Forest Service for more than 25 years to plant trees in high-need forests.


Our national forests provide habitat for wildlife, keep the air clean, and help ensure safe drinking water for more than 180 million Americans.

“Keeping our forests healthy is vital to the health of people and the entire planet,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “By planting trees in our national forests, we will preserve precious natural resources and the benefits they provide for generations to come.”

To join the Arbor Day Foundation and help plant trees in our national forests, send a \$10 membership contribution to Replanting Our National Forests, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 or visit arborday.org/july.

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Wednesday, July 12

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

Thursday, July 13

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

Monday, July 17

- Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
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- 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.

Tuesday, July 18

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

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

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

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

Third Thursday:
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.

•Grief Support meetings, “Healing Together.” Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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

•**Fourth Monday:**
•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).

•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Fourth Wednesday:
•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Fourth Thursday:
•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:
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ELKLAND TOWNSHIP Fire Chief Glenn Guilds reported fire, smoke and water damage caused an estimated \$50,000 to \$75,000 in damage early Monday morning at Micro EDM, 4429 Doerr Rd. Guilds said an electrical junction box located in the ceiling of the business overheated, igniting the blaze.

Sanilac deputies arrest driver

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies arrested a motorist during the early evening hours of July 4 after responding to an assistance request involving an erratic vehicle in Evergreen Township.

“At approximately 7:25 p.m., Sanilac Central Dispatch received numerous 911 calls regarding a southbound vehicle on M-53, north of Deckerville Road. Several callers advised that the vehicle was forcing traffic on the opposite side of the road to nearly have to go in the ditch to avoid an accident,” Sgt. Matthew Armstrong reported.

“One caller, a 35-year-old male from Pigeon, and two motorcyclists traveling together – a 41-year-old male from Brown City and a 56-year-old male from Flint – were able to get the vehicle to pull over just prior to an officer from the Marlette Police Department arriving on scene,” Armstrong said. “Once that officer arrived on scene, he advised dispatch that all of the subjects were acting aggressive towards each other and asked for additional assistance.”

Sanilac deputies along with

troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro and officers from the Sandusky Police Department arrived a short time later.

Armstrong said a 42-year-old male from New Baltimore was taken into custody on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. “The passenger of that car, a 42-year-old female from Shelby Township, was also cited for possession of marijuana in addition to (possession) of open intoxicants in a motor vehicle,” Armstrong said.

The names were not released pending formal charges.

Kingston set to address wind ordinance

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“We are getting a (wind) ordinance in place — just in case,” said Kingston Township Trustee Tim Ruggles. “We have not been approached for wind development that I know of.”

Michigan, especially the Thumb region, is a prime location for wind development, according to a study done by the Michigan Wind Energy Resource Zone Board (WERZ) a few years ago.

WERZ identified four regions as having the highest potential for wind energy harvest. The Greater Thumb Area is Region IV. The areas with potential wind energy

development in Tuscola County are in the townships of Akron, Almer, Columbia, Denmark, Elkland, Ellington, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford, Juniata, Novesta and Wisner.

The study ranked Michigan 14th in the U.S. for wind energy potential.

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Reporter’s notebook

Will small papers survive? Hope so

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Holidays have a tendency to wreak havoc with weekly newspaper deadlines, and we’re no exception, although our small but veteran staff takes them in stride.

So do our readers, even if that means coming into the office as usual to pick up the latest edition – only to learn they’re just a bit too early.

I really appreciate these folks, not only because they help to keep me employed, but also because they really look forward to reading the local news each week.

They’re also one of the reasons, I believe, many small town newspapers are survivors – at least for now – among the newspaper casualties in the ongoing downsizing of print media across the country. Seeing so many of your brethren struggle at larger city papers has a way of making you feel fortunate out here in Smalltown, USA, you know?

That’s not to say rural papers are going gangbusters. Rural newspapers make for lean living and busy workweeks. Reporters (if there is more than one) have to wear many hats, as do their co-workers, and many of these papers are an advertiser or two away from red ink.

But we’re also strongly vested in our communities.

Sure, when you’re a weekly, you have only one day a week to beat the dailies on timelines, but weeklies have a special niche of their own. Bruce M. Kennedy, in his book “Community Journalism”, may have said it best: “Weeklies can add a personal touch. There’s a license to ‘visit’ more. You have time and space to be a small-town citizen talking with another about your community,” he said.

While readers may not like what we print sometimes, they’ve come to expect our presence on the newsstands every Tuesday or in their mailboxes on Wednesday (or Thursday, or Friday, or Saturday, depending on the mail service on any given week).

They know, I hope, that we make a real effort to cover the good as well as the bad and the ugly. Yes, we’re going to write about Uncle Jed if he’s been bagged by a state trooper for a fourth drunken driving offense, but we’re also going to faithfully print honor rolls, wedding announcements, photos of local spelling bee winners and features spotlighting the accomplishments and talents of area residents, along with the goings-on during the latest village council or school board meeting.

You can count on other media sources to show up in town to cover a “big” story — usually something horrific or tragic, but they rarely rush out to our little neck of the woods to chase after the feature we publish on a teacher whose efforts in the classroom make him or her really stand out, you know?

The small town paper isn’t without its faults, of course. But the good ones always strive to accurately inform their readers. They’re also going to own up to their mistakes when they make them.

The importance of the local community newspaper is something John Wylie, publisher of the Oologah, Okla., Lake Leader discussed during a rural journalism conference in 2007.

“To our readers,” Wylie said, “we are not the newspaper, we are THEIR newspaper. Down the block at the Rogers Mini Stop, we sell more than a hundred papers every week. If our press run is late, we get frantic calls from the Rogers family. They have a store full of irate customers who want THEIR paper NOW. We all know the traditional reasons – the little stories that never would be considered ‘news’ anyplace else. Our readers really care about those things.”

Broadcast journalist and professor Judy Muller, author of the book, “Emus Loose in Egnar: Big Stories From Small Towns”, says the reason a weekly thrives “is because no one else on Earth can cover what they cover, people will not know what’s going on in their town in any other way. They’ve got a monopoly, a little fiefdom, for as long as the advertiser needs the market.”

Muller adds, “As long as refrigerator magnets exist, there will be things to clip and put on the refrigerator – if your son was on the high school football team, it’s going on the fridge.”

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)
Lauren Fernald, 12, could be a great addition to the Cass City girls’ softball program in the future, judging by her aim at the dunk tank Friday during the Wyatt Sutton fundraiser at Cass City Recreation Park. Fernald dunked her dad — Cass City Schools Principal Aaron Fernald — twice.

Air Force Airman Courtney L. Lipe graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, 8 week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn 4 credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Lipe is the daughter of Dawn and Darrold D. Lipe of Cass City. She is a 2011 graduate of Caro High School.

10 YEARS AGO (2007)
Ferris State University officials announced that several area residents have been named to the school’s academic honors list for the semester that ended in May. They include: Jason Barrigar, Ashley Barrigar, Alissa Pasant, Nicholas Swanson, Ryan Wisenbach and Nicolette Zawilinski, all of Cass City; and Kala Briolat, Richard Kain, Luann Laming, Gary Laming, Jessica Maurer and Bradley Ypma, all of Ubly. To be eligible for academic honors, undergraduate students must have achieved a minimum 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework.

The Cass City girls’ minor league team, the Diamondbacks finished their 2007 season undefeated. The team members are Michalla Gibsor, Hunter Langenburg, Lauren Bukoski, Rachel Collins, Kayla Bolton, Lauren Potter, Ed Szczepanski, Madison Brinkman, Audrey VanAuken, Chris Collins, Crystal LePratt, Courtney Szczepanski, Coach Mike Langenburg, Rachel Bartnik and JoEllen Bukoski.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)
Veteran Cass City fire fighter Milt Connolly was named the new Elkland Township Chief Monday night. The unanimous decision of the Elkland Township Board came after about an hour of discussion and interviews with Connolly and a second applicant, Dan Gee, another local fireman with some 18 years with the department.

Shayna L. Robles, a graduate of Cass City High School, the daughter of Sherry and Alexander E. Robles of Cass City, recently enlisted in the United States Army for a 6-year tour of duty as a dental specialist. She is scheduled to report for active duty Aug. 6 and is slated to receive basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and advanced training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

A Cass City High School senior recently described her first-ever bungee jump as the thrill of a lifetime, but says she probably wouldn’t try it again in light of recent bungee jumping accidents in Michigan. Carla Bulla paid \$55 to bungee jump from a 137-foot crane during the fireworks in Cavanaugh July 5. “I did not plan on jumping; it was totally spontaneous,” the teen remarked. “It was the greatest thing I ever experienced.”

35 YEARS AGO (1982)
Two area residents were at the meeting last Thursday of the Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America and the Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives. They were FFA Region 3 Vice-president Ann Osen-toski of Ubly and MAFC council member Jack Laurie of Cass City, representing Farmers Petroleum Coop. The meeting was in Lansing, with the purpose of familiarizing young farmers with the purpose and philosophy of cooperatives.

Ten children participated in Hill-billy Day at the arts and crafts building Friday. Participants were divided into two families, the Hatfields and McCoys. Ed Parks got some unwanted help from Ben Lah in the apple bobbing contest.

The Hatfields, won the best two of three tug-of-war competition. Children also took part in a sack race and a doughnut eating contest.

Lynn Johnston has been promoted to the position of broadcast media buying supervisor by a Los Angeles advertising firm. Foote, Cone & Belding-Honig promoted Miss Johnston from the position of director of broadcast. Miss Johnston, a 1970 graduate of Cass City High School, is the daughter of Bill and Shirley Johnston, both of Cass City.

40 YEARS AGO (1977)
How hot was it? How about 108 degrees! That was the temperature recorded Friday at the Cass City wastewater treatment plant. Plant supervisor Nelson Willy said that is the hottest he can remember it being since temperatures were first recorded there in 1961. Since last Wednesday, July 13, the lowest high temperature recorded has been 96 degrees, on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. The temperature last Thursday was 100; Monday, 98, and Tuesday, 99.

Cass City’s top bubble blowers were Bob Kerbyson and Sam Adams, who tied for first; Brad Hartel, second place; and Colleen Janssen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Esau and Anne had as Saturday evening dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kercher of Linwood, Gerald Kercher of New London, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Kercher of Sacramento, Calif., and Bill Kercher of Jacksonville, Fla. Also guests were Miss C. MacGillvray, Mrs. Esther Benkelman, Mrs. Esther McCullough and Miss Muriel Addison. While in Cass City, the Kerchers, except Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kercher, were house guests of Miss Catherine MacGillvray.

Navy Personnelman Third Class Kelly W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay L. Smith of Main St., has been promoted to his present rank while serving aboard the destroyer tender USS Piedmont, homeported in Norfolk, Va. A 1975 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Navy in August 1975.

Paul Kerbyson son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kerbyson of Seeger Street, is studying piano at the Michigan State University Summer Youth Music Program. The program started June 25 and will conclude July 23. Paul will be a senior this year at Cass City High School.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ritter of rural Cass City will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Sunday, July 16. The event will be held at their home, three miles west and one mile south of Cass City, from noon until five o’clock. The couple were married in Wayne June 14, 1917. However, the golden anniversary celebration was delayed until their son, William J., arrived from Holland. He has just completed 20 years of service with the U.S. Air Force and is retired. Mrs. Ritter, the former Florence McDonald, was born in Grindstone City April 3, 1891. Mr. Ritter was born in Indianapolis, Ind., October 1, 1891. The couple have farmed for 47 years and are now semiretired. Mrs. Ritter attends St. Pancratius Church. An invitation is extended to friends to attend the open house Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Freshney spent last week at the home of her grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fulcher and family of Saginaw. They celebrated the 4th of July with a family reunion. Mrs. Freshney also visited at the home of her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kritzman and family, at Bridgeport. Mrs. Kritzman and four daughters brought their grandmother home Monday.

The undefeated Pirates walked off with the regular season championship in the Little League and had moved to the finals in the play-offs with a victory Friday. They were to have played the Giants Wednesday night. The veteran team is managed by Theron “Whitey” Hopper. Team members are Mike Frederick, Mark Phillips, Chuck Bliss, Kyle Hopper, Jeff Warner, Gary Zellar, Paul

Bliss, Kip Hopper, Mark McClorey, Manager Hopper, Gene Hopper, Mike Phillips, Tim Knoble, Don Karr and Coach Bob Richwalt.

The kids have taken to the slide and teeter-totter placed on a site on Third street in Cass City recently. The new neighborhood playground was first considered a year ago and the site was secured by Councilman Dr. D. E. Rawson after the village council decided to establish the playground and check the amount of usage it receives. Two children from the immediate area were using the equipment one day last week. Enjoying the slide was Joanne Freiburger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alger Freiburger. And the teeter-totter is Lisa Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Ware.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)
Marriage vows were spoken by Miss Ruth Jean Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Brown, of Cass City, and Carl L. Reagh of Pigeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reagh, of Cass City, at a pretty wedding which took place at five o’clock Friday afternoon, July 10, in the garden at the Brown home on West Street. The Rev. Frank B. Smith, pastor of the local Baptist Church, read the service in the presence of the immediate families. Miss Brown was lovely in a powder blue gaberdine suit with white and navy accessories. She carried a hand corsage of white sweet peas and pink rosebuds. Miss Sylvia Herlea of Howell, her only attendant, wore a navy blue dress suit with navy accessories and carried sweet peas -and coreopsis.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Cass City Oil and Gas Company held on Thursday evening, July 9, at the Cass Theatre, the following directors were chosen to succeed themselves: Charles E. Hartsell, William B. Hicks, Sr., M. B. Auten, Lewis Travis, Bruce Brown and Henry Smith. The company’s business for the year just closed was the best of any year since 1930, according to figures submitted by Stanley Asher, manager of the company. This included sales of gasoline and electrical household appliances. The record is remarkable inasmuch as gasoline sales in recent months have shown a decrease nationally and sales of electrical goods have necessarily been curtailed in recent months because of the government’s “freezing” orders. The company paid the usual 10% annual dividend to stockholders. At a meeting of the board of directors, officers were elected as follows: President, Charles E. Hartsell; vice president, William B. Hicks, Sr.; secretary-treasurer, M. B. Auten. All three succeed themselves in these positions. Following the usual custom, a free show at the Cass followed the annual meeting of stockholders. The theatre was crowded.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

The sick are learning the increased cost of illness. At a meeting of the County Medical Society it was agreed to raise the price on all calls. In town they will be \$1.50, night calls \$2.00, outside of town the minimum price will be \$2.00; all calls .75 cents per mile straight. Confinement cases in town, and within a radius of 5 miles, uncomplicated, \$26.00; over a radius of 6 miles 75 cents extra. Night calls include from 6 in the afternoon until 8:00 next morning. This price has been agreed upon by all doctors in the county.

One of the greatest stunts in diving that was probably ever attempted in local ditches was performed by Ernest Croft of this village. It seems that the victim attempted to cross a ditch by the use of a pole and the real cause of his unsuccessful performance was either in under-estimating his tremendous weight or lack of knowledge of the strength of small timbers. The first half of the ditch had been covered before the pole gave way and while in mid-air the applicant attempted to dive to shore but missed his goal by a narrow margin and found himself where the submarines ought to be. We recommend Ernest for the navy.

Pastor’s Corner

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church celebrated 70th anniversary

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City is marking its 70th anniversary this summer – a milestone that grew from very humble beginnings.

Back in the fall of 1947, while Nat King Cole and Perry Como crooned hits on the radio and a loaf of bread cost 13 cents, a group of fewer than 20 Cass City residents set about founding a Lutheran church in the community.

For two years, the small but dedicated congregation had been gathering for worship in the dining room of Floyd O’Rourke’s restaurant, then in a parishioner’s living room, and finally in a room above the Cass City fire hall.

Though times were still tough financially, the circle of families had a vision and dedication. They began searching for ways to fundraise for a building of their own, including sponsoring what became an annual turkey dinner for the community.

But when those fundraising attempts weren’t enough to fund new construction, two of Good Shepherd’s six families decided to take a drastic step of faith.

“[Our church] synod would not lend us money to build a church at the time, because they figured it wouldn’t last,” recalled Dick Easton, whose parents were charter members of Good Shepherd. “So my folks and Fred Iseler and his wife went to the bank and signed a note, so we’d get enough money to build a little chapel.”

Demonstrating a work ethic that would characterize the church for decades to come, Good Shepherd members contributed much of the labor and materials to construct their first church home, which was built at the corner of Maple and Garfield Streets in Cass City.

With a new church building came growth in numbers, and soon the tiny congregation had grown to where a new, larger facility was necessary.

“From when I can first remember, I would guess there were probably about 50 people in a little one-room church, kind of like an old schoolhouse,” remembered Bill Hacker, the only surviving charter member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. “We just had that one room and no fellow-ship area.”

After an attempt to rebuild on the existing site (and worshipping in the chapel basement for a few years), funding was secured in 1967 to start construction on the current day church, located at the east end of Main Street in Cass City.

Again, church members stepped up to provide their skills and labor to the construction of the new building. “I remember I had a dump truck and a hauler, and I hauled dirt from Fred Iseler’s farm to where the new church would be,” Hacker said.

Though their places of worship have changed many times over the past seven decades, Rev. Steve Bagnall (current pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) says that the heart of the congregation has stayed the same.

“Through the years, the most important things have held strong,” said Rev. Bagnall. “Our faith and teaching haven’t changed, and our members continue to show loving hearts to each other and to the community. As their pastor, I be-

lieve that’s because Jesus Christ is always the center of it all.”

Marcia Hoffman, who joined Good Shepherd in the late 1950s, echoes this sentiment.

“We’re all very close because we share the same faith,” she reflected. “We’ve had to work together in order to create this building, and with everything going on in the world today, it makes us closer in our faith in God.”

“Here at Good Shepherd, I’ve finally found a faith and comfort. We have a Bible-based service; we have the Gospel and our liturgy – it’s a very comforting feeling,” Hoffman concluded. “Our faith in Jesus stays the same. It doesn’t change. That holds me together when times get tough.”

Easton agrees. “Good Shepherd has been my home all my life,” he said. “I think we’ve got a good congregation where the people are friendly. We have good teaching from our pastor. When you’re down and out, you’ve got people to talk to, and they will listen. They share your faith and understand.”

As Good Shepherd celebrates its 70th anniversary July 16-23, the public is invited to attend any of their special events. For more information, contact Rev. Steve Bagnall at (989)872-2770.



Rev. Steve Bagnall
Good Shepherd Lutheran

First Baptist Church will host guest speaker Sunday

Pastor Lloyd Streeter will be the guest speaker at the 6 o’clock evening service at First Baptist Church on July 16. He will be speaking about the attributes of God. What does it mean to us that God exists as an eternal person who is entirely spiritual? Streeter will address that question in his lecture. First Baptist is located at 6420 Houghton Street, Cass City.

Lloyd Streeter grew up in Alcona County, Michigan. He was converted to Christ at age 16 while attending Calvary Baptist Church of Mikado. While still a teenager, he preached at several churches in the area.

Streeter graduated from Oscoda Area High School in 1963. He received his bachelor’s degree from Bob Jones University. Through the years, he continued his education, graduating from three seminaries.

He holds two master’s degrees and a doctorate.



Lloyd Streeter

Dr. Streeter is a veteran pastor of forty-five years, having pastored in both Michigan and Illinois. In Michigan, he pastored First Baptist in Cass City for seven years during the seventies. At LaSalle, Illinois, where he pastored First Baptist Church, he led the church in founding LaSalle-Peru Christian School which he operated successfully for twenty-nine years.

Dr. Streeter is married to Karen. They have three grown children and nine grandchildren. Lloyd and Karen make their home in Lake City, Florida where they own a small residential rental business.

Streeter enjoys writing for publication. Several of his articles and books have been published. Most recently, his book about W. A. Criswell was put on the market. He is now completing a book on the attributes of God. His lecture at First Baptist will be from a chapter of his book.

Cass City “gamer” attends ‘17 Games Done Quick event

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Because the love of video games knows no borders, they bring people from all over the world together in friendship — and for a special event to help raise funds for medical emergencies in other countries.

Mike deBeaubien, 29, of Cass City, along with his friends from Canada and Switzerland were in Minneapolis, Minn., last week to watch the video game competition Games Done Quick, which supports a charity called Doctors Without Borders.

deBeaubien and his international friends regularly play video games on the streaming website Twitch at www.twitch.tv/gamesdonequick.

Twitch is the world’s leading video platform and community for gamers. More than 45 million gamers gather monthly on Twitch to broadcast, watch and chat about gaming.

deBeaubien, who designs websites, estimates he plays video games about one to two hours a day. His gaming systems include Playstation 2, Playstation 3, X-box, Nintendo, Game Cube, Attari, and others on a computer.

He and some friends left July 1 for Minnesota for the video-game competition.

“We will only be there to watch, not play,” deBeaubien said prior to the trip. “They can only have so many players per game. They take the best players from all over the world. The games draw about 1,500 people from all over. Those in the competition don’t have to pay to play. To watch, it is \$50. The money goes to a good cause — Doctors Without Borders.”

Doctors without Borders provides funds for medical personnel to quickly respond to medical emergencies all over the world when there is a need.

Games Done Quick is a series of charity video game marathons. The events feature high-level gameplay to raise money for a charity and are organized in January and July.


Besides how well they play a game, contestants are judged on how fast they play, deBeaubien said.

“I’ve gone to the ones in January before. This will be the first time I’ve gone to the one in July,” he said. “Each event raises about \$1 million dollars for the charity.”


According to the Games Done Quick Website, <https://gamesdonequick.com>, the events have raised more than \$10 million for charity over the last six years.

The latest Games Done Quick competition ran from July 2 through July 9. deBeaubien were planning to stay for the entire event.

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Health officials alarmed by Hepatitis outbreak in state

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials are continuing to investigate an outbreak of hepatitis A cases in southeast Michigan, including the city of Detroit and Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, and St. Clair counties.

From Aug. 1, 2016, through June 26, 2017, there have been nearly 190 cases of confirmed hepatitis A, including ten deaths reported to public health authorities in these jurisdictions. This represents a ten-fold increase during the same time a year earlier.

Ages of the cases range from 21 to 86 years, with an average age of 44 years. Two-thirds of the cases (66 percent) are men, and nearly nine out of ten (87 percent) have been hospitalized.

While no common source of the outbreak such as contaminated food or water has been identified, transmission does appear to be person-to-person through illicit drug use, sexual activity, and close contact among household members.

The ongoing outbreak presents a significant public health threat to vulnerable community members within Southeast Michigan. Nearly half of the cases (47 percent) have a history of substance abuse, 20 percent are co-infected with hepatitis C, and six more recent cases have been incarcerated.

“Hepatitis A is a vaccine-pre-

ventable disease,” said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for MDHHS. “And while the hepatitis A vaccine is recommended as part of the routine childhood vaccination schedule, most adults have not been vaccinated against the hepatitis A virus and may be susceptible to the illness.”

In an effort to end the outbreak, health officials are recommending vaccinations for the following at-risk individuals:

- *People who use injection and non-injection illegal drugs.
- *People who participate in commercial exchange of sexual practices.
- *Close personal contacts (e.g., household, sexual) of hepatitis A patients.
- *Men who have sex with men.
- *People with liver diseases, such as hepatitis B or hepatitis C. Persons with chronic liver disease have an elevated risk of death from liver failure.
- *Any person who wishes to be immune to hepatitis A
- *People who live, work, or recreate in southeast Michigan and are concerned about getting hepatitis A.

Individuals with hepatitis A are infectious for two weeks prior to symptom onset. Symptoms of hepatitis A include jaundice (yellowing of the skin), fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine, and

light-colored stools. Symptoms usually appear over a number of days and last less than two months; however, some people can be ill for as long as six months. Hepatitis A can sometimes cause liver failure and death.

Risk factors include living with someone who has hepatitis A, having sexual contact with someone who has hepatitis A, or sharing injection or non-injection illegal drugs with someone who has hepatitis A. The hepatitis A virus can also be transmitted through contaminated food or water.

Statewide report: traffic deaths up 10 percent in ‘16

For the second year, Michigan traffic deaths increased 10 percent, up from 963 in 2015 to 1,064 in 2016, according to information recently released by the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center.

The last year Michigan exceeded 1,000 traffic fatalities was 2007. Crashes, injuries and serious injuries were up as well:

- *Crashes: 297,023 in 2015 to 312,172 in 2016, up five percent.
- *Injuries: 74,157 in 2015 to 79,724 in 2016, up eight percent.
- *Serious injuries: 4,865 in 2015 to 5,634 in 2016, up 16 percent.

Positive progress was noted in several areas, including alcohol-involved traffic deaths, which fell 11 percent, from 303 in 2015 to 271 in 2016, and a seven-percent decline for young driver-involved fatalities (ages 16 to 20), from 158 in 2015 to 147 in 2016.

“Some trends are emerging, especially with regard to drug-impaired traffic deaths, and our office is aligning resources accordingly,” said Michael L. Prince, director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

“More resources are available to train law enforcement officers in the detection of drug-impaired drivers and OHSP is continuing federal funding for impaired driving traffic patrols throughout the year,” he added. “In addition, planning is underway to use new earmarked federal funds to help address the state’s bicyclist and pedestrian crashes and fatalities.

The increases are part of a national trend of rapidly rising traffic deaths. Researchers believe an improved economy and lower gas prices have contributed to an increase in miles driven.

Among the other statistics included in the annual report are:

- *Bicyclist fatalities increased from 33 in 2015 to 38 in 2016, up 15 percent.
- *Commercial motor vehicle-involved fatalities increased from 85 in 2015 to 120 in 2016, up 41 percent.
- *Drug-involved fatalities increased from 179 in 2015 to 236 in 2016, up 32 percent.
- *Motorcyclist fatalities increased from 138 in 2015 to 141 in 2016, up two percent.
- *Pedestrian fatalities decreased from 170 in 2015 to 165 in 2016, down three percent.

News briefs

Opiods, Narcan meet topics

CASS CITY - Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) and Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Mark Swales have partnered to offer an awareness/prevention program on heroin, other opioids and the use of Narcan.

The program is slated for tonight (Wednesday) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.

The presentation will educate participants on the epidemic involving use of heroin and other opioids, and the misuse of prescription medications, as well as how to use Narcan to possibly save the life of someone who has overdosed.

Hectic holiday for deputies

SANILAC COUNTY – Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki reported his department was kept busy over the July 4 holiday weekend, with Sanilac Central Dispatch receiving 505 calls for service.

“Sanilac County deputies handled 271 complaints...(made) 14 arrests, and performed 113 traffic stops with 13 citations being issued,” Biniecki said. “Sanilac County corrections deputies booked 32 subjects into the jail stemming from arrests by deputies and other police agencies from throughout the county.

“The marine division was on the water this holiday weekend in Lake Huron waterways in both Port Sanilac and Lexington harbors,” he added. “They conducted marine patrols, completed safety inspections and responded to 10 boater assist calls. Marine deputies also conducted several vessel stops, with verbal warnings being issued.”

Bean queen deadline Friday

HURON COUNTY – The deadline for young women in Huron County to file an application to compete in this year’s bean queen contest is approaching quickly. Participants must apply at the MSU Extension Office in Huron County by Friday, July 14.

The Huron County Bean Board is looking for young ladies who are interested in taking part in the 2017 Bean Queen Contest.

To qualify, entrants must be unmarried, the daughter or granddaughter of a farmer who has grown dry beans within the past five years, and between the ages 17 and 25 years old.

Participants will be interviewed at a special dinner held in their honor the evening of Monday, July 24, with the queen being crowned at the Huron Community Fair Monday, July 31. All entrants will receive a gift from the bean board for participating.

Tire collection in Deford area

DEFORD — There will be a collection of unwanted tires Saturday, July 15, from 8 a.m., to noon at Zimba Farms, 7634 Mushroom Rd., Deford.

The collection is being hosted by Tuscola County Recycling and by Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement in an effort to reduce the mosquito population.

For more information, call (989) 672-1673 or email recycle@tuscolacounty.org.

EDC approves appointments

TUSCOLA COUNTY – The Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board recently approved two appointments to its membership — Joshua Rodammer was selected as the banking representative and Gary Fritz was chosen to serve as the agricultural representative.

Group targeting phragmites

TUSCOLA COUNTY — The Tuscola County Road Commission approved a request from the Cass River Greenway Trail group to continue participation in the control of phragmites along the road right-of- ways draining into the Cass River.

Awareness is focus of project

TUSCOLA COUNTY — As part of the Tuscola County Health Department’s Family Planning outreach activity, some silhouette figures will be strategically placed around the county.

The purpose of the project is to raise awareness of the department’s family planning program as well as facts about sexually transmitted diseases and age-pregnancy rates in the county.

Road work on tap in Thumb

THUMB — The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) started work this week on one state highway in Tuscola County and one in Huron County.

Repairs will be done to six miles of M-15 in Tuscola County from M-46 to Cottrell Road. The cost of the project, which will include safety upgrades and resurfacing, is \$2.5 million.

Construction is also starting this week on a state highway in Huron County, with \$709,000 worth of work on four miles of M-142 from Weale Road to Elkton.



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Facelift underway at Hills and Dales, staff making adjustments

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handicap accessible and moved the hospital’s registration area.

Hills and Dales General Hospital President and CEO Jean Anthony says the complete facelift will take the hospital into the future, enabling the facility and its staff to better serve healthcare needs in the community, where the hospital sees roughly 6,100 patients in the emergency room annually along with 5,900 patient visits to the after-hours clinic and 36,000 patient visits to the hospital’s physician offices, she said.

USDA officials’ approval of

funding for the project in the form of a loan last year gave local hospital officials the green light to proceed with the upgrades, which are expected to take about 18 months to complete.

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

The renovated patient rooms on

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

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

A 25-foot expansion to the front of the hospital will become clinic space for two of Hills and Dales’ physicians, as well as the hospital’s specialty physician clinic and our after-hours clinic, which will both be directly accessible from the main entrance of the hospital.

The renovated registration area,

meanwhile, will centralize the hospital’s emergency room and outpatient registration areas, which will be manned 24 hours a day.

“The area will provide a more private registration process for the patient and also ensures someone is always available to greet and direct our patients and visitors,” Blaine noted.

The plans also call for a new gift shop for the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary; an expansion to the existing cafeteria on the lower level, providing more dining options, additional seating capacity and a friendlier environment for patients and visitors; and a new main entrance canopy and lobby area.

Sheriff Skrent: road patrol far too lean

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warrant was obtained to draw blood. He became suicidal and was taken to Caro Community Hospital for the blood draw.

“All that took several hours. A deputy came on at 6 a.m. and took the other (domestic) call that had been waiting,” Skrent continued. “By the time he took the call, the situation was over.”

The incident was an isolated situation for the sheriff’s department, according to Skrent, who is hoping county residents will support a proposed increase of .43 of a mill – from the current .9 of a mill to 1.33 mills – in order to put more officers on the road. Voters will decide the issue during the Tuesday, Aug. 8, election.

The current road patrol millage generates roughly \$1.564 million and costs the owner of an \$80,000 home about \$36 annually. The increase in millage would generate another \$747,000 and add \$17 to residents’ tax bills for a total of \$53 per year.

If approved, the millage would be levied starting this year (providing increased funding starting in 2018) and would remain in effect for eight years.

Skrent says the increased road patrol funding would enable his department to ensure adequate staffing levels to continue providing Tuscola County’s only 24-hour-a-day countywide law enforcement presence year-round. The funding would also upgrade the department’s ability to respond more quickly to investigations involving missing persons and

bomb threats, he noted.

Skrent is proposing hiring four additional deputies as well as establishing a K-9 unit.

The need for more money is attributable to the local economy, with fewer citizens residing in Tuscola County and home values dropping, resulting in less property tax revenues, according to the sheriff.

“If we have no millage money coming in, the entire road patrol would be laid off, as it was in 1988. There is no general fund money to fall back on,” Skrent pointed out. “If it were not for the windmill revenue, we would not be able to function even right now as a 24-hour road patrol. However, windmill revenue declines every year automatically.”

Even if voters renewed only the .9 of a mill, Skrent said, “I can’t guarantee the road patrol would be able to be 24 hours a day through the life of the millage. We are at minimum staffing now, and losing any more positions would mean no 24-hour coverage.”

Skrent said the number of calls his officers respond to annually has remained in the 5,000 range, but the number of calls involving serious crime and medical emergencies has increased.

In addition, “There are many times in our current schedule where we only have one car on the road,” he added, noting Tuscola County encompasses more than 816 square miles, frequently making it difficult to arrive on the scene of an accident, crime or other incident as quickly as he would like.

Funding for additional manpower will address several concerns, Skrent said.

“We have had incidents where it was necessary to search for missing children and Alzheimer’s patients, and a dog from another jurisdiction was very far away. Time is critical in those situations,” he explained. “I believe our first and foremost duty is to protect the public. Having the dog available to clear a school quickly (during) a bomb threat, and having the K9 officer visit children in schools would be a great tool to have.”

“Last year deputies assisted local police jurisdictions over 500 times, and I feel it’s a safety issue for them, as well, if the deputies are not there to back them up,” he continued.

“Keeping up with technology is very expensive; body cameras, body armor, health and liability insurance all cost a lot of money and, as you know, costs keeping going up,” Skrent continued. “Deputies have taken cuts in their benefits. Pensions have been eliminated in lieu of defined contributions. We apply for as many grants as possible.”



CONSTRUCTION at Hills and Dales General Hospital is expected to be completed in about 18 months. When it’s done, the hospital will have a completely new look, both in front and on the first and second floors.



TUSCOLA County Sheriff Glen Skrent recently promoted Sgt. Jim Hook to detective/sergeant. Detective Hook started as a dispatcher with the sheriff’s office more than 20 years ago. “He has worked in corrections, the road patrol, and was promoted to sergeant in 2013,” said Skrent, who noted Hook was named the department’s Officer of the Year in 2008. Hook has accumulated numerous awards and continues to be a TASER and defensive tactics instructor for the department.





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Deadlock continues over area wind developement

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The deadlock between lawmakers’ vision for the state’s renewable energy future and the wishes of some township officials and residents continues.

NextEra Energy Resources is in the process of developing its Tuscola Wind III farm with 55 wind turbines in Almer Charter, Fairgrove and Ellington townships, but the company is meeting opposition in Almer Charter and Ellington township.

When the company started developing the wind farm, the renewable energy standard was 10 percent, but since then lawmakers increased the standard by an additional five percent.

Wind development is an area of contention in Almer Charter and Ellington township, where officials want to have a say and control over wind development in their townships. As a result, there have been lawsuits and plenty of finger pointing.

“We are still assessing our options as it relates to wind in the Thumb. The state of Michigan and its elected officials have made it clear they want more renewable energy development,” said Steven Stengel of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC. “In fact, the state recently expanded its renewable energy standard from 10 to 15 percent.”

In February, NextEra filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Michigan in Bay City, alleging Almer Charter Township has systematically tried to prevent the project from going forward. The suit claims some Almer officials were elected on an anti-wind agenda, that they enacted a moratorium on wind development, and denied special use permits for the project.

Also, in March a lawsuit was filed in Tuscola County Circuit Court against Ellington Township and township planning commission members Eric Zbytowski and Ed Talaski, who were appointed in January.

The suit contended they shouldn’t have been appointed, sought to block them from participating in planning commission meetings and wind development proceedings, and contended that former planning commission members should be reinstated.

That suit was filed by former Ellington Township Supervisor Duane Lockwood along with township residents David Vollmar and Ronald Cybulski.

“The judge recently ruled in favor of plaintiffs,” said Ellington Township Clerk Bobbie Mozden.

During a special meeting May 25, Mozden gave the oath of office to former planning commission members George Mika and Eugene Davidson, who had been replaced by Zbytowski and Talaski.

Also at that meeting, the board voted to file with the township clerk a petition for amendments to the zoning ordinance.

The amendment vested the township board with final authority to approve special land use applications and site plans.

During a roll call vote, Trustee Wagner cast the lone dissenting vote, while Mozden, Supervisor Russ Speirs and trustees Carmell Pattullo and Gregg Campbell all voted “yes”.

A public hearing has not been scheduled yet. “The Thumb of Michigan has the very best wind resource in the state - which translates to lower energy rates for residents - and many communities have chosen to host wind projects,” said Stengel. “Those communities are benefitting from the economic impact of those projects and others should have a chance to do the same.”

According to a Wind Energy Resource Zone Board (WERZ) study conducted a few years ago, Michigan — especially the Thumb region — is a prime location for wind development. The study ranked Michigan 14th in the U.S. for wind energy potential, and identified four regions, including the Thumb, as having the highest potential for wind energy harvest.

Inadequate power stalls dairy development plan

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would have to be delayed in order to do that,” said Young. “We even asked Thumb Electric about supplying power, but they can’t go into DTE territory (due to) regulations. DTE is the only game in town.”

In the meantime, Young is working with the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and conferring with state officials on the issue.

“DFA officials are not happy about the wait and are looking at other possible sites in other areas of the state. A power source is the big issue,” he said. “Cass City is the best location because of all of the dairy farmers in the area. It is only about a 40- to 50-mile drive to the Cass City plant for milk haulers, where it would be over 100 miles to other parts of the state.”

The 33,000-square foot DFA plant in Cass City processes about three million pounds of milk each day and has about 25 employees. The plant processes raw milk into condensed, whole and skim milk as well as cream.

“There are several dairy farmers in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties that would benefit from developing the processing centers in Cass City, and there is also the jobs it would bring,” said Young. “A few more jobs in Oakland County isn’t a big deal, but it would be for the Thumb area that needs jobs.”

In June 2016, DFA announced an expansion of the Cass City dairy facility. At the same time, DFA, Foremost Farmers USA, and Michigan Milk Producers Association announced they are exploring a joint ownership and operation of a major cheese processing plant in Michigan because of the growing milk supply in the state, lack of available processing capacity within the regions, and market accessibility.

The announcement did not specify where the cheese processing plant would be located.

Later, at the first of the year, DFA, Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) Foremost Farms USA and Glanbia announced they are in advanced discussions to create a stand-alone joint venture to build and operate a new cheese and whey production facility in Michigan, but again they declined to discuss locations under consideration for the joint venture.

As part of the proposed joint venture, DFA, MMPA and Foremost Farms would supply the required milk for the plant while Glanbia would be responsible for all commercial, technical and operational aspects of the business.



CHEMICAL BANK officials recently announced a donation of \$35,000 to Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) in support of the agency’s preventative mental health programs and services. Funding for prevention activities – including programs for youth, overall healthcare wellness and mental health awareness and education — is extremely limited due to restrictions and regulations tied to current funding sources. Pictured above accepting the check from Chemical Bank on behalf of TBHS are (from left) Susan Holder, director of Marketing and Training Services; Shannon LaVoie-Thompson, supervisor of Children’s and Emergency Services; Robert Wolak, Chemical Bank Community president; Sharon Beals, CEO of TBHS; and Tina Gomez, Health Operations supervisor.

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Council not filling vacancies

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In a 3-2 roll call vote, the council approved Trustee Jenny Zawilinski’s motion to remain a five member board until after the village manager selection process is complete. Cass City is currently seeking a full-time permanent manager to replace Interim Village Manager Lou LaPonsie. Trustee Marilyn Biefer and Village President Carl Palmateer supported the action, while trustees Mick Kirm and Tom Herron cast the dissenting votes to leave the current board intact.

That decision has the newest member of the Cass City Village Council, Herron, contemplating stepping down.

“I can’t handle the stress,” said Herron when questioned about the meeting. “I say what I think and some people don’t like that. I don’t want all the people who voted for me to be disappointed, but I can’t continue like this.”

Herron feels a full board to represent all the people is fundamental in the hiring of a new village manager. He also believes Zawilinski, Biefer and Palmateer have other motives behind keeping the current board intact.

“They want Nancy to be the next Village Manager,” Herron said, referring to Nancy Barrios, Cass City, one of five finalists for the position set to be interviewed Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City. The public is invited to attend the sessions that are being led by Michigan Municipal League (MML), part of a cost estimated between \$17,000-\$20,000 to find LaPonsie’s replacement.

“We had a representative from the MML and our own village attorney – Jason Bitzer – say they both recommend a full council. This is the worst council I have ever seen,” he said.

It was those scheduled interviews that prompted Palmateer to support Zawilinski’s motion.

“With the interviews set for this Saturday, I didn’t feel like we had time to fill the board vacancies,” Palmateer said, adding, the council hopes to make its selection of village manager soon.

Village Manager candidates

The front runners for the Village Manager position are Ted Andrzejewski, Nancy Barrios, Deboria L. Powell, Mike Greene and Andrew Niedzinski.

Barrios, of Cass City, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in management and organizational development from Spring Arbor University; a Master of Science Administration/Human Resources Management Degree from Central Michigan University and graduated from the Robert Perry School of Banking at Central Michigan University.

Barrios has extensive human resource experience with Grede Foundries Inc. and financial experience with Lapeer County Bank and Trust. She has served on the local Human Development Commission and on the Cass City Village Council.

Two of the Village Manager candidates – Powell and Niedzinski – live in Bay City, while Andrzejewski and Greene live out of state.

Powell is a graduate of the Certified Public Manager Program at Saginaw Valley State University and has an associate’s degree from Delta College. She is completing a Bachelor of Science Degree in public administration, which she expects to receive in December from Central Michigan University.

Powell serves as assistant to the manager/public information officer for the city of Saginaw and also served as executive assistant to the city manager for the city of Bay City. Powell also has administrative experience with Blue Cross Network.

Niedzinski received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science from Saginaw Valley State University, an Associate of Business Science and General Management Degree from Delta College, and anticipates receiving a Master of Public Administration Degree from Central Michigan University in August. He serves as health safety director for Michigan HRDi, and is a city commissioner for the city of Bay City. He also has extensive experience in union negotiations.

Andrzejewski, of Ohio, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in business management from the University of Buffalo and a master’s degree in business administration from John Carroll University.

Andrzejewski completed a one-year mentoring assignment as city manager in Canandaigua, N.Y., and has also served as city manager of Menominee, and as mayor/safety director/economic development director for the City of Eastlake, Ohio. He also has extensive financial background with Key Bank and other management and marketing background in the private sector.

Greene, of North Carolina, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in business management from Central Michigan University and a master’s degree in public administration from East Carolina University. He is completing an ICMA (International City/County Management Association) Fellowship with Rockingham County, N.C., and has also served as a community development intern with the city of Greenville, N.C.

Although the Michigan Municipal League (MML) was hired to handle the executive search at a cost of \$17,000 to \$20,000, council Trustee Tom Herron feels that filling the manager’s position should be postponed until a later date.

“We should hold off hiring a new manager until all the seats on the council are filled,” Herron said after Trustee Mark Karwowski’s letter of resignation was accepted “with regret”. Earlier in the year, Trustee Steve Erickson left the board.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 27, 2017.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of Land lying in the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 7 East, described as: commencing at a point 2 rods West and 8 rods South of the North 1/4 stake of the North and South 1/4 line of Section 32; thence West 6 rods 10 feet; thence South 70.00 feet; thence East 109.00 feet; thence North 70.00 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: June 28, 2017 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #460283F03

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(\$31,742.64). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 27, 2017 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at a point that is 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds West, 775.28 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence continuing South 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds West, 221.51 feet; thence North 0 degrees 38 minutes 31 seconds West, 1324.22 feet; thence North 89 degrees 16 minutes 25 seconds East, 221.93 feet; thence South 0 degrees 37 minutes 25 seconds East, 1324.66 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as certificate trustee on behalf of Bosco Credit II Trust Series 2010-1 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20170510164510 CONV

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GAGE, Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2008, and recorded on June 24, 2008, in Liber 1152, on Page 866, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Three Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$116,303.80). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on August 3, 2017 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: THE SOUTHERLY 150 FEET OF THE EASTERLY 250 FEET OF THE NORTH 50 ACRES OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, ALL IN SECTION 15, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20170615142356 FHA

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damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Ryan Lich, A Single Man, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 19, 2015, and recorded on February 26, 2015 in Liber 1324 on Page 617, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Stearns Lending, LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two and 61/100 Dollars (\$123,882.61).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 10, 2017. Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A PARCEL OF LAND COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, T10N, R8E, TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE WEST 478 FEET; THENCE NORTH 460 FEET; THENCE EAST 478 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 460 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Obituaries

Leota May Anthes

Leota May Anthes, 98, of Charlotte, formerly of Cass City, died peacefully with her family by her side Saturday, July 1, 2017 in Eaton County Health and Rehabilitation Services. She was born December 17, 1918 at home in Novesta Township, the second of five children born to Harvey and Vina (Spencer) Palmateer. She married Kenneth D. Anthes June 20, 1939 in Napoleon, OH. He died July 2, 1973. Leota graduated from Cass City High School. She completed beauty school in Pontiac. Leota worked as a beautician for more than 50 years, most of which was in Helen's Beauty Shop on Main Street in Cass City. She was well over 80 when she finally put away her comb and scissors. Leota was an avid reader enjoying most anything in print, particularly Historical Romance and Michigan History. She looked forward to her Cass City Chronicle and Tuscola County Advertiser each week. She enjoyed working Sudoku puzzles and Crossword puzzles. Leota always had a garden and loved tending her flowers and vegetables. She was a charter member of Cass City Business and Professional Women, being honored as Woman of the Year in 1990. She was also a member of the Cass City Women's Club, Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary and Cass City Historical Society. Leota enjoyed a simple life, she did not fluster easily even if life threw her a curve ball. She was strong and steady and looked forward rather than dwelling on the past. She enjoyed many vacations with her family and always loved her cat, Sammy. Leota is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Anthes-Moore of Charlotte; grandchildren: Michelle (Shawn) Hubbard of Charlotte, Steven Steigman of Ohio, April (Bruce) Welton of Grand Ledge and Clark (Tamara) Moore; great-grandchildren: Tyler, Trent, William, Grace, Hope, Blair, Kara and Gabriel; brother, Carl (Joyce) Palmateer of Cass City; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Stanton Moore; sisters: Mabel Francis, Alma Darbee and Marion Frederick. A funeral service was held Thursday, July 6, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial District Library or Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum. 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.

Shirley Alice Wagg

Shirley Alice Wagg, 81, of Cass City died following a short illness Friday, July 7, 2017 in Heritage Hill Assisted Living in Caro with her loving husband by her side. She was born September 28, 1935 at home in Sanilac County, the 8th of nine children born to Otto Wilbur and Elizabeth (Alexander) Dorland. She married Roy Robert Wagg November 1, 1958 in the old Cass City United Methodist Church in Cass City. Shirley graduated from Cass City High School. She later completed Home Economic courses through Michigan State University. During and after high school Shirley worked for Old Wood Drug Store as a soda jerk. After the kids were grown she worked in the Dietary department for Hills and Dales General Hospital and worked for a time at Dairy Queen in Caro. Shirley was a homemaker and enjoyed the tasks of cooking and baking. She was an amazing cook, creating delicious casseroles, the tastiest chocolate chip cookies and the highly coveted frosted sugar cookies at Christmas. Shirley was a hard-working farm wife, side-by-side with Roy tending cows and doing what needed doing. She was a talented seamstress well known by the local community for her wide range of skills from any type of alterations to creating bridesmaid gowns and prom dresses. She enjoyed quilting, cross stitching, bowling and square dancing. Shirley was known for her hand knitted baby sweaters and people came to the annual bazaar looking for them. Shirley was a member of Cass City United Methodist Church, United Methodist Woman and she served on many church committees over the years. Shirley is survived by her husband, Roy; children: Karen (Brian) Brown of Wyoming, Kevin (Karen) Wagg of Brighton and Kimberly (William) Bailey of Redford; grandchildren: Heather, Stephenie, Andrew, Daniel (Nicole), Jeremy, Jennifer, Zachary and Natalie; great-grandchildren: Austin, Cody, Landon, Parker and Preston; sister, Lois (Newell) Harris of AZ; sister-in-law, Donna Dorland of Shabbona; special niece, Beverly Perry of Cass City; God-daughter, Suzanne Niedrich of Frankenmuth; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her siblings: Eleanor Hurley, Ruth Collier, Dwain Dorland, Newell Dorland, Otis Dorland, Belva Kuhl and Chester Dorland; and sister-in-law, Marilyn Alexander. A funeral service was held Monday, July 10, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Jackie Roe of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating. Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Pallbearers for Mrs. Wagg: Daniel, Andrew, Jeremy, Zachary, Brian Brown, Bill Bailey. Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist 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.

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