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Third time’s the charm: Kingston voters say ‘yes’

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Kingston Community School officials were breathing a long-awaited sigh of relief last week

after voters in the district approved a proposed extension of a debt service millage by a comfortable margin of more than 200 votes.

Tuesday’s special election en-

sures the district will now have nearly \$5 million to pay for a host of needed equipment and facility upgrades.

Residents supported the measure on a vote of 473 to 257. The ex-

tension will raise roughly \$4.8 million without a tax increase, although taxpayers will continue paying the same debt service levy they have been for several more years.

An elated school Supt. Matt Drake indicated he was pleased with residents’ response to the need and to school officials’ efforts to revise earlier proposals in

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CASS CITY STUDENTS observed Veterans Day Friday with an annual program that was kicked off with a flag-raising ceremony early Friday morning. Doing the honors are (top photo, from left) Vaughn Severance, 13, Logan Severance, 16, and Nick McArdle, 15, all of Boy Scout Troop 500, Cass City.

Towns reevaluate pot ordinances

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

After listening to Huron County Prosecutor Timothy Rutkowski’s explanation of the latest version of the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) that takes effect Dec. 15, some villages are rescinding their medical marijuana ordinances.

Rutkowski has been traveling to various municipalities in the county to explain what the changes mean.

According to the prosecutor, municipalities have two options; they can enact regulatory and zoning ordinances to authorize, regulate and zone certain types of marijuana facilities as well as limit the number of licenses for each type of facility, or they can choose to have no ordinance at all.

“For those that choose not to adopt (an ordinance) or not to grant any licensure, you don’t have to if you don’t have an ordinance on the books,” said Rutkowski. “Those who want to open such a business will have to come to you first, before they can go to the state.”

Among the villages to rescind their ordinances following

Rutkowski’s presentations were Uby and Sebewaing.

Communities that have MMFLA ordinances in place have to allow MMMLP operations, while those

that do not have such an ordinance do not have to, explained Rutkowski.

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Federal judge sides with township over wind farm proposal

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

U.S. Federal District Court Judge Thomas Ludington has sided with Almer Township officials against NextEra Energy Resources LLC in a lawsuit filed by the energy company.

In February, Tuscola Wind III L.L.C, which is a subsidiary of NextEra, filed a lawsuit against Almer Township and the township board, alleging there was an effort to stop the energy company from developing a wind farm.

The firm wants to build a third wind farm consisting of 55 turbines in Almer, Ellington and Fairgrove townships. Of those, 19 turbines were proposed for construction in Almer Township. Tuscola Wind III officials alleged that Almer Township officials systematically prevented the development of the wind farm.

“It is a win for us. Kind of like David and Goliath,” said Almer Township Supervisor Jim Mantey. “When several members on the (township) board changed, we inherited the wind ordinance they (former trustees)

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Crash claims Thumb man

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sheriff’s deputies are continuing their investigation into a one-vehicle traffic accident that claimed the life of a Bay Port man early Friday morning in Huron County’s Oliver Township.

According to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, deputies were dispatched to Kilmanagh Road, west of Hartsell Road, at about 4:30 a.m.

“Preliminary investigation is indicating a 2010 Audi SUV was west-bound when it drifted off of the road to the north. The vehicle eventually impacted with two driveway culverts before going airborne and ejecting the lone occupant driver,” Hanson reported. “Unfortunately, the driver, 27-year-old Travis P. Baur, died from injuries he received and was pronounced dead at the scene.”

Hanson said his department’s accident reconstruction team processed the scene and will continue investigating the crash.

The Huron County medical examiner ordered an autopsy, said the sheriff, who noted the Oliver Township Fire Department and Elkton Ambulance Service assisted officers at the scene.

Thanksgiving

Williams family coordinating community dinner this month

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner is shaping up under new leadership, but those familiar with the local holiday tradition shouldn’t notice any major changes at this year’s event, slated for Thursday, Nov. 23, starting at noon at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

More than 200 area residents along with a small army of volunteers celebrated Thanksgiving last year in Cass City by attending the community’s 30th annual community dinner.

In all, 200 to 220 meals were served family style, with 50 to 60 more take-out dinners provided last year.

The day brought not only a mouth-watering traditional menu of turkey and all the trimmings, and plenty of fellowship, it also

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VOLUNTEERS Kevin Estrella, Robert Weaver and Joel Patera enjoy whipping up some mashed potatoes for the 30th annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving dinner, held last year in Cass City.



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Owen-Gage announces students of the month

The focus for Owen-Gage’s students of the month for October is being a “Productive Citizen”. A student who is a productive citizen is actively involved in school and



Danielle Hunt

community organizations, conducts self appropriately in and out of class and displays open-mindedness when confronted with diversities. He or she also has awareness of local and global issues and concerns.

The following students have been chosen: Danielle Hunt, fifth grade (elementary level), daughter of Eric and Samantha Hunt; Isaac Miller, sixth grade (junior high

level), son of Christopher and Melissa Miller; Boyd Evans, ninth grade (high school level), son of Maurice and Tanya Evans; and Aaron Fahrner, twelfth grade (senior student), son of Charles and Terry Fahrner.

Special recognition goes to the “Senior Student of the Month”, Aaron Fahrner. Aaron has been very active in sports throughout



Isaac Miller

high school. He’s been a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams every year. He has also been a member of the high school band each year, has partic-

ipated in Solo Ensemble and the Tri-County Honors Band and currently serves as the band president.



Boyd Evans

Aaron was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society as a sophomore. He served as vice-president his junior year and is this year’s president. He has been on the honor roll each year and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club. Aaron has been a class officer each year: Student Council representative-freshman, Student Council treasurer-sophomore, and class president-sophomore, junior, senior.

The past two years, Aaron has taken dual-enrollment classes through Mid-Michigan Community College at the Huron Area Technical Center. He has served as a member of the Student Advisory Council for the M.H.S.A.A. (Michigan High School Athletic Association) the past two years.



Aaron Fahrner

Aaron also has been a member of the Huron County Y.A.C. (Youth Advisory Committee) since his sophomore year.

As a freshman, Aaron was a snowball court representative. He was recently nominated as a homecoming king candidate. Aaron has been on the yearbook staff since his sophomore year and has served as co-editor for two years, was a member of the prom committee his junior year, and has been an officer for the P.A.C. Squad (Post-Secondary Action Council) for two years. Along with school activities, Aaron has also been very active in volunteering for church and community organizations such as: Lions’ Club, Octagon Barn, Huron County Robotics, Michigan Blood, St. Agatha’s Church Clean-up, Spoonfuls of Plenty, Kilmanagh United Methodist Church candle acolyte, etc. In his spare time, Aaron enjoys watching college football on TV.

Aaron plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in Agribusiness Management.



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OPINION...

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CO poisoning silent and invisible killer

You can't see, smell or taste it, but exposure to carbon monoxide gas can be deadly, and with another winter at our doorsteps, now is the time to take steps to protect you and your family.

Exposure to carbon monoxide is responsible for more poisoning deaths in the United States than anything else. Experts say most poisonings occur between November and February when homes and businesses are being heated by various fuel sources.

Carbon monoxide gas is produced whenever any fuel – wood, charcoal, gasoline, oil, kerosene, propane or natural gas – is burned.

Deadly amounts of carbon monoxide can be produced as a result of defective or poorly vented appliances that use these fuels, including furnaces, fireplaces and woodstoves.

Unintentional poisonings accounted for nearly 5,150 deaths in the country between 1999 and 2010, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which reports most poisonings occur in the home.

In Michigan, there were 823 cases of unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning and 34 deaths in the state in 2013, according to the latest statistics available. The three leading causes of exposure were faulty furnaces or water heaters (22 percent), generators (20 percent) and vehicles (15 percent).

The danger was underscored last year in Genesee County when a family of six, including four young children, was found dead in their Fenton Township home from apparent carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator the family used after losing power.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning often mimic the flu, and include headaches, nausea, fatigue, dizziness, shortness of breath and stinging or burning in the eyes. Prolonged exposure can cause disorientation, convulsions, unconsciousness and, ultimately, death.

The best defense against carbon monoxide-related health issues is to install an audible carbon monoxide detector, which can also be purchased as a unit that detects both carbon monoxide and smoke and sounds an audible alarm to alert homeowners of danger. Make sure the alarm complies with EN 50291, carries a CE mark, has an end of life indicator and carries an independent certification mark.

Equally important, homeowners are strongly encouraged to make sure all fuel burning appliances are properly installed and maintained. Furnaces should also be cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified technician. Finally, venting on furnaces, water heaters and chimneys should be inspected periodically to be sure that animal nests or other debris don't interfere with proper ventilation.

Those who operate lawn equipment, snow blowers and/or generators should never leave them running in an enclosed area such as a garage.

If you suspect there is a carbon monoxide leak in your home, you should evacuate all people and pets immediately, move to fresh area and call 911.

Taking a few precautions now could save lives as well as your home and other belongings.

Don't put it off – nothing is more important than ensuring your loved ones are protected against a major health risk in a place where they should feel safe and secure – their home.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Tempus fugit



It was pitch dark when I sat down to start to write this column, and I was not happy with the situation. Apparently, I'm a creature of habit. Even though I'm retired, I still wake up at the same time that I did for over 30 years when I used to have to go to work.

I hate the time change that started last week. I'm a morning person; I expect to see sunlight shortly after waking up and in the afternoon. Anyway, when there was finally enough light, I could see there was a white world. A hard frost clung to the ground.

Time changes mess with my internal clock. I had a hard time getting motivated to write. I sipped coffee and looked out my picture window. As I stared out and drank coffee, the leaves on the trees steadily fell off and floated down. It was almost as if the trees were grudgingly giving up and conceding winter had arrived.

As I grumbled to myself about the changing season and time change, a phrase I learned in Latin class at Sebewaing High School came back — "tempus fugit" — which many take to mean "time flies."

Because I took three years of Latin, I know that tempus fugit comes from Virgil's Georgics, and it is actually supposed to be "fugit inreparabile tempus," which means irretrievable time. The familiar phrase is supposed to be a proverb against wasting time and procrastination. So, knowing that, my drinking coffee and watching leaves fall truly fit that phrase.

Letters to the Editor

Thankful for hospital

Editor,

My husband, Scott Woidan, had a heart attack at home Sept. 30 and still remains hospitalized. I didn't see the progress I was hoping for while Scott was in rehab in Saginaw. I had him transferred to Hills and Dales General Hospital to continue his rehab in patient.

I'm blown away how well he has done here in such a short amount of time. The staff has been so welcoming. Upon Scott's arrival, there was a get-well soon card posted on his wall above the bed from the respiratory dept. The staff has been in and out saying how excited they are to work with us to get him back on his feet and back home before the holidays. Dee Garety has been a godsend to us. She has gone above and beyond to help Scott.

It's the little things that make such a difference. The Hills and Dales staff has done such a great job for us.

I have said many times over the years how proud I am to live in this community and I'm happy to say it again. Our family has been through a lot over the last couple of months. I can't express how appreciative we are for the thoughts and prayers we have gotten. We have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Tell your family and friends you love them, tomorrow is never promised.

Dawn Woidan
Deford

Thumb businesses and citizens very generous

Editor,

The Tuscola Intermediate School District appreciates the entire Thumb community for its assistance in providing hurricane relief support for the residents of Immokalee, Fla. On Nov. 6, a fully-loaded semi departed for Immokalee with a wide range of supplies to help a community devastated by Hurricane Irma.

Star of the West donated three pallets of flour. The Michigan Bean Council coordinated the donation of over 2,500 pounds of beans with ADM of Reese, Co-op Elevator, and Bayside Best Beans; Michigan Sugar donated a full pallet of sugar; and Walther Farms provided a pallet of potatoes. Countryside Transportation generously donated a semi and all related costs to transport the supplies to Immokalee. Kroger of Frankenmuth and its customers filled approximately five pallets with food, cleaning supplies, and personal items. Help from these generous businesses.

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With the time change, the accurate Latin saying would actually be "viciis flies tergiversate," which is time flies backwards (my Latin teacher Mrs. Emery would be so proud of me.)

During each time change, I think about a Facebook posting that shows an American Indian with the saying, "Only a white man can think that cutting off the top of the blanket to put it on the bottom would make it longer" — just like the time change.

Besides hating how the time change messes with my sleep pattern and motivation, I detest having to set clocks to a different time. The real challenge is setting the clock on my car radio, which I never can do. So, for the next few months, I will have to remember the clock is one hour off.

As I was musing about all of this, the Rolling Stones song "Time is on my side" came on the radio. I hummed in tune, "Time is on my side, yes it is. Time is on my side, yes it is."

At least until the next time change.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Event organizers for the Caro Winter Fest and Snowmobile Races (CWF) are pleased to announce the return of the Midwest International Racing Association (MIRA) professional snowmobile racing to their annual community event. The 2018 CWF 225 event kicks off January 18, 2018, with the CWF Pub Crawl featuring local establishments throughout an 8-mile loop around Caro and then moves to the Tuscola County Fairgrounds January 20–21 for professional snowmobile racing and wintertime, family fun.

MIRA was founded in 1979 as a volunteer-run, nonprofit to promote professional snowmobile racing. Two years ago, the organization decided to take a step back to allow Mike Higgins, business owner of No Bull Graphics, to expand the race circuit, increase media coverage, and grow the teams. Sadly, Higgins fell short on those grandiose visions leading to the cancellation of the 2017 CWF event and the end of the No Bull Triple Crown series at the conclusion of the 2017 racing season.

"For 7 amazing years the teams worked hand-in-hand to bring the Caro Winter Fest to life; in fact, it was because of two MIRA members (Steve McAlpine and Randy Humpert) that the festival even became an idea," said Monica LeValley, President of the Caro 150 Winter Fest. "After working to build that same partnership with Mike and the No Bull crew, we are pleased to once again be working with MIRA to plan our family-friendly, community event."

In late 2008, a small group of volunteers came together to create the Caro 150 Winter Fest – a nonprofit 501(c)4 corporation to organize a community event offering family fun and snowmobile races which supports the community and economic growth.

MIRA's focus for the new season is to take racing back to the basics. The event will feature 13 classes, including Sprint races on Saturday with a Vintage Enduro and Stock 600 Enduro. The junior racers (120 Kitty Kats) will race under the lights Saturday night in front of the grandstands. The "big dogs" will race on Sunday in a 225-lap Pro Enduro.


"With Michigan's ever-changing weather, we need to remind fans that it's not snow we need, we simply need temps to be cold enough to build the ice race track," shared Kris Reinelt, Board Member/Marketing Liaison of the Caro 150 Winter Fest and Marketing Director for the Thumb Area Tourism Council. "Though we always hope for lots of snow as it adds to the beauty and excitement of the event and early weather predictions say we might just see that this coming winter."

Everything festival and race fans have come to love about the event will return, including the oversized Warming Tent open on Saturday and Sunday with food vendors, live entertainment featuring Mitch Diamond & The Yankee Sons, and Penelope's Beer & Wine Ice Bar (must be 21 years of age to purchase). On Saturday there will be a silent auction in the Warming Tent and a Chainsaw Carving Competition. The winner of the CWF fundraising raffle will be announced on Sunday and he or she will take home a brand new 2,000-watt Yamaha portable inverter generator from one of our core event sponsors – Caro Motorsports. Fans will also find a sledding hill for children and the young at heart to enjoy at the entrance to the event.

Event organizers are busy finalizing the schedule of events. You can find ongoing updates on the Caro Winter Fest website (www.carowinterfest.com) or their Facebook page. You can also contact CWF President Monica LeValley at (989) 551-8546 or CWF Board Member/Marketing Liaison Kris Reinelt at (810) 569-6856.

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Wednesday, November 15

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, November 16

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•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 Li-brary, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Friday, November 17

•Senior Citizen Movies, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 18

•Al-anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

Monday, November 20

•Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•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, November 21

•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.
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
•Living with Parkinson’s Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Ex-press, 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 Commu-nity 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 offer-ing.
First Monday:
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.
First Saturday:
•Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Ser-vices 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.
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, con-tact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Second Wednesday:
•Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City (989) 872-4604 for take outs.
Second Thursday:
•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hos-pital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
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•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 Li-brary, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Third Friday:
•Senior Citizen Movies, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City at 1:30 p.m.
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 Behav-ioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Fourth Thursday:
•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
Last Monday:
•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.
Last Tuesday:
•Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.
Every Monday:
•Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
Every Tuesday:
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
Every Wednesday:
•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
Every Thursday:
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
Every Saturday
•Al-anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Jeremy R. Riness, 37, Millington, pleaded no contest to a charge of assaulting/obstructing a public officer – causing injury March 2 in Caro. He also pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), subsequent offense, Sept. 9, 2016, in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Bradley W. Chinowski, 47, Ham-tramck, pleaded no contest to home invasion, second degree, June 17 in Koylton Township. He was also convicted of being an ha-bitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was re-manded to the custody of the sher-iff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*James R. Lane, 47, Saginaw, pleaded no contest to welfare fraud involving more than \$500 between Aug. 1, 2013, and Jan. 31, 2015, in Tuscola County. He also pleaded guilty to one count of absconding or forfeiting bond May 22 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$33,000 and the defen-dant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sen-tencing is to be scheduled.

*Shane D. Bloomfield, 28, De-ford, was sentenced to 153 days in

the county jail following his plea of guilty to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) June 7 in Novesta Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$858.

*Scott A. Heckroth, 49, Caro, pleaded no contest to two counts of purchasing/possessing ephedrine/pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine between Nov. 1 and Nov. 17, 2016, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an ha-bitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Sandra L. Tucker, 52, Deford, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the in-fluence of liquor, third offense, June 8 in Kingston Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Judge sides with township in wind dispute

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drafted. After we reviewed it, there were concerns about the wording and wanted changes to protect the health, safety and wel-fare of all of the township’s resi-dents.

“That is our duty to all those we represent.”

In November 2016, the Spicer Group submitted a report to the local planning commission, ana-lyzing Tuscola Wind III’s special use permit application that con-cluded the development complied with many, but not all of the town-ship’s zoning ordinance require-ments.

Among other recommendations, the Spicer Group suggested that the planning commission should require Tuscola III representatives to commission or identify an eco-nomic impact study for the pro-posed Almer Township project, and that the company had not pro-vided information confirming that the proposed turbines had a brak-ing device.

It was also noted that Tuscola Wind III officials were seeking an exception to the following ordi-nance requirements: instead of building an eight-foot fence around the turbines, they wanted to keep the structures locked at all times; they proposed building above-ground transmission lines; and the company’s noise emis-sions report left several questions unanswered, including whether the 45 dBA limit was measured to the closest road, or simply to the closest road adjacent to a non-par-ticipating property.

In January, the Almer Township Board held a public meeting to re-view the planning commission’s recommendation regarding Nex-tEra’s Tuscola Wind III request for a special land-use permit to allow for turbine construction.

The township cited several rea-sons for denying the permit, in-cluding: Tuscola Wind did not provide an adequate economic im-pact study, despite being asked to provide a property values analysis that was localized to Almer Town-ship; the special land-use permit application did not comply with the zoning ordinance’s limit on noise emissions; the company had not complied with the ordinance’s requirement that an eight-foot se-curity fence be placed around tur-bines; the company did not provide assurance there would be adequate braking devices on the turbines; and they did not comply with the ordinance regarding elec-trical lines being placed under-ground.

While the township’s stand prompted Tuscola Wind III offi-cials to file a lawsuit, the court sided with the township and its right to deny the permit based on

concerns related to local zoning laws.

“We are disappointed and re-spectfully disagree with the court’s decision upholding the de-nial of our special use permit in Almer Township,” said Bryan Garner, manager of communica-tions for NextEra Energy Re-sources. “We are currently reviewing the opinion of the court to determine our next steps.”

According to court records, Judge Ludington determined that “The township board reasonably interpreted its zoning ordinance and, under that reasonable inter-pretation, Tuscola (Wind III) was undisputedly in non-compliance with the zoning ordinance. Be-cause at least one of the bases on which the board premised its de-nial was lawful, the remaining four bases need not be examined. The township board’s denial will be affirmed.”

Although the court ruled in favor of Almer Township, township of-ficials have more work to do.

“The judge gave us until the first of the year to complete our zoning ordinance, and to have it re-viewed,” said Mantey, who noted there is also an allegation regard-ing a violation of the Open Meet-ings Act.

Representatives of Tuscola Wind III have a similar lawsuit pending against Ellington Township.

Owen-Gage chief earns glowing evaluation

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The Owen-Gage Board of Edu-cation has completed an evalua-tion of school Supt. Terri Falkenberg and found her to be a “highly effective” administrator.

Under Michigan Department of Education regulations, all boards of education must conduct per-formance evaluations of their ad-ministrators.

At Owen-Gage, the school board completed that task during a re-cent regular meeting. The board went into closed session at 8:16 p.m. and announced the results of the evaluation after returning to open session at 9:39 p.m.

Michigan’s revised school code requires board of education mem-bers to conduct superintendent evaluations annually.

The evaluation process takes in several factors and complicated regulations. After reviewing an administrator’s performance, the board assigns the administrator with a rating of: highly effective, effective, minimally effective or ineffective. Highly effective is the best grade possible.

Falkenberg was hired at Owen-Gage as a teacher in 1999 and was named principal in 2010. She was hired as superintendent three years ago in January.

In other business, school officials noted some improvements have been completed at the district’s athletic field.

Credit for the upgrades goes to Boy Scouts Clay and Boyd Evens

whose Eagle Scout projects re-sulted in a new scoreboard, re-placing a decade-old scoreboard,

and there is now a sign with the district’s name and mascot on the press box.

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Reporter’s notebook

Good intentions go up in smoke

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I suppose like many smokers, I sort of dread all of the hoopla surrounding the American Cancer Society’s Great American Smokeout — set for Thursday, Nov. 16, this year.

I’ve tried to give up cigarettes via cold turkey, the patch and the gum. I’ve even given hypnosis and acupuncture a go. So far, nothing has stuck.

Yeah, I’ve heard my share of stories from guys who talk about putting an end to this nasty and dangerous habit by simply making the decision to quit, then crumpling up their last pack, tossing it into the trash and going on with their lives.

I hate those guys.

Unfortunately, those quitters are in a small minority, otherwise there probably wouldn’t be a need for a Great American Smokeout, right?

Still, there’s hope for the rest of us, according to mental health expert and addiction specialist Dr. Gregory L. Jantz, who sees patients battling all types of addictions at his Center for Counseling and Health near Seattle.

Even after people conquer some of their most debilitating problems — alcohol and/or drugs, for example — a persistent habit tends to linger, Jantz said in an article on the subject.

“When people have multiple addictions, smoking is usually the last to go,” he added. “It’s as if they are saying, ‘Don’t take everything from me.’ Generally, given the opportunity, people do want to quit smoking. But they don’t believe they can or don’t know how.”

Okay, well, I’m with you so far, doc.

About 46 million Americans smoke, but most wish they didn’t, according to the Centers for Disease Control. One survey showed that 70 percent of smokers in the U.S. would like to quit in hopes of reaping the rewards, which include lowering their risk for various cancers and reduce their chances of suffering from heart disease, stroke, emphysema, and other serious diseases.

Jantz says figuring out a strategy for quitting involves recognizing the depths of the smoking addiction, things such as smoking meeting emotional needs as well as physical needs. “It meets a huge need for comfort,” he says. “So smokers need to ask themselves, ‘How do I bring comfort into my life without smoking?’”

And, going cold turkey doesn’t work for most people — not surprising, given that nicotine is the most addictive drug known to man. Even all those health warnings on cigarette packages and images in the media portraying the devastating results of smoking don’t have the impact you might imagine, he says. “This is so addictive and so powerful that people can see these pictures and continue to do it,” Jantz says.

The American Cancer Society reports that only four to seven percent of smokers are able to stop on their own without using smoke-cessation products, yet almost all of these products use nicotine reduction therapy (NRT), which require smokers to quit cold turkey.

“Obviously, people can and do stop,” Jantz says. “Sometimes they just need the right method and approach that can free them from both the physical and emotional aspects of their addiction.”

Words of wisdom as another Great American Smokeout approaches, but I suspect there’s an even more important message in observances like this: you have a much better chance of finding that “right method and approach” if you refuse to quit quitting.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)
Cory C. Rickett, of Lansing, recently graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law with his Juris Doctorate. Rickett is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School. He is the son of Wendy Rickett of Decker, and Steven Rickett. He is the grandson of Jim and Judy Doerr of Uby, and great-grandson of Velma Cleland of Uby.

The fifth and sixth grade Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee winners from Cass City were: first place, Jared Blattner, sixth grade; second place, Abbey Salcido, fifth grade; third place, Jolene Krol, sixth grade; fourth place, Hayden Larkin, sixth grade; and fifth place, Shane Hoppe, sixth grade. The top 4 finishers will move onto the Saginaw area spelling bee (Hoppe will serve as an alternate)

Cass City Junior-Senior High School students in grade 7, 8 and 9 recently participated in a Knights of Columbus-sponsored spelling bee. The winners were: first place, Taylor Spencer, grade 9; second place, Travis Williams, grade 8; third place, Chandler Cryderman, grade 9; fourth place, Brad Hacker, grade 8; and fifth place, Ian Teneyuque, grade 7. The top 4 will be invited to compete in a Saginaw area spelling bee in January, with the fifth place finisher serving as an alternate.

10 YEARS AGO (2007)
Paul and Alice (Fisher) Phillips, of Decker, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Nov. 3, 2007. The couple was married Nov. 3, 1942 at the Methodist Parsonage in Neosho, Mo. After serving in the U.S. Army, Paul became a postal carrier. He retired from the Decker Post Office. Alice was employed by Cole’s Jewelry of Marlette and Sandusky. They have been pony pullers for many years. They have 2 children: Pam Ross of Cass City, and Paula Marshall of Marlette; 6 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. A celebration dinner Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe, was enjoyed with their family.

The first Cass City Schools “Red Hawk Award of Excellence” winners for the 2007-08 school year were honored last week prior to a regular meeting of the board of education. Students honored last week include Katelyn Sweeney, a third grader and the daughter of the Rev. Bob and Laura Sweeney. Honored from the middle school was Heather Sweeney, an eighth grade student and the daughter of Colleen and Terry Sweeney. Senior Alicia Osentoski was named the October winner representing the high school. She is the daughter of David and Teresa Osentoski.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mandich of Owendale announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Marie, to Steven John Ross, son of Ms. Pamela Ross and the late John Ross of Cass City. The bride elect is a 1989 graduate of Owen-Gage High School, and is currently a senior attending SVSU, majoring in elementary special education.

Sixth graders Ryan Downing, Rose Hoelze, Amy Venema and Jim Dale were the finalists in a recent spelldown at Cass City Middle School. The students won the right to take part in a Knights of Columbus regional spelling bee held Nov. 1 in Freeland, where Dale finished as the runner-up.

Brent Fritz, Gagetown, has been selected as student of the month for October, Owen-Gage school officials said last week. The 0-G senior is co-captain of the football team and was second team all conference in 1991. He won most improved player in basketball. He was the 1992 homecoming king. He has been active in baseball, golf and track and is the vice-president of his class. He is involved with the Business Professionals of America, is an office aide and the editor of the school newspaper. He plans to attend Central Michigan University after graduation.

35 YEARS AGO (1982)
Upwards of 200 relatives and friends of Clair and Florence Tuckey attended the celebration Sunday of their 60th wedding anniversary, held in the dining room of the Cass City Missionary

Church on Koepfgen Road. Seventy were present for the family dinner at the church following the morning worship service, which included immediate family and relatives who came from a distance.

After 38 years of keeping Fords in Cass City humming on all four, six or eight cylinders, Walt Jezewski has hung up his clipboard. Jezewski retired Sept. 1 as service manager from Geiger-Hunt Ford after having worked there since 1944. He had been in charge of the service department since about 1957. Jezewski turned 65 in April, so felt it was time to retire. He could have done some auto repair work at his house for others, as a means to keep busy and earn a little extra income, but decided against it. “The garage has been good to me. If anyone wants work done, I’ll refer them to the garage.”

Dr. David D. Lah, M.D., of Cass City, has been notified by the American Board of Pediatrics that he has been selected a diplomate of that organization after satisfactorily passing all required examinations.

40 YEARS AGO (1977)
The Deford Community Church was the setting for the Oct. 22 wedding of Kathy Lauren Koepf and James Douglas Daley. Rev. Howard Woodard performed the wedding ceremony and Gerald Rodgers, the church pastor, gave a prayer. Organist was Ada Kilbourn. Tom Fulcher, accompanied by his guitar, sang “I Can’t Help Falling In Love” and “Annie’s Song.” The altar was decorated with candelabra and dried fall color arrangements in wicker baskets.

Reva M. Little shows off the engraved sterling silver serving tray she received in honor of her being named “Woman of the Year” to Clara Gaffney, president of the Cass City Business and Professional Women’s Club.

Navy Equipment Operator Third Class Robert B. Goodall, son of Martha E. Blehm of Gagetown, recently participated in the major NATO exercise “Display Determination.” He is serving as a member of Naval Beach Group-2, Detachment “A”, homebased at the Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Va. His unit was embarked aboard the dock landing ship USS Portland. His command joined naval forces from Portugal, Italy, Greece, Turkey, and the United Kingdom for the combined exercise which included convoy operations, amphibious assault landings and antisubmarine warfare maneuvers.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)
Airman Robert A. Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Hunter of Mayville, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to the Air Force Technical Training Center at Sheppard AFB, Tex., for specialized schooling as an aircraft equipment repairman. Airman Hunter is a 1966 graduate of Kingston High School. Hunter is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Churchill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Floyd LaPratt of Caro this week announced the marriage of their daughter, Lillian Marie, to Mr. Gerald Delbert Guild, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Guild of Cass City. The wedding ceremony took place at high noon Saturday, Sept. 23, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Caro, performed by the Rev. I. J. Mikulski.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whittaker will be honored guests on Saturday, Nov. 4, in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary. Their children will hold an open house. Earl Whittaker and the former Miss Lois Lowe were married in Pontiac, Nov. 6, 1942. Both are members of the Assembly of God Church. The couple has six children, Linda, Earl Jr., Helen and Tanya, all at home, Alfred of Oxford, and Mrs. Marilyn Schiable of Cass City. They are also grandparents of six.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)
A quiet wedding was solemnized Saturday night, at twelve o’clock, when Miss Elaine Hartwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hartwick, of Cass City, became the bride of Louis Nemeth, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nemeth, of Novesta. The ceremony took place in the parsonage of the Cass City Methodist Church, Rev. Dudley Mosure, pastor, officiating. The couple were attended by Miss June Rockwell and Laurence Hartwick, brother of the bride. The bride wore a street-length dress of heavenly blue crepe made with a sweetheart neckline and waist which buttoned down the back. Miss Rockwell also wore blue, her dress being made princess style. Both wore corsages of red rosebuds, white carnations and pompons. The groom is one of Novesta’s prominent young farmers and the bride has been employed as sales lady at the Prieskorn store. They will make their home on a farm, six miles south of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sharrard returned Friday from a week’s trip to San Antonio, Texas, where they attended the graduation exercises of the Gulf Coast Air Force Training Center, the Army Air Force’s Advanced Flying School, at Brooks Field, Texas. Mrs. Sharrard’s son, William Norman Spencer, was a member of the class and received his bars and wings and is now Lieutenant Spencer. His mother also was given wings. The graduation exercises were held Tuesday morning, Nov. 10, when diplomas and wings were presented and a banquet for the men and their guests was given at 1 p.m. Wm. Spencer graduated from the Cass City High School in 1940 and enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January, 1942. He received his primary training at Chickaska, Oklahoma, and his basic training at Randolph Field, Texas, before going to Brooks Field.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)
Norman J. McGillivray, writing for “The Four of Us”, sends the Chronicle publisher the spicy letter which is printed below. “The Four of Us” includes besides Mr. McGillivray, Ray Yokes, Howard Hoadley and Harold Lee. All four boys are graduates of the Cass City High School and are now members of Ambulance-Corps No. 351, now in training at Camp Dodge, near Des Moines, Iowa. Here’s the letter: Camp Dodge, Iowa, Nov. 17, 1917. Dear Herb: Now that the camp is completed and we have been here over two months, we are pretty well acquainted all around and we all join in saying, “It’s a pretty good life after all, if you don’t weaken,” and if taking on extra weight shows any signs of weakening we want to know about it. The rest of the fellows are all out for a short hike with their blankets taking them out for an airing, but they have placed me on the retired list for a few days with tonsillitis so I am enjoying myself, keeping my bunk warm most of the time. Last Sunday, Ray, Harold and myself went for a short hike, just east of the camp, with the idea of taking a few pictures. After wandering about for some little time we ran across an old tumbled down building, nestled away down at the foot of a pretty steep hill, reminding us very much of the “moonshine stills” I’ve read about in mountain stories. We managed to make our way down to it, naturally taking the roughest and hardest way to get there, but we felt pretty much rewarded when we found it to be a cider mill. Needless to say we cast aside all ideas of “prohibition” and we layed right to it, drinking most of the time from pint cans and when those ran out we started in on quarts. Well, Herb, I guess says this is enough for now so I’ll say “quits” and go for a little stroll. Sincerely, THE FOUR OF US.

The Elkland Milling Co. has been complimented by Clark & McCaren: wholesale grocers at Bad Axe, on the neatness and cleanliness in packing four tons of graham flour which they purchased from the milling company from the past month. The flour was put up in five-pound sacks and ten of these small sacks were placed in a sealed bale. This enabled the wholesalers to deliver the flour in 50-pound bales and the small sacks thus reached the retailers free from dust and dirt. Clark & McCaren have placed an order with the local mill for 25 barrels of buckwheat flour.

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Letters to the Editor

Businesses, residents generous

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nesses was truly appreciated. All nine school districts within Tuscola County and Tuscola ISD collected supplies to assist in hurricane relief. Caro Community Hospital made significant donations. Agricultural Relief also provided approximately 15 pallets of supplies. Over 28 pallets of supplies made the trip to Florida to help those in need. This project was a major undertaking and it would not have been possible without visionary businesses, caring schools and citizens throughout the Thumb. It was truly inspirational to see this project come together through the generosity of this entire region.

Sincerely,

Gene Pierce, superintendent,
Tuscola Intermediate School District

Third time’s the charm in Kingston

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order to give voters a plan they could support. “I wasn’t surprised (with the vote). I was feeling good about it,” Drake commented. “I think just that it wasn’t going to cost people any more than it does now – I think that was huge for us.” The extension will bring in money to address what Drake has described as some serious capital improvement needs, including replacement of old boilers at the high school, aging roofs at both the high school and elementary buildings, and upgrades in instructional technology. By law, the funding cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs; teacher, administrator or other employee salaries; or other operating expenses. Last week’s vote marked the Kingston District’s third attempt

since March 2016 to secure funding for those projects. Back in early 2016, school officials were looking at a list of repairs, upgrades and new construction totaling some \$10 million, and they whittled that amount down to roughly \$6 million before taking a proposed bond issue to voters for the first time in March 2016. The measure failed by fewer than 100 votes. Kingston officials then sought input from residents who rejected the measure, and opted to ask voters to approve a reduced, \$5.4-million version of the bond issue that addressed concerns about a then-proposed new restroom/concession stand to replace a deteriorating facility. In addition, a plan to tear down an old bus garage was abandoned, with school officials opting to renovate an existing structure instead. However, residents rejected that request, too — by fewer than 50 votes

“After the first two attempts failed, we thought it would be insulting to our voters to just throw it on the ballot again. We needed to back away from it and figure out what we needed to do to get a swing in the small margin of defeat,” Drake said later. “We heard from our residents that they did not want to increase their school millage — property tax rate — from the current 5.62 mills,” he added. “There was also a concern with (proposed construction of) new outdoor bathrooms and a concession stand at the sports complex.” In an effort to accommodate those two issues, Drake said, “We just took the outdoor concession stand/bathroom building off the project list. We also waited until some existing millage was about to (expire) so we could bring an issue to the voters that will not raise taxes.” While the new concession stand was scrapped, residents can expect to see some improvements at the football field, where school officials were forced to remove the bleachers nearly two years ago due to violations — and where most of the field lighting had failed by the end of this football season. Drake said the most expensive projects facing the district are roof and boiler replacement, with large sections of roofing at both buildings approaching or beyond any reasonable life expectancy — 20 or more year — and now present a very real risk of leaks that could result in significant damage to classrooms and equipment such as computers. As for the high school boilers, the district has a 1,000-gallon hot water heater that is original equipment back when students routinely showered immediately following physical education classes.

“We still have to heat 1,000 gallons a day, and basically we use that in our kitchen to wash 15 dishes,” Drake said, noting on-demand water heating equipment will save a significant amount of money. School officials would also like to spend some of the money to ensure all students have access to technology devices every day, according to Drake, who said replacing the high school’s fluorescent lights with a digital lighting system — which will save thousands of dollars in utility costs — and installation of a new security system are also high on the priority list. The latter would include moving the high school office to a location where the staff can see anyone wishing to enter the building before allowing them access, he said, adding improved security is also vital because the community’s public library is located within the high school building. School officials also plan to demolish a portion of the elementary school. Drake explained the roof over the two-story original high school building — which hasn’t been used for classes in years — failed last spring. While the school board has worked to continue paring down its proposed bond requests, the revisions needed to accomplish that task haven’t come without a price tag. For example, plans to remove crumbling sections of tile in the high school building that could have presented an asbestos exposure risk were included in the earlier funding proposals. After both failed, however, school officials spent about \$230,000 in fund equity to pay for the removal and replacement of flooring, Drake said. “We’ve also been slowly but surely (spending) what we could out of the budget for technology,” he added. The Kingston Board of Education earlier this year approved a plan to establish a fund dedicated to pay for some repair costs in the future by banking a combined \$100,000 in school bus and tractor payments annually — the equipment is now paid for — and placing those dollars in a fund specifically for capital improvements. In the meantime, school officials will be working with architects to begin designing plans and requesting bids for the various projects that will be paid for thanks to last week’s election. Drake acknowledged much of the work will have to take place after classes are dismissed for the summer, but he’s confident the wait will be more than worth it. “My hope is students will think they’re in the wrong building when they show up in the fall,” he said.

Some towns reevaluate marijuana ordinances

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Ubly Village Council approved rescinding its medical marijuana ordinance. Later, the Ubly Police Chief recommended that the council also rescind Chapter 4, Article III Primary Caregivers Operating Medical Marijuana Dispensaries due to it not complying with Public Act 281, and the council did. “In December, there will be a new licensing procedure with fees. There will be a licensing board that will issue licenses in five categories next year — growers, processors, transporters, testing facilities and dispensaries will each have to be licensed. It will be overseen by LARA (Licensing And Regulatory Affairs),” Rutkowski explained. Nine years ago when MMFLA went to voters, the concept was that it would help the elderly as well as patients with chronic pain and illnesses. “Despite regulations, there are gray areas,” said Rutkowski. “Of the medical marijuana cards given, 68 percent were for pain. The average age of those with cards is 18 to 34 years old.” A 2016 report from LARA showed there were 395 MMFLA patients in Huron County, with 51 caregivers; in Sanilac County there are 944 patients, with 170 caregivers; and in Tuscola County there are 1,928 patients and 407 caregivers. Tuscola County ranks ninth overall out of the state’s 83 counties based on population for marijuana card holders and caregivers, according to Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent. During Rutkowski’s presentations, he pointed out commercially grown marijuana has changed the potency of the plant significantly. The main psychoactive part of marijuana is tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). “In 1995, before MMFLA, the THC level tested at 3.75 percent, and in 2013 THC level tested at 13 percent. In Colorado, where marijuana is legal, THC had tested at 11 percent, and now it is testing at 28 percent,” he said. “The size of (commercially grown) marijuana plants have also greatly increased.” Since voters approved the MMFLA in November 2008, it has been tweaked several times, and more changes are coming. If a proposal to legalize marijuana for recreational use gets on the 2018 ballot and is passed by voters, the proposal would allow municipalities to opt in or out of the marijuana business and impose a 16 percent tax on the product that would go towards roads, schools and local communities.



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News briefs

Suicide focus of Nov. 18 meet

CASS CITY — The Tuscola and Huron county health departments will host a free suicide prevention and informational program Saturday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Charmont in Cass City. Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Mark Swales will be the guest speaker.

A free lunch will be served at noon. Participants must register in advance by calling (989) 269-3319 or emailing kpitts@hchd.us.

O-G purchasing a new bus

OWENDALE — The Owen-Gage Board of Education recently approved the purchase of a new school bus. The maximum amount the district wants to spend is \$50,000.

No appointment for Green

MICHIGAN — After much speculation, a well-known Thumb lawmaker was not appointed to a state agricultural position after all.

For months, it was anticipated President Donald Trump would appoint Michigan’s 31st District senator, Mike Green (R - Mayville), to the post of director of Rural Development. Instead former state senator Jason Allen of Traverse City was appointed.

Green, who has previously served as a Tuscola County commissioner as well as a state representative of the 84th District, is term-limited as a senator and is scheduled to leave the senate at the end of the end of 2018.

Owendale selects Emterra

OWENDALE — The village of Owendale, like several other municipalities in the Thumb, was left without trash collection service when Diva Disposal of Gagetown abruptly went out of business at the end of September.

Village officials have since reached an interim agreement with Emterra to pick up the village trash. The Owendale Village Council will be reviewing a more permanent contract with the company.

Because Emterra is not able to pick up yard waste at this time, officials plan to designate a yard waste drop-off site available for residents through November.

In other business, the town’s community building needs a new roof, which is expected to cost \$20,000. The expense is expected to be shared by the village and Brookfield Township, which both use the facility. Also, the flagpole needs to be repaired. The approximate cost of that is \$675.

Courthouse to host display

CARO — Tuscola County commissioners recently approved the request of the Caro Women’s Interfaith Committee to use the courthouse lawn in Caro from Nov. 25 through Jan. 6 for the annual Christmas display and nativity scene.

Thanksgiving story time

KINGSTON – Opperman Memorial Library, 5790 State St., Kingston, will be hosting a Thanksgiving story time event Saturday, Nov. 18, starting at 11 a.m. Youngsters are invited to enjoy treats, activities and two stories entitled “T is for Turkey” by Tanya Lee Stone, and “Thanksgiving at the Tappletons” by Eileen Spinelli.

Also on tap is a Scholastic Book Fair, Wednesday, Nov. 29, through Wednesday, Dec. 6. More information is available by calling the library at (989) 683-2500.

Holiday events at library

CASS CITY — Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will be hosting several events in the coming weeks to help everyone get into the holiday spirit.

From 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, there will be Christmas kids’ crafts for children ages three through the fourth-grade. There will be Christmas stories, cookie decorating and crafts.

Parents can register their children by calling (989) 872-2856 or visiting the library.

At 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, there will be a pajama party and movies. During this free event, participants are encouraged to bring a pillow, slippers and a blanket.

Also in December, the Friends of the Rawson Memorial District Library and the Cass City Area Historical Society will host a holiday sing-along Monday, Dec. 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. and featuring fellowship, music and refreshments.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



LAST YEAR’S Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner crew (above) made good use of the food generously donated to the event by area service clubs, churches, businesses and others. Volunteers served more than 200 meals in 2016.

Williams family to coordinate holiday dinner

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marked a “changing of the guard” of sorts.

Scott Mills, who faithfully served as coordinator of the event for the past 25 years, announced he was stepping down in that role, and that Cass City residents Brian and Janice Williams had agreed to take over his leadership responsibilities.

“It just seems to be the right time,” Mills said at the time, noting the Williams family has been volunteering at the dinner for the past several years. “They’re here from beginning to end – they’re very committed — and they enjoy it. They’re the perfect choice.”

Brian Williams said he and his wife and the couple’s four children have been involved with the annual community dinner for the past eight or nine years.

“That was originally my wife’s

idea,” he recalled, noting they were interested in taking the faith they share with their fellow parishioners at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City and putting it into action in their hometown. “We wanted to give back to the community, and this is a way to do that,” he said.

The number of people who show up for the meal each year – including several families that have made the event a family tradition of their own – left a big impression on the couple.

“We all sit down and have a nice meal together for Thanksgiving,” Janice commented. “It’s just like a really nice extended family. It’s really heartfelt – it’s an amazing experience. We love it.”

“Scott had asked us (about taking over coordinating the dinner). He just wanted to make sure it continues,” added Williams, who indicated his family is up for the challenge and appreciates all of the volunteer work that goes into the event.

The Williams are taking on a host of responsibilities that include lining up an adequate crew to cook, set up, clean up and put away. It’s the sort of job that prompts organizers to say they aren’t in the habit of turning down volunteers, especially when they typically anticipate preparing and serving enough food for up to 250 people.

The dinner is free, but make no mistake about it; this is no charity event, and it’s not a soup kitchen for the needy. This project is all about sharing and bringing members of the community together for food and fellowship.

The first Cass City Community

Thanksgiving Dinner was organized back in 1986 at the former St. Pancratius Catholic Church (now Our Lady Consolata Parish) in town. Earlier that year, former area resident Alan Klco came up with the idea and, sharing his thoughts with Bob Gengler, the two men went to work.

Volunteers from other area churches were contacted to put together a village-wide and ecumenical project.

Over the years, the dinner has been located at the local VFW hall and, more recently, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, where full kitchen facilities have enabled organizers to dispense with having to utilize three different kitchens to prepare all of the dishes. These days, food preparation is completed over a two-day period, providing for a less hectic schedule.

One thing that hasn’t changed is the generosity of local service clubs, churches, businesses and individuals, who collectively ensure there is enough of everything to keep the local Thanksgiving tradition alive and well.

As for the Williams, Brian indicated he and Janice are embracing the role of coordinators in the same spirit as Mills, who has always viewed the task as a labor of love.

“Absolutely,” Brian said. “We want to keep it going. It’s a good thing.”

Anyone interested in volunteering or who would like more information is asked to contact Brian Williams at (989) 551-5698 or Janice Williams at (989) 550-5690.

CCH earns accreditation from PCAB

Caro Community Hospital (CCH) officials recently announced the hospital’s accreditation by the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB), a service of the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), for the services of patient specific sterile compounding.

The accreditation, good for three years, was awarded in recognition of CCH’s commitment to meeting and exceeding national quality standards.

Achieving accreditation is a process in which healthcare organizations demonstrate compliance with national standards. PCAB accreditation reflects an organization’s dedication and commitment to meeting standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care.

“CCH’s inpatient pharmacy is committed to excellence. This accreditation demonstrates we are safely making products that will be delivered to patients,” said Leonard Warren, director of pharmacy.

Established in 2007, PCAB was founded by eight of the nation’s leading pharmacy organizations to create voluntary quality accreditation designation for the compounding industry. The organization promotes, develops, and maintains principles, policies, and standards for improving the quality of pharmacy compounding nationwide.

In 2014, PCAB accreditation became a service of Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), whereby ACHC administers the PCAB accreditation program.

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Tom Ferguson is battling Stage 4 inoperable Pancreatic Cancer. He is currently receiving chemo & radiation.

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COUNTY MEDAL award winners (from left) Raylee Jeffers, Skylar Coules, Makaila Cantrell, Dori Battel, Addy Battel, Lauren Aymen, Morgan Gust and Leah Schumacher were among those recently recognized during the Huron County 4-H Fall Family Social.

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Huron County 4-Hers, leaders receive honors

The Huron County 4-H Leaders’ Association, in cooperation with MSU Extension, recently recognized a host of 4-H youth and leaders during its annual 4-H Fall Family Social.

About 100 4-H adult and teen leaders, youth members and their families along with Friends of 4-H attend the event, which included presentations from 4-H teen leaders Lauren Aymen, who highlighted her six-day trip to Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C., and Addy Battel, who presented the highlights of her recent trip to the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute Event in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kari VerEllen, 4-H administrative assistant, recognized 4-H youth for their outstanding work in project areas, competitive activities and leadership roles in the Huron County 4-H Youth Program.

County project medals, based primarily on achievements in the past year, were presented to the following: All-Achievement – Lauren Aymen and Raylee Jeffers; beef – Addy Battel; citizenship – Raylee Jeffers; clothing and textiles – Leah Schumacher; community service – Skylar Coules; dairy – Dori Battel; food and nutrition – Lauren Aymen; goats – Dori Battel and Makaila Cantrell; horses – Raylee Jeffers; Michigan 4-H Key Club – Lauren Aymen; public speaking – Addy Battel; rabbits – Makaila Cantrell, Skylar Coules, Morgan Gust and Raylee Jeffers; and visual arts – Morgan Gust and Leah Schumacher.

Best report certificates were awarded to Dori Battel, Makaila Cantrell and Leah Schumacher. Recognition was also given to the 2017-18 Huron County 4-H Senior Ambassadors McKenzie Stomack and Clara Tait; 4-H Junior Ambassadors Dori Battel, Evelyn and Royce Daskam; and 4-H Cloverbud Ambassadors Annie and Ben Bowman, Cameron Finkle-Gusa, Ava LeGault, Ava Morell, Sydney Protzman, Derek Stringer, Madalyn and Rylan Tenbusch, and Ethan Yackle.

The Independent Bank 4-H clothing awards were presented to Grant Guza, Logan Kneffel and Grant Geiger. The Hessling Construction, LLC, 4-H woodworking awards were presented to Justin Sievert, Dalton Geiger and Morgan Klosowski. The HarJo’s Ben Franklin 4-H crafts award went to Abby Hales. The Jean Ferriby 4-H Ceramic Award was presented to Anna Messing; and the Linda Schumacher 4-H Scrapbooking Award went to Natalie Phillips.

The Moments Captured 4-H photography awards were presented to Andrea Grifka and Erin McCarty; Portrait Expressions 4-H Photography Award went to Erin McCarty; TSS Photography 4-H awards were presented to Arika Booms, Madison Gettel and Moran Gust; and the Carol McCarty Photography 4-H Award went to Erin McCarty. Shawn Gayari was awarded the Michigan Sugar Beet 4-H Award. Abigail Guza and Brent Volmering were each awarded Huron County Corn Growers Association 4-H corn awards. The Mike & Kathy Clark 4-H Recycling Award was presented to Abby Hales.

The Huron County Dairy Diplomats 4-H awards were presented to Hannah Booms and Addy Battel. The Huron County Master Gardeners Association 4-H Gardening Awards went to Jeanna Bischer, Jasmyne English, William Graf and Wade Messing. The Thumb Anesthesia 4-H Fine Arts Award was presented to Morgan Gust; while the Thumb Anesthesia 4-H Yarn and Thread Award went to Abby Hales.

Certificates and recognition also went to Lauren Aymen, Kelsey and Macy Knoblock for attending the 2017 Citizenship Washington Focus, and to Addy Battel for being selected to represent Michigan 4-H at the 2017 World Food Prize Global Youth Institute.

Recognition and certificates were also handed out to 2017 4-H Proud Equestrian Program participants Asher and Elias Battel, Brooke Depcinski, Catrina Jordan, Diamond Leipprandt, Breanna Long, Kaylee Murphy, Ashley Samuelson, Leah Schwartz, Blake Slater, Edward Tracy, Faith, Lea and Naomi VanTifflin, and Travis Volk.

4-H senior ambassadors McKenzie Stomack and Clara Tait recognized the 4-H Leader Clover recipients for their years of service, dedication and work volunteering for the development of Huron County’s 4-H youth.

Honored were: fifth-year Silver Clover leaders Andrew Booms, Clint and Melissa Hagen, Catherine and Henry Hales, Carrie Hanson, Chanda Juges, Kelly Hunsanger, Paul Learman, Catherine Muter, Noreen and Paul Schumacher, Spencer Smith and Brian Watson; 10-year Gold Clover leaders Mary Aymen and Brad Polega and Janet Lipskey; 15-year Pearl Clover leaders Shannon Bowman, Janet Devroye, Jenny Emming, Nicole Pierson and Rob Warchuck; 20-year Diamond Clover Leader Carl Rader; 30-year Ruby Clover leaders Karen Holz and Alvin and Anita Iseler; and 45-year Gold Clover Leader Marjorie Phillips.

Patti Errer, MSU Extension-Huron County 4-H program coordinator, recognized Huron County 4-H Council members Mary Aymen, president; Tami Daskam, vice-president; Kelly Hunsanger, treasurer; Jeff Gillig; Clema Przemyski; Cyndi Puwalowski; McKenzie Stomack, teen member; Sue Stuever-Battel, secretary; Clara Tait, teen member; and Vivian Thuemmel.

The Huron County 4-H Leaders’ Association held its ninth annual 4-H silent auction fundraiser during this event, raising more \$900 for 4-H youth scholarships.

HURON COUNTY 4-H teen leaders Lauren Aymen (left), who highlighted her six-day trip to Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C., and Addy Battel, who presented the highlights of her recent trip to the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute Event in Des Moines, Iowa, were among the featured speakers during this year’s annual Huron County 4-H Fall Family Social.

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Greater Thumb West names football stars

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The 2017 Cass City football team – which equaled the school’s record for most wins in a season at 9-2 - was rewarded with several Greater Thumb West (GTW) all-conference selections.

Coach Scott Cuthrell’s Red Hawks placed five players on the GTW all-conference first team. Topping the list is 4-year letter winner Nick Perry, voted to the dream team on offense at fullback and on defense at linebacker.

Perry helped Cass City to four straight playoff appearances and ended his stellar career with 30 wins and 13 losses. In his senior year, Perry rushed for 1048 yards and eight touchdowns. The Golden Helmet award winner also led the team in tackles with 73 and had a pair of interceptions.

“Nick was an outstanding player who has been with the varsity program since his freshman year. A very strong physical player, one that will be difficult to replace,” said Cuthrell.

Joining Perry on the GTW all-conference offensive first team are

teammates Brendan Hamilton and Hank Janik.

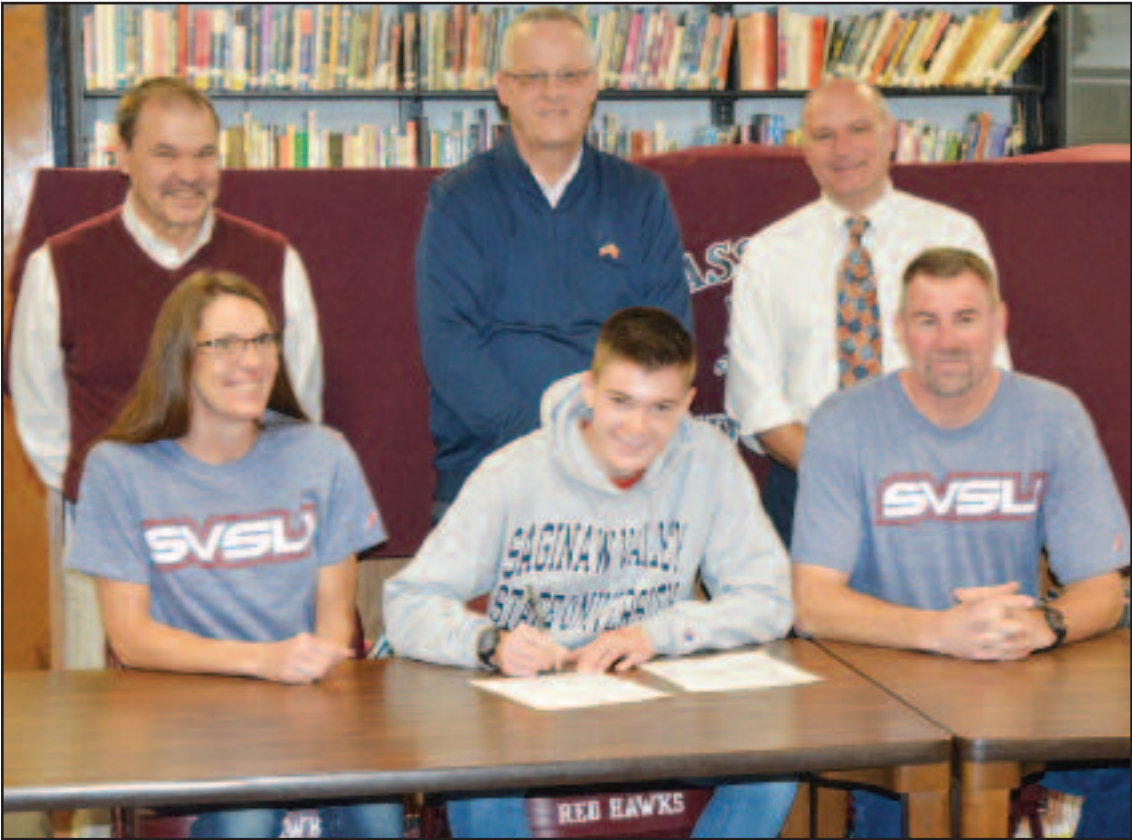
Hamilton, who made the switch from end to halfback in his senior year, also was a Golden Helmet award winner. He gained 1,218 yards, scored 22 touchdowns and added a dozen two-point conversions.

“Outstanding year for Brendan, a quiet individual that out worked everyone and surprised teams with his great speed, a great leader on the field,” Cuthrell said.

Janik, a junior guard, was the leader on the line in Cass City’s run-orientated attack, according to Cuthrell.

“With all the success from the backfield our line this year was outstanding, led by Hank Janik, a tough, strong pulling guard who is only going to get better next year, great year,” he said.

Rounding out the GTW all-conference first team picks are senior quarterback Brennan Wissner, EPBP; senior lineman Brayden Smith, EPBP; senior lineman Cody Brownell, EPBP; senior lineman Myles Geiger, USA; senior lineman Bo Schember, Reese; junior end Mason Pasek, EPBP;



FRONT-AND-CENTER is CarLee Stimpfel. The Cass City senior made it official Friday, signing a letter of intent to attend Saginaw Valley State University in 2018. Witnessing the event are the cross country standout’s parents, Sloane, front left, and Tom Stimpfel. Also on hand were (back row, l-r) Cass City athletic director Don Markel, supt. Jeff Hartel and coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Stimpfel pens with SVSU

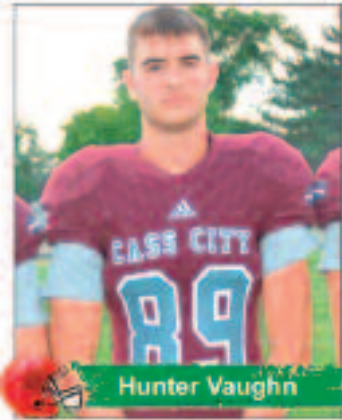
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Cass City senior CarLee Stimpfel will take his talents to Saginaw Valley State University in 2018, after signing a letter of intent Friday alongside his parents and Red Hawk officials.

Stimpfel recently ended his story book Cass City cross country career winning back-to-back Division 4 individual titles. In 2016, Stimpfel erased Greg Bliss’ 34-year-old school record in the 5,000 meters with a time of 15:39. This year, Stimpfel ran a 15:33. In between, he’s won about every

race, including league and regional championships.

Cass City cross country coach Jon Zdrojewski feels Stimpfel made the choice to go to SVSU based on a lot of thought and conversations. Stimpfel was also pursued by Central Michigan (Please turn to page 10.)



senior end Brendan Prime, USA; senior wide receiver Jackson Noel, Vassar; senior back Jacob Kretzschmer, EPBP; junior kicker Gabe Robinson, Reese; and junior kicker Carlos Casselecalle, Vassar.

Named to the GTW all-conference offensive second team from Cass City were Sandyn Cuthrell, Eric Peters and Dalton Powell. Sophomore Cuthrell was honored at quarterback, while seniors Peter and Powell were recognized for their efforts

on the line.

Also named to the GTW all-conference offensive second team were EPBP lineman Mitchell Schuette; USA lineman Cooper Kauffold; Vassar lineman Trevor Bellamy; Bad Axe lineman Wyatt Humphrey-Phillips; USA wide receiver Hunter Bohn; Reese end Kyle Stockmeyer; USA back Alan Rabun; USA back Joshua Lang; and Bad Axe back Ryan Wehner.

The GTW all-conference offensive honorable mention choices were Luke Stern and Mike Ziegler – Cass City, Preston Warren, Taylor Kady and Brady Renn – EPBP, Jack Clancy and Blake Collins – Bad Axe, Luke DuRus-sel – Reese, and Micah Cramer – USA.

Voted to the GTW all-conference defensive first team from Cass City – in addition to Perry – were senior lineman Hunter Vaughan and back Cuthrell.

“Hunter had a great year punishing teams that tried to get around him, was a key factor on a great defensive team,” Cuthrell said, adding, “Sandyn has great recovery speed and is a leader on the field, very athletic in his position. Looking forward to having him back next year.”

Other GTW all-conference defensive dream team players were senior lineman Braden Smith – EPBP; senior lineman Cody Brownell – EPBP; senior lineman Myles Geiger – USA; junior linebacker James Dubs – EPBP; junior linebacker Preston Warren – EPBP; senior linebacker Cooper Kauffold – USA; senior linebacker Kyle Stockmeyer – Reese; senior back Brennan Wissner – EPBP; senior back Joshua Lang – USA; junior punter Gage Robinson – Reese; and junior specialist Preston Warren – EPBP.

The GTW all-conference defensive second team included Red Hawks Wyatt Dickson, Powell and Hamilton. Dickson and Powell were picked as linemen, while Hamilton made the fictional listing at back. For the season, they recorded 12, 19 and 60 solo tackles, respectively.

Completing the GTW all-conference defensive second team are USA lineman Zachary Fritz; Bad Axe lineman Nick Schem-

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Downtown Grand Rapids fishing trip a success

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Rising out of bed before 4 a.m. is the norm when I travel to the west side of the state for a little guided steelhead fishing.

After all, it takes about three hours of driving time to reach the Muskegon or Manistee Rivers, areas I fished many times, including treasured trips with my dad. A lifelong member of Trout Unlimited, John Haire always stressed the importance of conservation and the beauty of nature during our time on the water. He was a nature lover and marveled in the splendor of the outdoors, especially anywhere near the picturesque Au Sable River.



Anyways, last week's trip started with the customary three hour drive, but the similarities between that adventure and ones I spend with my dad, ended there.

I went fishing in a construction zone.

The decision to try the Grand River – a first for me – came from guide Chad Schaub. So instead of meeting up near Newaygo, like times past to try our luck on the “Mighty Mo”, we got together at the Johnson Park boat launch north of Grand Rapids.

“It quite a hike to the coffers,” said Schaub, referring to an area of whitewater that consist of dams and floodwalls to help keep the water at a constant level and accessible by boat.

I'd guess the journey up stream was about 7-10 miles and ended at the Grand Rapids fish ladder. To the south of the fish ladder was a crew of cement workers repairing the I-96 bridge. That's where I spend the next six hours floating beads under a bobber.

BEEP, BEEP, BEEP, BEEP – the warning when heavy equipment is in reverse, replaced the songs of birds.

RATA, RATA, RATA, RATA – the noise from a jack hammer, replaced the sweet melody of a fast flowing stream.

Add in the racket from four construction cranes, hundreds of cars and trucks, the city bustle, and it wouldn't surprise me if my dad turned over in his grave.

However, our honey hole on the Grand River was created with the help of the construction crew at the I-96 over pass, where we spent the day. In an effort to reduce flooding there, along the river bank they piled yellow sand bags that made a deep run for about 150 yards that the steelhead seemed to like.

Surprisingly, only three other boats, and maybe a dozen shore fishermen, on the water despite Wednesday's mild temperatures and above average fishing.

We hooked over 20 steelhead and landed nine. Most were in the 10-pound range, all were chrome in color.



NOT YOUR typical steelhead country landscape. On one side of the Grand River (above) were several modern sky scrapers just a stone's throw away, while on the other side of the river (below) is a wall of graffiti. Nonetheless, fishing was fabulous last week on the western Michigan stream.



THIS HONEY HOLE on the Grand River in downtown Grand Rapids benefited from yellow sand bags placed at the river edge by construction workers. It was a loud, busy area that didn't seem to bother the fish.

Stimpfel picks SVSU

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University.

“Saginaw Valley State University will be a very good fit for CarLee because of the size of the school. CarLee is not a big city kind of guy and will have many opportunities to excel in the smaller school setting as compared to CMU,” he said, adding, “I think CarLee will have a chance to compete on his own merits and not as Bransen's little brother which could have happened at CMU. CarLee will take the leadership skills he used in high school and be able to translate that to SVSU. His work ethic is second to none and he will do whatever is necessary to compete at his best.”

In addition, Zdrojewski speaks highly of the SVSU program.

“The coach at SVSU has been following CarLee for the past year and has expressed a lot of interest in him as well as offering him some advice on his running. The SVSU coach has a very strong nationally recognized resume and wants to establish SVSU as a running powerhouse in the state and a big part of building a program is recruiting strong athletes. CarLee will be a strong runner that will help the program become successful as the program grows.”

Stimpfel is a member of the student council as well as a member

of the National Honor Society.

“CarLee will bring a strong civic mind to SVSU and that will benefit both him and the school. CarLee is a very caring young man and he wants those around him to excel to the best of their abilities,” said Zdrojewski.

GTW stars

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ber; Vassar linebacker Trevor Bellamy; Bad Axe linebacker Wyatt Humphrey-Phillips; EBPB back Andrew Seigfried; Vassar back Jervon Wilson; USA punter Brendan Prime; and Reese specialist Nick Curtis.

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Cass City Public Schools Congratulates

CarLee Stimpfel

Division 4 - Cross Country 2017 State Champion



CarLee won Saturday's race on a slow track with a time of 16:07, best among the 243 finishers.

CarLee also holds Cass City's school record in the 5,000 meters with a time of 15:33.

This is Stimpfel's second year in a row as state champion





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Cass City lands five GTW all-conference volleyball picks

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Four returnees to the Greater Thumb West volleyball all-conference first team headline this year’s selections. Named to the dream team for the second consecutive were Rylee Zimmer, USA junior middle hitter/setter, Katie Engelhardt, USA senior libero, Madison Thompson, Reese junior outside hitter, and Sayge Cuthrell, Cass City senior middle hitter/setter.

“Sayge is a four year varsity volleyball athlete and one of two players that played all around in the 2017 season. Sayge led the team in kills, assists and blocks. She is truly the definition of an impact player, not only for her athletic ability but her strong leadership as well,” says Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell, adding, “Being a six position

player requires endurance and the all skill ability. In the net positions she was an aggressive kill/blocker, but it was her setting/defensive skill that the team benefitted from the most. Sayge has an incredible work ethic that coincides with a very competitive spirit. She served as team captain.”

New to the Greater Thumb West all-conference first team are USA sophomore Allyson Kemp, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port junior Abigail Schuette and Bad Axe senior Maddy Jimkoski. All were honored as hitters by the vote of league coaches.

On the Greater Thumb West all-conference second team from Cass City were junior Kacey Haire and seniors Lauren Dickinson and Baylee Murphy.

Junior Haire and Dickinson were honored as outside hitters, while Murphy was picked as the second team Libero. All three earned

praises from Coach Cuthrell.

“Kacey is a two year varsity volleyball starter and is one of the hardest working players on the team. Off season training played a key role in her success and I would at times define her as an overachiever. Kacey was our starting outside hitter for the past two years. She is very effective and finished second in kills for the team. She has a very aggressive style of hitting and is difficult to defend at times. Kacey stands a mere 5’7” but with dedicated jump training in the off season she was able to rise above many of her blockers. She has a very competitive nature, making her an effective team member and play maker for us in the 2017 season.”

“Lauren is a three year varsity player and a six rotational player. She was a strong outside hitter and also a defensive specialist. She finished second statistically for the team in digs, serve receive and

serves. Lauren finished third in kills. She was a pivotal player and accounted for a large part of our success in the 2017 season. She is a bright young lady who quickly could pick up tendencies of the opposition. She served also as a team captain.”

“Baylee is a three year varsity volleyball player for Cass City and one of the best Liberos in the region. In the 2017 season she was first on the team in digs and serves. Baylee was a consistent superstar in the back row, allowing for our offense to be played at a very high pace tempo. It is often the attackers that make the news, but their stats would not be as effective without the skill of our passers. Baylee was a big part of our team’s success.”

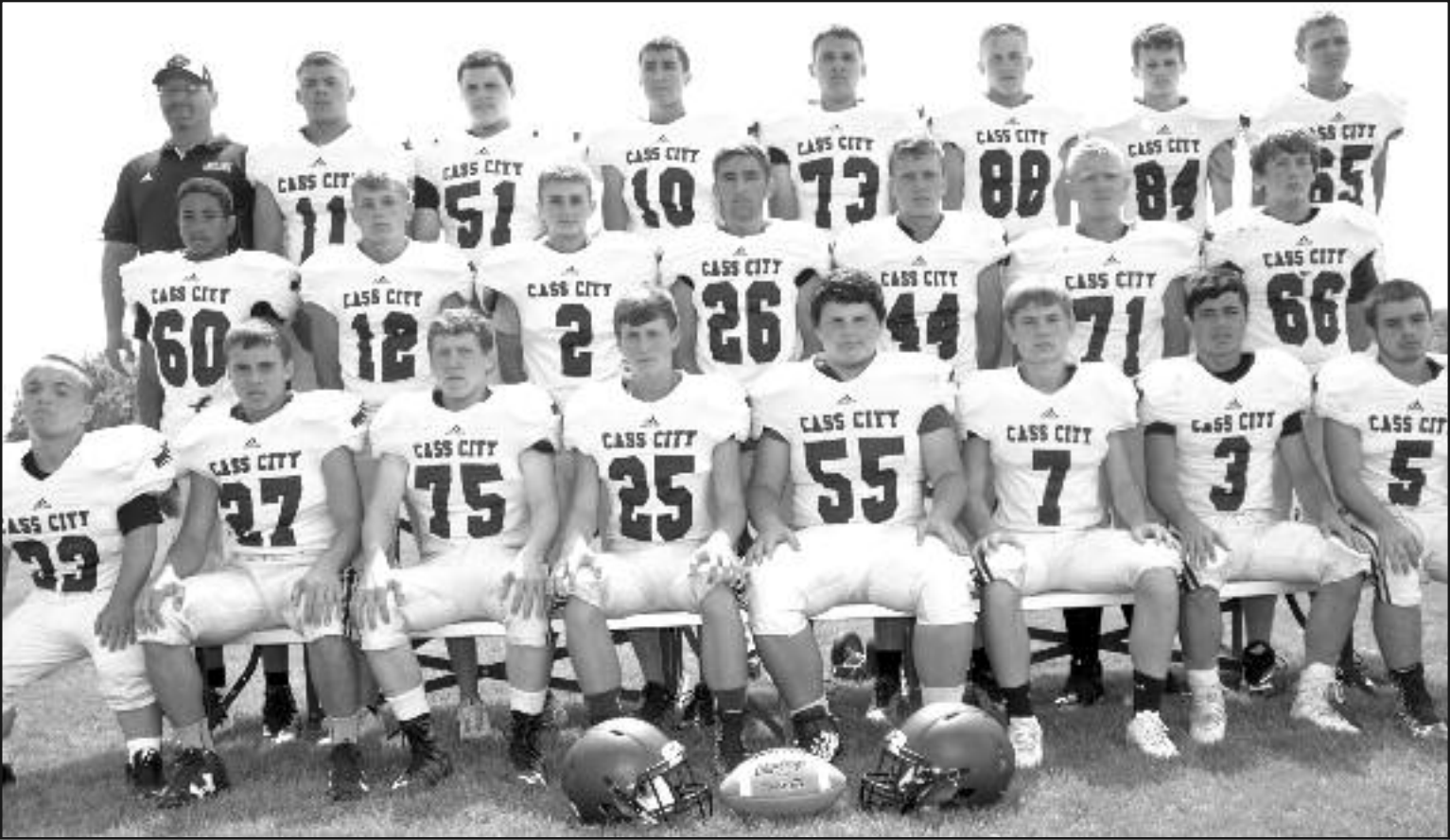
Filling out the Greater Thumb West all-conference second team were Nichole Schember – USA setter, Lexie Felske – Reese outside hitter, Savannah Comstock –

Reese middle hitter and Tiffany White – Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Libero.

Turning to the Greater Thumb West honorable mention players, Cass City’s Bailey Ross was honored at setter.

“Bailey is a two year starting setter. She worked hard this year to improve her technique which allowed us to open our offensive game. She was more diverse this year in selecting hitting options and worked hard to get the ball placement more accurate. Setting can be a very high pressured position with very high expectations attached. She embraced the pressure and was rewarded with success,” said Cuthrell.

The Greater Thumb West honorable mention players also included Mya Atkari, Lexy Neal, Megan Gremel – USA; Casey Schaeff and Taylor Streeter – Reese; Kaylee Krohn, Addison Pasek, Karly Cunningham, Abigail Smith and Katlin Kady – Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port; Sydney McDonald and Lauren Howard – Bad Axe; and Dana Rodammer, Emilee Whiney, Lainey Zwerk and Carlotta Merraro – Vassar.



THE 2017 Cass City junior varsity football team finished with a 6-3 record. They are: (front row, l-r) Ethan Ellesin, Matt Mihalic, Gaven Graves, Kyle Jordan, Gary Janik, Hadyn Horne, Tristan Swiderski, Braydon Farley (middle row) Jeremy Velasquez, Dustin Naegele, Bryce Fernald, Brayden Wilson, Alex Perry, Cam Kaake, Justin Miller (back row) Coach Josh Stern, Collen Wruble, Aaron Ponder, Jacob Shantz, Aaron Darr, Dylan Crase, David Kyle and Ryan Delong. Missing is Asst. Coach Brad Langenburg.



BUCK SLAYER. Christian Lee Ladnier, 10-years-old, took this spike deer in Sanilac County with a perfectly placed shot using a crossbow. He’s pictured with parents Grant and Tamra Hulburt and great uncle George J. Williams, at the far left.

Cass City Students' Washington, D.C. Fundraising - 8th Grade

Please help this year's 8th grade raise money for their D.C. trip in June of 2018. You may leave bottles in bags on your step if you are not going to be home that day. Bottles may also be dropped off at the Junior/Senior School.

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TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by TIMOTHY SEXTON and JESSICA SEXTON, his wife, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated JUNE 29, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on JULY 7, 2006, in LIBER 1087 on PAGE 338 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of NINETY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE AND 00/100THS (\$91,805.00) DOLLARS at 5% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on NOVEMBER 16, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: THE SOUTH 10 ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770

10-18-5

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mort-

gage made by ROBERT DEAN BETZ , a single man, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Flagstar Bank FSB, Mortgagee, dated the 13th day of November, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of November, 2002 in Liber 903 of Tuscola County Records, page 356, said Mortgage having been assigned to New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Eighty & 92/100 (\$39,080.92), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of November, 2017 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.250 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Village of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 1, OF BISHOP'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF MILLINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 57A OF PLATS, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid.

The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney Dated: 10/25/2017 New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing 700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 362-2600 SMS FHLMC BETZ.

10-25-4

HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Phillip Sexton and Amy Sexton, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 25, 2004 and recorded July 8, 2004 in Liber 999, Page 1342. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, NA, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Four and 65/100 Dollars (\$112,694.65), including interest at 4.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on NOVEMBER 30, 2017.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 17 which is East, 1338.945 feet (being the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17) and continuing along said North line East 564.87 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 17; thence continuing along said North line East, 82.24 feet; thence South 00 degrees 38 minutes 29 seconds East, along the Northerly extension of the West line of the recorded plat of "Miller Subdivision", recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 2 of Tuscola County Records, 228.90 feet to the Southwest corner of said Plat; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds East, along the South line of said Plat, 8.20 feet; thence South 81.13 feet; thence West, parallel with said North line of Section 17, 93.00 feet; thence North 310.00 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: October 25, 2017
Orlans PC
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 17-013399

10-25-4

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna L. Butler, an unmarried woman and James David Butler, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 7, 2006 and recorded April 19, 2006 in Liber 1077, Page 1209. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-5, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two and 4/100 Dollars (\$146,532.04), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on DECEMBER 7, 2017.

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

Commencing at a point which is North 00 degrees 53 feet 55 inches West 354.00 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 27, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence North 177.50 , thence West 165.00 feet, thence South 177.50 feet, thence East 165.00 feet to 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: November 1, 2017
Orlans PC

Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 17-013746

11-1-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 30, 2017: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dwight D. Thabet and Elizabeth A. Thabet, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Ameriquest Mortgage Company

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): JPMC Specialty Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: August 31, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: September 13, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$52,214.57
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 12, Block A, Kelland's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 7, now being Page 8A, and a parcel of land commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 12; thence North 96.8 feet; thence West 85.14 feet; thence South 97 feet; thence East 85.14 feet to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: November 1, 2017
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MORTGAGE SALE
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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Deborah A. Huber, a single woman, mortgagor, to Independent Bank East MI, n/k/a Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated November 8, 1995, and was recorded on November 13, 1995, in Liber 681 on page 1442 of the Tuscola County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$45,553.05, including interest at 9% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on December 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Ellington, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Parcel C - Part of the SE 1/4 of Section 8, T13N, R10E, described as: Beginning distant E 44.08 ft along the S Section line of said Section and N 43°26'23" E, 1226.86 ft along the centerline of Michigan State Highway M-81 from the S 1/4 corner of said Section 8; thence from said place of beginning, N 43°26'23" E, 596.10 ft along said Hwy. centerline to the E line of the W half of the SE 1/4; S 00°39'48" E, 644.31 ft along said E line of the W half of said SE 1/4; thence N 63°07'55" W 467.84 ft to the place of beginning, excepting all oil, gas and mineral rights of every kind and nature and all rights pertinent thereto as set forth in Warranty Deed recorded in Liber 657, page 646. Ellington Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan commonly known as 2880 E. Caro Road, Caro, MI 48723 tax i.d. 008-008-000-1700-04

If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the Mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL

600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
Dated: November 7, 201
By:
Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707 -
(989) 892-4574

11-15-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 14, 2017:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):
Chad Deming and Richelle Deming, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation

Foreclosing Assignee (if any):
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT5, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT5
Date of Mortgage: March 3, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording:
March 21, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$115,027.11

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The South 200 feet of the North 759 feet of the West 333 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 7 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). 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.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: November 15, 2017
Trott Law, P.C.

11-15-4

Obituaries

Travis Baur

Travis Paul Baur, 27, of Bay Port, died Friday, November 10, 2017 of injuries received in an automobile accident near Elkton.

He was born April 6, 1990 in Bay City to Duane and Shelley (Ritter) Baur.

He graduated from Lakers High School in 2008 and then received an engineering degree from Michigan Tech.

He married Emily Schinnerer on August 12, 2017 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe.

Travis worked as an engineer at Walbro in Cass City. He enjoyed hunting, playing piano and guitar, boating and snowmobiles.

Surviving are his wife Emily; parents Duane and Shelley of Bay Port; sister Keeley of Grand Rapids; grandparents Bruce and Marilyn Baur of Bay Port and James and Margaret Ritter of Bad Axe; parents-in-law Lloyd and Laura Schinnerer of Cass City; brother-in-law Andrew Schinnerer of Kansas; aunt and uncles: Scott and Shelly Walker of Georgia, Daniel and Rhonda Heitzman of Grand Rapids, Steven and Susan Henson of Canton, Daniel and Mary Ritter of Elkton and Casimer Sikoski of Pigeon; many cousins and his dog Molly.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and 10-1 p.m. Thursday at Cross Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, November 16 at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon with the Rev. Tim Loehrke officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Lakers FFA for a scholarship in his memory.

Arrangements were made by Champagne Funeral home of Caseville.



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Cass City United Methodist Church

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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• Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour following worship • Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham



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Pastor: Steve Bagnall
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Beautiful two story brick home in Village of Cass City that is waiting for your furniture. Quaint and oh so comfortable, this home has many updates and features that you are looking for. NEW roof was just completed, privacy fence is partially new and completed. Newer furnace. Large living room features a gas fireplace and open staircase. Front porch is a favorite place top site and relax and enjoy your morning coffee. The two car garage is insulated and has 220 electric. Never worry of losing power with the Generac generator ready to turn on automatically.



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So new the skirting isn't on yet. Set in The Point on the water this home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open kitchen, living room and dining area. Great kitchen with snack bar, patio door looking out to the water. \$44,900 with 12 months free lot rent.



Possibilities galore - In this HUD owned home on 1.4 acres and close to M-53. Home features 2 bedrooms, cathedral ceiling in the living room, unfinished basement, large deck and outbuilding for only \$30,000. Laker schools. CY2757



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Upgrades on tap at county’s only park

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Some major upgrades are planned for Tuscola County’s only county park. The biggest upgrades at the Vanderbilt Park and Campground will be connecting the park at 4446 Bath Rd. to a municipal water system. “A tremendous amount of work will be done to the park over the coming months. So many improvements will be done, it won’t look like the same park,” said Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland. “Some big things will be happening.”

“NextEra honored its pledge it made a few years back to help with bringing water into the park,” noted Hoagland, who explained a one-inch copper line totaling roughly 240 feet will run from the park to a main line. The work includes building a shed to store the meter, and there will be a hose on the northeast corner of the building to allow access to campers to fill water tanks.

Being able to extend a waterline to the park stems from a 2012 project that brought municipal water from Bay County to parts of Wisner township, which received a \$1.5 million grant and a \$3.2 million loan from Rural Development to help pay for the project. A municipal water source was sought because water is unfit to drink in most of the township, requiring residents to haul water to keep in storage tanks.

McFarland Excavating’s bid of \$38,210 was the lowest submitted for excavation work to be done at the park, and Great Lakes Lift’s low bid of \$502 per picnic table was approved.

Earlier this year, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded more than \$1.4 million in Recreation Passport grants to communities for local park improvements in 36 counties. Of that money, Tuscola County received a \$10,700 grant for upgrades to Vanderbilt Park.

The money will go toward installation of a potable water line, campfire rings, picnic tables, a volleyball and basketball area, graveling drive-ways, and accessible paths to park facilities, explained Hoagland.

The 18-acre Vanderbilt County Park and Campground is a rustic site. It has 24 campsites with electricity and eight rustic campsites. The park has playground and volleyball equipment, picnic areas, grills, rustic restrooms and fire rings.

The park has had a rocky history since the late Frank Vanderbilt donated it to the county at the turn of the 19th century. The rustic park has been open, closed, open, closed and opened again over the years in an effort to save money.

The recreational facility was opened again because of the ongoing expenses of having to keep lights on for security and insurance for liability.



Air Advantage tackling upgrades in Thumb area’s Internet service

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Area Internet provider Air Advantage, LLC, is tackling some upgrades and improvements to service in the Thumb region.

The company is spending about \$100,000 to install fiber optic to homes in Unionville. So far, about one-quarter of the homes in the village have been done. Fiber optic service offers unlimited broadband width for data, voice and video.

Also, the Frankenmuth-based firm is investing \$100,000 to upgrade towers in Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola and Washtenaw counties. “Doing improvements and upgrades to the towers will provide better service and more bandwidth capacity,” said Scott Zimmer, Air Advantage president and CEO.

Zimmer recently asked the Gagetown Village Council to approve installation of some Internet equipment on the village’s water tower. There would be a lease agreement to install 30 to 40 clamps around the rim of the water tower, with an offer to pay the village \$300 a month to do so.

“A small base on the ground will house equipment access,” the village council’s October meeting minutes state. “After discussion and clarification, Trustee (Ed) Rievert made the motion, seconded by (Bill) Ehrlich that we enter into the contract.” The council voted in favor of Rievert’s motion.

NEARLY 30 LOCAL veterans attended Friday’s Veterans Day ceremony at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, where students – including the school band members – demonstrated their appreciation for those who have served in the military with speeches and music, including the national anthem.

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