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CASS CITY Rotary Club member Allison Zimba (right) served up a sample of the club's entry to Heather Severance during the Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off's inaugural Chili for Charity competition last year at the municipal building.

Chamber gearing up for annual Christmas in the Village festival

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Christmas season is approaching quickly and will kick into high gear locally as the Cass City Chamber of Commerce once again hosts its annual Christmas in the Village celebration starting Saturday, Dec. 2.

A full day of holiday activities are planned for that day, starting with the annual Christmas in the Village Craft Show, from 9 a.m. to

3 p.m. at Cass City High School. There is no admission fee, but visitors are asked to bring a non-perishable food item or \$1 to donate to the Revive Ministries Food Pantry in Cass City. Lunch will be available at the show, and there will be a 50/50 drawing.

Also on tap Dec. 2 is the popular Breakfast with Santa event, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall. Children ages 11 and under are admitted free (\$2 for adults and children ages 12 and

older).

The community's always hotly contested chili cook-off, sponsored by Knights Insurance Agency, Cass City, will get underway at 11 a.m. at local businesses. Area residents are encouraged to purchase a judging ballot and then taste and judge as many chili samples as they like through 3 p.m., when the ballots will be collected and counted, and this year's 14th annual chili champion(s) crowned.

According to Amy Peters of Knights Insurance Agency, some changes implemented for last year's contest will remain in place this year.

Each business will register their signature chili in one of three categories – Best Tasting, Most Creative, and Zesty and Spicy – and those chilis will be judged only in the category chosen by the businesses.

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Blitz of car-deer crashes precedes firearm season

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Even before Michigan's regular firearm deer season opened last Wednesday morning, several deer were taken in Tuscola County – by motorists.

Tuscola County Central Dispatch reported taking 11 calls over a 24-hour period stemming from car-deer accidents, and that number does



(Photo courtesy of the Michigan DNR)

not include those collisions that were reported to local police departments, according to Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent.

And, such accidents are not expected to decrease any time soon. Between firearm deer season, farmers harvesting or working

up fields, and mating season, deer are on the move throughout the Thumb.

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HOMICIDE

Homeowner wounded, two men dead following home invasion in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Twp.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac Sheriff Garry Biniecki assured residents that all suspects were in custody following a reported home invasion that left two men dead and another suffering a gunshot wound to the leg early Sunday morning in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township.

The double homicide investigation unfolded after the man targeted in the home invasion placed a 911 call to Sanilac Central Dispatch at about 5 a.m., according to Biniecki, who issued a news release Sunday afternoon stating the call came from a residence in the 4300 block of Holbrook Road.

"The caller advised that three male subjects just broke into his home and shot him in the leg. Gun fire was returned and one or more of the suspects were shot," Biniecki said. "One of the suspects was at the residence deceased and the other suspects fled on foot."

"Upon arrival to the Holbrook residence, a vehicle was located in a ditch at Holbrook and Germania. Located inside the vehicle was a black male from the Flint area, deceased with a gunshot injury," the sheriff continued. "The vehicle was reported as stolen from the Flint area back in October 2017."

The sheriff's department had not released any names as of the Chronicle's press time, nor have investigators publicly speculated about the motivation behind the home invasion.

All suspects are accounted for, Biniecki said, adding the crimes remain under investigation, and more information will be released as it becomes available.

Residents living in the area surrounding the crime scene spent several hours indoors Sunday after the sheriff's department ordered citizens to stay home, lock their doors and not allow anyone inside.

Neighbors like Taylor Rocheleau, who along with his family reside about a mile away on Germania Road, were understandably concerned.

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Local teen recovering after head-on collision with truck

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City area teen who suffered a serious head injury when the pickup truck he was driving collided head-on with a beet truck earlier this month in Huron County's Sheridan Township is reportedly recovering at home.

The accident occurred shortly after 8 a.m. Nov. 10 on Atwater Road, just east of M-53, according to Michigan State Police Specialist/First Lt. David A. Kaiser, Third District Headquarters public information officer.

A witness told troopers he was following a pickup truck driven by the 17-year-old, westbound on Atwater Road, when he saw the pickup cross over the road centerline. "There was a semi-truck eastbound, and the pickup truck was not crossing back over into his own lane," Kaiser reported. "The semi-truck started to brake and the pickup truck...turned

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County jail to benefit from wind windfall

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

For decades, Tuscola County commissioners have taken a band-aid approach to fixing infrastructure issues at the county jail despite recommendations pointing to the need for a new jail facility.

Now, county officials are taking

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ROUGHLY \$667,774 that was previously es-crowed in wind turbine revenues has been placed into a newly-created jail capital fund account for improvements and expansion at the Tuscola County Jail in Caro.

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MEMBERS OF THE Cass City High School Class of 1962 recently gathered for their 55th reunion at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City. In attendance were (front row, left) Larry Robinson, Joyce Delong Brown, Darlene Chippi Collins, Carol Walmsley Rutkoski, Joye Field Kramer, Wayne Dillon (back row, left) Dailey Parrish, Cashmere Lubaczewski, Frank Toridia, Roger Root, Dean Hutchinson and Jim Rawson. Teachers who attended were Katie Jackson and Lyle Clark and his wife, Jean.

Cass City Elementary

School announces honor roll

Officials at Cass City Elementary School recently announced the first marking period honor roll students.		
4th Grade Hayden Anthes, Kelsey Anthony*, Dylan Barrigar, Lauren Bartnik*, Justin Bergman, Aviah Bergren, Rylee Bliss*, Hudson Bowers, Alli-Lynn Connolly, Carla Cortes*, Noah Dexter, Sebastian Esqueda-Alba, Chloe Franzel, Gavin Franzel*, Addison Frederick*, Richard Gibbons JR, Braylon Gutierrez, Brady Halabis, Owen Hall*, Jaedyn Hartwick, Olyviya Hartwick, Lauryn Hempton*, Madelyn Hicks, Kilee Hopper*, Natalie Horning, Ashley Jones*, Kaleigh Kubacki*, Madison Kulinski, Christian Ladnier, Ali Learman*, Rylie Ligrow*, Breanna Miller, Veedell Moore*, Kenton Nicholas*, Haven Osenotski, Brynn Pallas*, Destiny Periso, Kylie Perkins*, Kaylee Peters, Jeevesh Prabakaran*,	5th Grade Carson Anthes, Taylor Anthony*, Conner Arthur, Hunter Badger, Romina Basanez-Gastelum*, Lillian Betts, Elizabeth Binder, Mason Brown*, Tim Burke, Taryn Burpee*, Alexis Champagne, Danielle Curtis, Justin Daniels, Kaylieh Dolliver, Landon Dubs*, Madyson Elston*, Maia Estrella*, Alysa Fritz*, Mason Gniewek*, Kacee Gray*, Jermiah Harmon, Brooke Hatcher, Mariah Henne, Lane Herford, Kian Hoppe*, Mackenzie Hudson*, Elsa Ibarra, Shelby Ignash*, Eric Kester, Kaylee Koch, Rylan Kruse, Gabrielle Laming, Cole Lenhard, Brooklynn Limberger*, Jarod Mathewson, Brianna McKee, Kylie McKee, Matthew Mellen-	dorf, Roman Muter*, Mia Myers-Caister*, Trent Patrick, Angelina Periso, Isabelle Phillips, Austin Philpot, Brayden Pine*, Parker Pisarek, Madison Radabaugh*, Garrett Reinke, Ali Rocheleau, Katelyn Rockwell, Katrina Sarles*, Dylan Severance, Emily Speirs*, William Steely*, Trevor Tietjens and Eli Wright.
	6th Grade Kelsey Badger, Joshua Bergman, Lance Britt*, Zackary Burnette, Diana Cortes*, Heather Czekai, Hailey Dubs, Trysten Gruber, Ethan Hall, MacKenzie Healy, Natalie Holdburg, Robert Krueger II, Paula Learman, Brendan LeValley, Justin MacAlpine, Abraham Mack, Cooper Mallory, Nolan Medere, Claire Merchant, Braden Murdoch*, Cameron Owen, Carter Patrick, Ellie Perkins*, Sydney Schefka, Ethan Schrader, Cohen Sherman, Drake Smith, Josie Spencer, Wyatt Sutton and Lucas Tschirhart.	



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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Prepare now for Old Man Winter

Fall’s brilliant colors have disappeared, which can only mean the imminent arrival of another Michigan winter. In fact, area residents have already been exposed to a small taste of the cold and snow to come.

That’s why Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) officials are encouraging all Michiganders to make winter emergency preparedness a priority.

“Part of Michigan has seen snow already,” said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, deputy state director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD. “Now is the time to make sure you are prepared. Taking a few extra steps will ensure that you and your family are ready before winter weather fully arrives.”

Severe winter weather poses health and safety concerns related to extremely cold temperatures, freezing pipes, potential propane shortages and power outages.

Residents across the state, including those of us in the Thumb, are encouraged to take the following actions to be prepared for the upcoming winter months:

**Weatherproof your home by installing weather-stripping and caulking and insulating walls, doors and windows.*

**Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so pipes are less likely to freeze.*

**Lock in a propane rate now and have a backup heating plan, such as a generator, wood stove or fireplace.*

**Have gas or oil furnaces inspected by a qualified professional and change the air filter.*

**Have your fireplace and chimney cleaned and inspected. Contact your local fire department for a referral or look for a local inspector online.*

**Install battery-operated carbon monoxide (CO) detectors near every sleeping area. CO poisoning is most prevalent when furnaces are turned on to fight cold winter temperatures, but commonly occurs after winter storms and accompanying power outages, when people tend to rely on portable generators for electricity.*

**Clean gutters to prevent ice dams from forming. Roof ice dams can cause water to build-up, leading to interior damage.*

**Have an emergency preparedness kit stored safely in your house that includes: bottled water, non-perishable food, a first aid kit, extra batteries, a battery or hand-crank powered radio, emergency lighting or flashlights, extra blankets and warm clothing.*

**Have your vehicle’s radiator system serviced before winter and make sure to replace windshield wipers and wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture that will not freeze.*

**Replace any worn tires and check air pressure regularly.*

**Have your brakes, brake fluid, oil, car battery, heater and exhaust checked to make sure everything is running efficiently.*

**Keep an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle stocked with batteries, battery powered or hand-crank radio, flashlight, windshield scraper, jumper cables, mobile phone charger, shovel, blankets, first-aid kit, non-perishable food and bottled water in the event you get stranded or stuck.*

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

The day my innocence died



It was while watching some black and white documentary films on the television that I realized I’ve not only lived through several historic events, but also saw them as they were first televised.

The memory of the events that happened 54 years ago is still with me — especially today.

The strongest memory is seeing a grown man cry when he heard of John F. Kennedy’s assassination on Nov. 22, 1963. It was the first time I saw a man cry. That man was John Nelson, who was my teacher at Columbia Corners Country School. It was also the first time I saw a veteran news reporter so shaken he had to blink back tears as he was telling the world the president was assassinated.

For days, the TV showed coverage of the event, including Jack Ruby shooting Lee Harvey Oswald.

I’m not sure, but I think the shooting of Kennedy and Oswald were the first shooting deaths captured on live TV.

It was the first time that I heard Kennedy’s time in office and his legacy referred to as “Camelot.” That term supposedly came from Kennedy’s love of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, which was about a magical time of promise, truth and the fight for what is right.

I don’t think that life has been the same for those who were around at the time of Kennedy’s assassination.

For me, the events that happened back then spelled the death of my innocence. I never looked at the world in quite the same way after that, or truly felt safe since then.

Kennedy’s assassination happened in public with secret service agents around him and with his wife sitting beside him. With all of that, Kennedy was killed. Then, Jack Ruby killed Oswald in a police station while he was surrounded by law enforcement officers and reporters. That underscored my realization that no place is truly safe.

Those tragic incidents happened in 1963 during a genteel era. It was a time when men wore hats and suits; ladies wore dresses, gloves, and hats; and children respected their elders.

To me, after Kennedy’s death, it seemed like the whole world changed. The last vestige of my innocence was murdered in Dallas as well. I think JFK’s and Oswald’s deaths are what prompted me to become a reporter.

At that time, The Warren Commission’s investigation concluded that Oswald acted alone when he assassinated Kennedy; and that Ruby also acted alone when he killed Oswald. I, like many, am skeptical of that report and feel there is a conspiracy there somewhere (that is the questioning nature of a reporter).

I have read numerous books and watched several documentaries on the topic. The U.S. Select Committee on Assassinations reportedly concluded in 1978 that Kennedy was probably assassinated as a result of a conspiracy, and that the Warren report and investigations at the time were flawed. That report contends there is “...a high probability that two gunmen fired at [the] president,” but they didn’t pinpoint who.

With the release of some classified documents this month related to the assassination, there might be some new insight into what, who, why and how things happened.

Letters to the Editor

Proud to be a Red Hawk

Editor,

To the community of Cass City:

I would like to say how proud I am of the varsity football team for the 2017 season. They played their hearts out every game and conducted themselves like men every game this year.

The last game of the play-offs, the Cass City community was amazing in their support for the team. The park was overflowing with people of all ages rooting for the Red Hawks. The game didn’t come out the way we would have liked, but the players never quit.

The band also deserves credit for its support throughout this season.

I have lived here all my life, and it made me proud to be from Cass City.

Ray Smutek
Cass City

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More than five decades after Kennedy’s assassination, there are many answers that remain as elusive as Camelot.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can
get to help)

Activist Kate Van Auken is asking the community to consider nominating a deserving student for the 2018 Junior Citizen of the Year award. The student needs to be in their senior year of school, attending Cass City Public Schools or homeschooled in the Cass City school district. These young adults may be from your organization, congregation, business, club or neighborhood. Contact Van Auken at Rawson Memorial District Library, 989-872-2856, for a nomination form. Nominations are due by December 15. The Junior Citizen will be announced at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner held February 3, 2018.

Michigan producers are slowly progressing with harvest through wet conditions, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Highlights of the 2017 November Crop Report include:

*Michigan corn yield is up 10 bushels from last year to 167 bushels per acre. Total production is expected to be 325.7 million bushels.

*Michigan Soybean yield is forecast at 45 bushels per acre. The yield is down 5.5 bushels from 2016, and production is 102.6 million bushels. Soybeans were 78 percent harvested by Oct. 29th, ahead last year and five-year average.

*Sugarbeet growers anticipate a yield of 27.3 tons per acre, down 3.5 tons from last year. Production is forecast at 3.9 million tons. Sugarbeet harvest in Michigan was 47 percent complete as of the week ending Oct. 29.

*U.S. corn production is forecast at 14.6 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year but up 2 percent from the Oct. forecast. Yields are expected to average 175.4 bushels per acre, up 3.6 bushels from the Oct. forecast and up 0.8 bushel from 2016. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record for the United States.

*Nationally, soybean production is forecast at a record 4.43 billion bushels, down less than one percent from Oct. but up 3 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 49.5 bushels per acre.

Don’t forget to thank our crop farmers around the dinner table this Thanksgiving.

Michiganders are encouraged to put away leftovers, break away from the television, and #OptOutside as part of their day-after-Thanksgiving routine.

To help establish a healthy tradition, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will waive entry fees to Michigan State Parks, recreation areas, trails and boating access sites on Friday, Nov. 24.

Among the suggested activities to enjoy the day include:

*Hike or bike more than 12,500 miles of trails.

*Drop on line off in a state park or explore a new hunting spot with your dog.

*Bird-watching, and finding historical markers can be fun and educational.

The #OptOutside movement was started by outdoor recreation cooperative REI Inc. in 2015 to encourage people to spend time outdoors on Black Friday.

For the third straight year, the Michigan DNR has urged residents and visitors to utilize the outdoors as part of their Thanksgiving weekend celebrations.

The staff of the Chronicle reminds residents that we will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Our office at the corner of Oak and Main will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and will re-open on Friday, Nov. 24. Deadlines will remain unchanged. Please drive safely if travelling, but mostly, enjoy time with family.

Have a concern? A complaint?

Just want to voice your opinion?

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welcomes letters
to the editor.

CALENDAR EVENTS

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Wednesday, November 22
•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.
•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Thursday, November 23
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Saturday, November 25
•Al-anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

Monday, November 27
•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.
•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.
•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, November 28
•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.
•Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS
First Sunday:
•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.
First Monday:
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.
First Saturday:
•Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 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, 403 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Second Wednesday:
•Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City (989) 872-4604 for take outs.
Second Thursday:
•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Third Monday:
•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.
Third Tuesday:
•Living with Parkinson’s Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.
Third Thursday:
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, “Healing Together.” Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Third 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 Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
Fourth Thursday:
•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
Last Monday:
•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.
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.

Deputies investigating crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies are continuing their investigation into a two-vehicle traffic crash last Wednesday afternoon in Bridgehampton Township.

Officers were dispatched to the intersection of Ruth and East Sanilac (M-46) roads at about 2:30 p.m., according to Deputy Fred Ameel.

“The accident happened when a 1992 Ford F150 being driven by 38-year-old a male from Carsonville was traveling westbound on East Sanilac Road. The driver reported seeing a vehicle traveling eastbound near the intersection,” Ameel reported. “The eastbound vehicle, a 2004 Toyota Tundra being driven by a 61-year-old male from Deckerville, turned north onto Ruth Road, directly in the path of the westbound vehicle. The two vehicles collided and went off the roadway.”

The driver of the westbound vehicle was transported by Sanilac EMS to McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky, while the other motorist, along with a 54-year-old passenger, was taken by Sanilac EMS to Deckerville Community Hospital.

“The names of the people involved are being withheld pending further investigation into the accident and pending charges,” Ameel said. “All occupants reported wearing their seatbelts and alcohol was a factor in the accident.”

Both the Carsonville and Sandusky fire departments assisted deputies at the scene.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Randall S. Colwell II, 25, Vassar, pleaded no contest to a charge of assaulting or obstructing a public officer June 29 in Tuscola Township. He also pleaded guilty to two counts of tampering with an electronic monitoring device Feb. 13 in Tuscola Township and June 23 in Novesta Township.

In addition, he was convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, Colwell’s combined \$25,000 was revoked and he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Ryan Richard-Trischler Moreno, 27, Unionville, pleaded no contest to charges of home invasion, third degree, malicious destruction of a building (less than \$200 in damage) and failure to report an accident July 29 in Akron Township.

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

*Douglas N. Kucharczyk, 57, Gagetown, pleaded no contest to attempted writing a no-account check Aug. 13, 2016, in Gagetown. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Brandon E. Smallwood, 33, Otter Lake, was sentenced to 20 to 60 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to charges of armed robbery, home invasion, first degree, and unlawful imprisonment Jan. 24 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$394. A hearing is to be scheduled to determined restitution in the case.

*John P. Husarick, 40, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny in a building between Dec. 8 and Dec. 10, 2016, in Vassar Township. Husarick, who is listed as being homeless, was also convicted of being an habitual 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.

*Paul Ian-Thomas Gillett, 38, Columbiaville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 15 in Millington.

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

*Angela M. Distelrath, 38, Bay City, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, July 16, 2015, in Caro.

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

*Charles J. Parsell, 54, Vassar, pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent Sept. 11 in Vassar.

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

*Evelyn M. Spencer, 30, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, second offense, July 24 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Taylor S. Perrigo, 21, Millington, pleaded no contest to charges of possession of a firearm by a felony and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) Sept. 17 in Millington.

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

*Thomas W. Patterson, 37, Caro, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of methamphetamine/Ecstasy, possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy and soliciting another person to obtain ephedrine/pseudoephedrine Nov. 17, 2016, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, Patterson’s \$15,000 bond was revoked and he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff’s department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Melanie M. Harrington, 35, Flint, pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent Aug. 23 in Caro, and to possession of a controlled substance Sept. 16 in Caro.

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

*Melissa M. Hill, 35, Mayville, pleaded guilty to falsely reporting a felony (home invasion, second degree) between Feb. 15 and April 19 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Shannyn R. Pelletier, 25, Essexville, pleaded no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and one count of attempted assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Aug. 14 in Caro.

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

Warrant leads to arrest of pair on drug charges

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Deputies serving a search warrant in an effort to locate a Huron County man for missing a court date ended in the arrest of two people on drug-related charges late Thursday morning.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said deputies served a search warrant at a South Port Crescent residence in Bad Axe shortly before noon and located the 20-year-old suspect, who was wanted charges related to probation and his failure to appear in court.

“When they entered the residence to look for him, they found him and a 31-year-old Bad Axe woman in possession of a syringe loaded with heroin and drug paraphernalia,” Hanson reported.

“The deputies then obtained another search warrant to look for more possible illegal drugs and did the search. Between the original arrest and second search, heroin, marijuana in individual packages, scales and other paraphernalia were seized,” the sheriff said. “Felony possession charges were added to the man, as well the woman was charged with it also.”

Both individuals were taken to the hospital to be medically cleared, according to Hanson, who noted officers believed the pair had used heroin earlier.

“Both are now lodged in our jail, with the man needing \$10,000 cash to be released and the woman’s bail set at \$5,000 cash,” he said.

Hanson added the Bad Axe City Police Department assisted deputies throughout the investigation.

“Our office always encourages illegal drug tips by calling your local police department or by calling our office during regular business hours at (989) 269-6500 or Huron Central Dispatch’s non-emergency number anytime at (989) 269-6421,” Hanson said. “Confidential callers can use our TIPS Line of (989) 269-2861. We’re also available on Facebook through our drug task force page.

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Reporter’s notebook

It’s a great time to be thankful

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



This is a great time to be thankful. No, I haven’t lost my mind. And, yes, I follow the news every day – from a multitude of sources. I’m painfully aware of the rising trend of mass shootings and loss of innocent lives for no apparent reason, each followed by another round of pro- and anti-gun debate that will probably never end in any sort of civil agreement between the two sides.

I’ve watched a president who, in my opinion, occasionally says the right thing when he sticks to a script, but who all too often spends more time fanning the flames of various controversies than he does addressing this nation’s many ills, social and otherwise.

I’ve seen nationwide protests against social and racial injustices that exist (but shouldn’t), and witnessed a country become obsessed with exercising rights while at the same time all but ignoring the responsibilities that come with those rights.

I’ve witnessed the downfall of one celebrity after another, each with closets full of sexual misconduct skeletons that have come tumbling out into the spotlight.

And, yet, this is still a great time to be thankful.

Sure, it can be easy to start another day wondering what there is to look forward to, but how many of us stop for a moment to really consider all we have to look forward to?

How about another day of breathing, in the company of family, friends and co-workers (even the ones who steal your paperclips)? Are you blessed with some expression of love every day?

Did you sleep well last night, in the comfort of your own bed, in your own home or apartment, out of the elements? Is your belly full? Do you have a job?

Has cancer sapped your strength and threatened to separate you from your loved ones prematurely? How about dementia – do you recognize family members and friends, and smile when you think about them, no matter how much they might get on your nerves from time to time?

Like I said, it’s a great time to be thankful, because if you’re loved, your basic needs are being met and if you’re healthy, there’s no reason why you can’t have a positive impact on so many issues that need your attention but seem so beyond your control, both at home and beyond the borders of your own rural community.

Start with gratitude, which has a way of encouraging you to get over yourself and focus on the needs of others.

Of course, feeling grateful isn’t worth much if it isn’t accompanied by some form of action. So, if you’re quick to despair when you turn on the news, why not do something to make a difference in someone else’s life every day – volunteer, offer a word of encouragement, a listening ear, a ride, a few groceries, a couple dollars, whatever it takes.

In other words, if you figure you’ve been blessed, pass it on.

Consider how many people a simple act of kindness could affect if that act is forwarded on to someone else. Bottom line? If we all do our part – no matter how insignificant it may seem – we’ll be making life a little better for someone else. And for ourselves.

Then, maybe, you’ll come to believe this is a great time to be thankful, too.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

John and Agnes Meininger will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 1, together with their children. The former Agnes Helen Jantz and her husband John Joseph Meininger were married Dec. 1, 1962 at St. Agatha Church, Gagetown. The couple met at a Fireman’s Ball in Unionville on Valentine’s Day in 1959. John is a 1957 graduate of Cass City High School, and Agnes is a 1959 graduate of Owendale High School. They were blessed with 4 sons: John (Kelly) Meininger of Ooltewah, Tenn., Brent (Stacey) Meininger of Bay City, Deric Meininger and Chad Meininger of Las Vegas, Nev. They were also blessed with a granddaughter, Sienna Meininger; and 4 step-grandchildren: Brian Brink and Damien, Kurtis and Destinae Knapp. John and Agnes raised their children on a farm in Gagetown. John retired as the plant manager of Active Industries in Sebewaing. The couple now enjoy their life together on Secord Lake.

THE 2012-13 Cass City gymnastic team members include: Kendra Kerkau, Miranda Spry, Kaitlyn Fetterhoff, Sophia Romain, Becca Mulrath, Samantha Mathewson, Ashtyn Janiske Weiler, Coach Kathy Bouverette, Katie Hacker, Alicia Crouch, Allie Inbody and Dakota Wilson.

10 YEARS AGO (2007)

Lyn Mercer was recently named the 2007 Michigan Crisis Response Association (MCRA) Responder of the Year. She was awarded by Joan Durling, MCRA president, and Dr. Harvey Burnett, MCRA vice president.

It may not have been as stressful to the grandparents as it was to the mothers, but the birth of 2 granddaughters proved to be daunting for Deb and Mike Otulakowski of Cass City who were destined to go 42 hours without sleep. It started on August 9 about 8 p.m. when daughter Kary (Ryan) Engelmann of Caro informed her parents that she was admitted to the hospital to have labor induced. The Otulakowskis took off for Saginaw. At 12 midnight the grandparents learned that daughter Leann (Jim) Rogers of Grand Rapids was in labor. After discussion with daughter Kary and husband Ryan it was decided that daughter Leann needed us and they encouraged us to go to Grand Rapids, Deb Otulakowski said. About halfway there they received a call informing them that Leann was entering the hospital. For the next 18 hours the girls went back and forth as they progressed with their labor. The grandparents felt sure that Leann would give birth first, but at 7:35 p.m. a call came from Ryan with a baby crying in the background. Anna Lynn Engelmann was born at 7:25 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. It was the second child in the family. Anna Lynn has a brother, 2 1/2-year-old Trace. After a lengthy battle with no success, daughter Leann underwent a cesarean section and a daughter, Avri Lyn Rogers, was born at 12:57 a.m. Aug. 11. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 2 1.5 inches long. The girls were born just 5.5 hours apart, but each has their own birth date. Grandmother Deb reports that they all cried and adds, “The miracle of birth. Any grandparent can tell you it is a joy and a wonderful addition to the family. “Our daughters had daughters!”

25 YEARS AGO (1992)

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Battel of Cass City will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Nov. 28, with an open house. The celebration will be held at the Fraser Presbyterian Church. The children of the couple invite friends and family for the buffet luncheon. The family requests no gifts. Arthur Battel and Marjory Schwegler were married Nov. 19, 1942 at the Evangelical Church of Cass City in an afternoon ceremony. Attendants were James T. Ballagh and Alice Buehrly Elliott. The Battels have been lifelong residents of the Cass City area, making their home on the centennial family farm. The couple has 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Michael Seibel of Gagetown, a senior plastics engineering technology I major at Ferris State University, has been selected to receive the university’s Fred E. Taylor Memorial Scholarship.

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

Relatives celebrated the birthday of Larry Buehrly with a dinner Tuesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buehrly. Guests, besides Mr. and Mrs. Larry Buehrly and sons, were Edward Buehrly, Mrs. Lawrence Buehrly, Don Buehrly and Esther Buehrly.

Ben Schott, who was seven years old Nov. 9, celebrated his birthday with a party at McDonald’s in Bad Axe. Eight youths and his mother, Mrs. Ken Schott, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ron Geiger, attended. Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Rim Geiger and Scott joined the Schotts for birthday cake and ice cream.

Navy Yeoman Seaman Craig G. Carolan, son of Francis J. and Evelyn M. Gosh of Gagetown, recently returned from a deployment to the Northern European area. He is serving on the staff of the Commander, Second Fleet, embarked aboard the amphibious command ship USS Mount Whitney, homeported in Norfolk, Va. During the two-month deployment, the staff and ship participated in exercises “United Effort 82” and “Northern Wedding 82.”

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Rochelle Lynn Rocheleau of Owendale and John Gerrit Smedley of Kewadin exchanged wedding vows Saturday, Oct. 22, at Camp Riverdale on Maxwell Road, Owendale. Elder Donald Richards officiated at the four o’clock double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Nancy Rocheleau of Owendale is the bride’s mother and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smedley of Kewadin, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Nowland of Caro announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary K. Nowland, to Craig S. Guernsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Guernsey of Cass City. He is a recent graduate of Michigan State University with a BA in Crop Science and is presently working on his master’s at Central Michigan University. Miss Nowland is a junior also attending Central Michigan University. A June 24, 1978, wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Profit of Cass City and Alexander Kessler of Warren, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Kathleen, to Ronald Berridge of Ubly. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Berridge of Ubly. The couple plan an August 1978 wedding.

Winners of the Elkland Township Fire Department poster contest for fifth graders for Fire Prevention Week were Matt Jones, second; Jim Palmateer, first, and Jeanne Marshall, third. The top three, all of whom are 10 years old and in Geraldine Tibbits’ fifth grade class at Cass City Intermediate School, each received a trophy. A plaque with Jim Palmateer’s name on it will hang in his classroom for the next year.

Two Cass City teenagers were among the winners at the 47th annual Michigan Junior Livestock Show and Sale Oct. 27-28 at the Howell Livestock Auction yard. John Gallagher, 15, took first place in the beef judging contest for youngsters 14 and over. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gallagher. Sue Cooklin, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooklin, took first in the lamb judging contest for contestants 14 and over. John Gallagher took second.

Now serving at Clark Air Base, the Philippines, with a Pacific Air Forces unit is Air Force First Lieutenant Roberta S. Kulinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kulinski of Cass City. Lieutenant Kulinski, a staff nurse, was previously stationed at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. The lieutenant, a 1967 graduate of Romeo High School, received a BSN degree in 1972 from Wayne State University in Detroit.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Gene A. Parsons and infant daughter Mardi Ann, have arrived in Honolulu, Hawaii, after spending two weeks with relatives and friends in the Cass City area. Sgt. Parsons is attached to the 61st Military Air lift Wing as Flight Engineer, based at Hickam Air Force Base. His tour of duty is three years. Mrs. Parsons is the former Martha Martinek.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schember attended exercises Friday, Nov. 3, when their son, David, graduated from basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. David received a trophy for physical fitness.

Army Private Kenneth J. Hayes, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Hayes of Decker, completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training Oct. 28 at Ft. Lewis, Wash. He received specialized instruction in small unit tactics and in firing such weapons as the M-14 rifle, the M-60 machine gun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

Rev. Silas Parker, uncle of the bride and groom, was the officiating clergyman at the wedding of Miss Edythe Shuefelt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shuefelt, of Owendale, and Mr. Ervin Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Andrews of Owendale. The marriage was at the Canboro Latter Day Saints Church on Saturday, Nov. 21. The couple were attended by Elmer Andrews, brother of the groom, and Miss Wanda Arnott of Owendale, niece of the bride.

Writing under the pen name of Elizabeth Goudge, Miss Margaret Marble, daughter of Mrs. Eva Marble and a former resident of Cass City, has been honored by having a story accepted and published by Redbook Magazine. The story, “There’ll Always Be Beauty,” is featured as the “Novellette of the Month” in Redbook’s December issue. Miss Marble is sixteen years old and a junior in an Ypsilanti high school.

Miss Marguerite Jean Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Howell of Cass City, and Gordon Stirton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stirton of Grant Township, stole a march on their friends and were quietly married Monday, November 23, in Toledo, Ohio. The bride was employed as a telephone operator for the Michigan Associated Telephone Company at Cass City. Mr. Stirton is a prosperous farmer of Grant Township.

Mrs. Lawrence McDonald and grandson, Thomas Herron, returned Saturday from a week’s visit in Detroit with Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Doerr who brought them home and remained until Sunday.

Petty Officer Harold Craig of the U. S. Navy, on a few days’ furlough from New York, and Mrs. Craig of Wayne visited Mrs. Craig’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barnes, here and relatives in Caro from Saturday until Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Helwig of Pontiac spent Saturday night at the Andrew Barnes home.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

Beginning next Monday train service on the Michigan Central will be considerably reduced over the entire system and Caro will feel the effects through loss of trade and delay of mails. Under the winter schedule it will not be possible for persons living along the line north to Owendale to visit Caro and return home the same day; neither can Caro people make the round trip to Detroit and have time while there to transact business.

In the list of commissions awarded men at officers’ training camp, Fort Sheridan, Ill., the name of Eugene B. Schwaderer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schwaderer of Cass City, appears under the heading of Second Lieutenants, Field Artillery.

Mrs. William Woodward was surprised last Tuesday evening to see her Sunday school class coming in a wagon. They were Eleanor Jones, Wilford Lepla, Ray and Ward McCaslin, Frances Souden, Alma and Edith Vogel, Alving and Myrtle Wright, Helen Wright Games were enjoyed by all and sandwiches, cake, pickles and hot coffee were served.

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VIETNAM VETERANS were recently honored during a special program commemorating the 50th anniversary of that war. A tree was planted in the Caro Garden Club’s Blue Star Memorial Park on Hooper Street, a plaque was dedicated, and pins were presented to those who served between Nov. 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975, which are the dates covered for the Vietnam War.

Teen survives collision with truck

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hard left into the front of the semi-truck.” Troopers did not theorize why the teen’s pickup entered the wrong lane of traffic, nor did they release the names of either driver. Kaiser reported a witness stopped at the scene, called 911 and went to check on the driver of the pickup, who suffered a serious head laceration in the crash. “He (witness) applied pressure (to the wound) until EMS arrived.” The driver of the semi-truck was identified only as a 60-year-old man from Sandusky, who echoed the witness’ account of the accident. He was not injured. The semi-truck sustained significant damage and was pulled to a neighboring farm. The pickup also sustained significant damage, according to reports. Troopers said they did not interview the teen due to his injuries. He was transported to Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe for treatment and then transferred to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw. The teen, who was later cited for driving left of center, was reportedly released from the hospital on the Sunday following the crash.

Energy officials: demand for heating fuels is on the rise this winter in state

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Officials with the Michigan Agency for Energy last week offered a mixed bag of projected fuel prices in the agency’s annual Winter Energy Appraisal. With cold temperatures and a hint of snow having already arrived in the state, officials are not surprisingly predicting higher demand for natural gas and electricity — despite projected year-over-year declines in 2017 — as well as propane, through the winter season. Demand for gasoline and distillate — primarily used to produce diesel fuel — is also projected to be higher compared to 2016. The rise reflects trends that have been underway for the past several years, driven partially by recent mild winter seasons. The annual drop in electricity use was attributed to energy waste reduction initiatives and other factors, which has led to a decline of 2.7 percent this year. According to the report, homeowners who use natural gas for heat — about 77 percent of Michigan households — can expect their costs to remain fairly stable, based on supplies that are near the five-year average for this time of year and prices that are projected to hold steady through the winter season. However, those who use propane or heating oil will see slightly higher prices and increased demand. The report offers the following breakdown of projects by fuel type:

NATURAL GAS

Key takeaway: A warmer winter in 2016-17, cooler summer, and energy waste reductions led to

lower demand. Demand: Projected to decrease 5.4 percent. Supply: Inventories up four percent over five-year average. Cost: Overall use, and bills, expected to increase as normal, colder winter weather is predicted compared to last winter.

PROPANE

Key takeaway: More than eight percent of Michigan households heat with propane vs. five percent nationally. Demand: Expected to be up 11.76 percent for 2017 over the previous year, but could climb more if temperatures turn colder than expected. Supply: Midwest supply down about six percent from same period last year. Prices: Up 39 cents per gallon from last year, and have increased 18 cents so far this heating season.

MOTOR GASOLINE

Key takeaway: Increase in consumption the result of more miles traveled due to stable prices, growing employment, and rising wages. Demand: 2017 is fifth year in a row of higher demand in Michigan, although the increase was not as large as it was in 2016. Supply: Regional gas production down slightly, but inventories up slightly. Prices: Up an average of 67 cents per gallon from last year in Michigan.

ELECTRICITY

Key takeaway: Only DTE Electric prices were down from last year; UMEREC had the largest increase. Demand: Total electric sales expected to be down 2.1 percent in

2017. Despite strong economy, anticipated energy waste reduction efforts, and lower demand are contributing to sales slide. Supply: Adequate reserves projected to meet consumer demand. Prices: Moderate increases expected.

DISTILLATE FUELS

Key takeaway: This year was second year in a row of growing sales for distillate, 99 percent of which is used to produce diesel fuel. Demand: 1.2 percent growth in 2017 for industrial production, down from two percent growth the year before. Supply: Regional production expected to be up, while national inventories are down. Prices: Diesel fuel prices are up 55 cents per gallon; heating oil is nearly 30 percent higher than last year. Among significant developments in the state’s energy outlook is the construction of three natural gas pipelines, approval of two new power plants in the Upper Peninsula, and the results of an electrical grid study in the U.P. In the Lower Peninsula, the Rover and Nexus pipelines are under development to bring East Coast natural gas to Michigan, increasing the delivery infrastructure, and adding supply redundancy and system resiliency. In the Upper Peninsula, SEMCO Energy Co. received approval from the Michigan Public Service Commission to build natural gas pipelines to service two new electric generation plants. The two new plants proposed by the Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation (UMERC) will replace the electricity provided by the aging Presque Isle Power Plant, which is slated to close in 2020.

Home heating credit gets \$22 to \$44 boost for some

Roughly 309,000 Michigan taxpayers who received Home Heating Credits in 2016 will get an additional one-time credit of \$44 or \$22 this month to help keep their homes warm. That’s according to officials at the Michigan Department of Treasury, who say the payments are the result of \$12 million remaining this year in supplemental federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program block grant dollars received by Michigan. The additional credit will be generated automatically. Eligible households do not need to do anything to receive the credit. Households that had direct heating obligations — such as heating bills that they paid — will receive \$44. Households with indirect heating obligations — heat cost included in their rent or a heat bill in someone else’s name — will receive \$22. Recipients of the additional credit are households that filed a 2016 MI-1040CR-7 Home Heating Credit Claim and qualified for the credit. Anyone whose original Home Heating Credit was paid directly to their heat provider will also have the supplemental payment sent to the heating provider and will receive written notification in a mailing the Michigan Department of Treasury is sending this month. Treasury will mail checks to all other households that are eligible for the supplemental Home Heating Credit. Recipients are encouraged to apply this payment to their heat bill even if there is no current balance owed. The credit cannot be replaced or reissued. Anyone who receives a utility shutoff notice during the next six months cannot receive shutoff assistance from MDHHS if the credit is not applied to their heating bill. More information is available by contacting the Michigan Department of Treasury, Customer Contact Section, P.O. Box 30058, Lansing, MI 48909, or call (517) 636-4486. For information regarding heat assistance, contact the MDHHS energy hotline at 855-275-6424, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., or visit the energy website at www.michigan.gov/heatingassistance.

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News briefs

College aid workshop set

CARO — While home for the holidays, the Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) encourages college students to attend a free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) workshop from noon to 4 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the TISD in Caro.

Items needed to apply include, income tax forms, Social Security card, bank statements and investments, business or farm records, and records related to financial circumstances.

Pop-bottle drive in village

CASS CITY — As a fundraiser to earn money towards their Washington D.C. trip in June 2018, eighth-graders in the Cass City School District will be collecting returnable cans this week.

The collection will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25. Returnables can be dropped off at All Season Sales and Rental, 4519 Nestle St., and at Cass City Junior-Senior High School. Residents can also leave bags of returnable cans on their steps for pick-up.

Residents can learn more or inquire about the schedule for pick-up of returnable cans by calling (989) 872-2158 (ext. 2402).

Robotics students shining

CASS CITY — The Cass City School District’s high school robotics team turned some heads during a recent competition in the Cros-Lex School District.

The Maroon Team’s robot performed well and the squad made into the quarterfinals, while the White Team overcame some last-minute robot changes due to some rule changes and made it into semifinals competition.

County board fills vacancy

CARO — Tuscola County commissioners recently approved the hiring of William A. Hill to fill a vacant assistant prosecutor position, contingent upon completion of a satisfactory physical and background check.

Job fair scheduled in Caro

CARO — The Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation and the Dairy Farmers of America will host a job fair 2 to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7.

The event will be in the conference room at the Roth Business Development Center, 141 S. Almer Street, Caro.

According to organizers of the event, the job fair is to fill positions at the current milk facility in Cass City.

Giving books for Christmas

CASS CITY — For 15 years, Rawson Memorial District Library and the Cass City Rotary Club have partnered in the “Christmas for Kids” project to provide gifts to local children who may not receive any.

To help with the program, participants can purchase a new book for a child from infant to 18 years of age. Books for those ages 10 to 18 are especially needed. Bring the unwrapped book to the library by Friday, Dec. 8. The Rotary Club will wrap it and give it to a child.

The plan is to collect 200 books to make the holiday special for area youngsters this year.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery



NEXTERA ENERGY Resources LLC is applying for special land use permits for wind development in Tuscola County’s Juniata Township as part of its Pegasus Wind Energy Center. The township board is in the process of reviewing the applications.

NextEra seeks land-use permits for Pegasus Wind Energy development

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The focus of wind development is blowing in a different direction in Tuscola County.

NextEra Energy Resources LLC is applying for special land use permits for wind development in Juniata Township as part of their Pegasus Wind Energy Center. The township board is in the process of reviewing the applications.

“The plan for that project is 63 turbines, with 31 in Juniata Township and 32 in Fairgrove Township. It is a \$200 million investment and would generate about 150 million megawatts of power,” said Bryan Garner, manager of communications for NextEra Energy Resources. “There would be 350 construction jobs during the project, and then seven to 12 full-time jobs when completed.”

If all goes according to plan, completion of that project is expected by the end of 2018.

Over the life of the project — 30 years — it would generate about \$35 million in property taxes and \$20 million lease payments for the landowners, according to Garner.

Although townships around Juniata have been receptive to wind development, there are concerns turbine construction in Juniata would be too close to the Tuscola Area Airport.

“The total height of the turbines to the tip of the blade is just under 500 feet,” he said. “We understand

the concerns about the airport and we will be working with the airport and the township.

“The Pegasus Energy Center will tie in with our Tuscola Wind I and Tuscola Wind II (developments) in Tuscola County, and with our Pheasant Run (wind) farm in Huron County.”

Even though NextEra is working on the Pegasus Wind Energy Center, that doesn’t mean company officials have given up on the proposed Tuscola Wind III project in Almer and Ellington townships.

Earlier this month, U.S. Federal District Court Judge Thomas Ludington sided with Almer Township officials against NextEra Energy Resources LLC in lawsuit filed by the energy company. Tuscola

Wind III LLC, 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 of 55 turbines in those two townships.

Despite that decision, the issues between Almer Township and NextEra’s developments are not over, according to Garner, who noted NextEra has not given up on developing Tuscola Wind III. “Only part of the lawsuit was decided on. There are still other issues,” he added.

And, Tuscola Wind III has a similar lawsuit against Ellington Township that is still pending in court.

Thumb deer herd on the move

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The region’s sheriff’s departments are urging drivers to be on the lookout for whitetails, especially while traveling during dusk and dawn, which is when deer are the most active. But car-deer accidents can occur at any time.

It has gotten to a point where there are more deer in the Lower Peninsula than up north, a trend reflected in the number of deer taken during hunting season.

The number one area for deer hunting is in the Thumb.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Management Unit, there were 24,995 deer harvested in the Thumb counties of Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola during the 2016 hunting season.

The proliferation of deer in the Lower Peninsula also accounts for the number of dead deer that can be found throughout the year along highways.

In a recent trip along M-81 from Saginaw County to M-53, 25 carcasses were counted, and along M-53 from Marlette to Bad Axe, there were more than 20.

The Huron County Sheriff’s Department handled about 800 car-deer accidents in 2016, while Tuscola County reported 806. Sanilac County had 1,119 car-deer accidents last year.

Double homicide in Sanilac

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“It was first thing in the morning when I got a phone call from my wife’s grandma and grandpa” who live nearby, Rocheleau said. “They just said there was a shooting down on Holbrook Road, and there was still at least one suspect on the loose; that we were on 100 percent ‘lock-down’ and to stay in the house and keep the doors locked.

“My biggest concern was...the first thing that goes through your mind is, how many other people are they (suspects) going to go after. At that point and time, we had no idea what all had happened — just that there had been several shootings,” recalled Rocheleau, who said he and his wife have three young daughters.

“It didn’t take me but two seconds to get my gun,” he added. “I live right out in front of a two-mile section of woods. There are a lot of places somebody could hide.”

Rocheleau said he and his wife, who received word in the afternoon that the suspects were in custody, kept a careful watch on their property through their windows until they knew it was safe.

Deputies received assistance in the form of a host of other law enforcement officers from various agencies along with helicopter surveillance, K-9 units and crime scene investigators.

Assisting deputies at the scene were the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department, Cass City police, troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) post in Caro, MSP Crime Lab, Sanilac County Sheriff’s Department K-9 Unit, St. Clair County Sheriff’s Department K-9 Unit, Sanilac County Detective Bureau, officers from the Sanilac County Drug Task Force, Sandusky police, Bingham EMS, and the Sanilac Road Commission.

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Christmas in Village on tap

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There will also be a “Chili for Charity” category at the Cass City Municipal Building at the corner of Main and Seeger streets, where non-business groups, such as service clubs, will offer their own brand of chilis and the winner will pass its proceeds on to its favorite local charity.

All judging ballots will be sold only at the municipal building, with tickets prices set at \$5 for adults and \$1 for those ages 12 and under. The ballots will be counted and the winners announced at the municipal building at about 3:30 p.m.

The businesses have donated items for a gift basket to be awarded via a drawing among those who taste every one of the chilis. Gifts will also be awarded through a second drawing among the same number of tasters as there are participating businesses in the contest.

Nearly 175 judging ballots were sold during last year's four-hour competition, which featured 23 chili entries.

The 2016 chili cook-off winners were: Best Tasting – Revive Ministries; Zesty and Spicy – House of Hair; and Most Creative – Quaker Maid. In addition, the Cass City Missionary Church claimed the inaugural Chili for Charity crown, collecting \$672 to donate to a charity of its choice.

Also returning Dec. 2 will be the first of three free matinees at the Cass Theatre, which will be showing "Shaun the Sheep". The doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the movie, sponsored by Thumb National Bank, is slated to begin at 2 p.m.

The second free matinee is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9, when “Mr. Poppers Penguins” will be shown, and the third free matinee will be Saturday, Dec. 16, featuring “The Lorax” (Dr. Seuss animated). Both matinees will also begin at 2 p.m. and are sponsored by Thumb National Bank.

Among the highlights of the opening weekend's festivities is the annual Lighted Christmas Parade, which annually marks Santa's first townwide appearance of the season in Cass City. The parade will begin at the football field at 6 p.m. and end at the Cass City VFW Hall Saturday (Dec. 2). Anyone with questions about the parade is encouraged to contact Judy Keller, chamber administrator, at (989) 670-1401.

Afterwards, a community gathering will take place at the VFW Hall, where everyone is invited to enjoy free hot bean soup, hot cocoa and snacks. There will also be free carriage rides and free photos with Santa and free children's crafts, and kids ages 11 and under will receive a small gift.

This year's annual eighth grade Washington, D.C., trip fundraiser – Santa's Workshop – will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, in the Cass City Elementary School cafeteria and will feature a soup and bake sale, raffle drawing for adults, and gift items for students to buy (prices range from 25 cents to \$5).

In addition, the Tom Thumb Singers will present a Christmas concert Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church. A repeat performance is set for Sunday, Dec. 10, starting at 3 p.m., also at the Cass City United Methodist Church. Free-will offerings will be taken.

Also on tap in December will be a host of activities at Rawson Memorial District Library. A Kids Christmas Craft event is slated for Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m.; the library will be hosting one of its "PJs and the Classics" events Monday, Dec. 4, starting at 6 p.m.; and the Friends of the Library and Cass City Historical Society Christmas Sing-a-long will be Monday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Unwanted prescription drop boxes in place across county

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

A new avenue of trying to address the prescription drug overdose epidemic is in place in Tuscola County.

Special collection boxes for unwanted prescriptions have been set up in various communities in Tuscola County, including one located in the Cass City Municipal Building. Others are located in the villages of Mayville and Reese.

The drug disposal campaign is designed to keep prescriptions that are old or no longer needed out of landfills and water ecosystems, and also to protect against theft or abuse by providing a safe and secure disposal method, according to Cass City Village officials.

In getting the collection boxes to the communities, Tuscola County deputies and an inmate worksite crew assisted the local drug task force in delivering the red collection boxes, said Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, noting the sheriff's department is also getting a drop box in the vestibule so that unwanted drugs can be dropped off at any time, whether or not the lobby is open.

The receptacles, known as Big Red Barrels, are not to be used to collect syringes, liquids, inhalers or medicated patches.

The special red containers were obtained through a program sponsored by List Psychological Services.

In addition to the red boxes, the Michigan State Police post in Caro, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, the Huron County Sheriff's Department and some pharmacies also accept unwanted drugs for disposal throughout the year, and during special "take-back" events held during the year.

During the latest take-back campaign in October, the Huron County Sheriff's Department collected eight pounds of pills, the Cass City Police Department collected 25 pounds of pills, the Tuscola County Sheriff

Department, 15 pounds, the Sanilac County Sheriff Department, eight pounds, the Sanilac County Drug Task Force, 90 pounds, and the state police, five pounds.

Law enforcement agencies turn over the collected medications to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for disposal.

Court records are rife with charges for illegal possession of controlled substances, which officials hope to see decline by disposing of unwanted prescription drugs to keep them out of the wrong hands.

THE TUSCOLA County Prevention and Recovery Coalition has placed drug collection receptacles in various locations, including this one in Cass City.

friends or relatives, while only about five percent got them from a drug dealer or from the Internet.

The typical possession charge is for opioid drugs such as OxyContin, Vicodin, Xanax or their derivatives. Michigan has been identified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control as one of 19 states that has had a statistically significant increase in opioid-related deaths.



CROWDS POUR into the Cass City VFW Hall following the parade Saturday night. The annual Christmas in the Village Community Gathering offered not on

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NCTL Stars Division names all-conference volleyball picks

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

District champion Kingston – the school’s first volleyball championship since 2007 - boasts a trio of North Central Thumb League (NCTL) Stars Division all-conference first team selections.

All three Lady Cardinals will return for Coach Beth Hunter next year. Topping the list is unanimous selection Carley Smith, middle hitter. Her season stats included 185 kills, 119 digs, 36 aces and 35 blocks.

“Carley was the only athlete picked unanimous first team in

our division. She is a great all-around player who was at the top, or near the top in every statistical category. She is a third year varsity player and was a team captain as a junior this season. She made big improvements in every category this year and really was a force offensively for us. She has always had a powerful swing, but this year she was able to mix in off speed shots to help keep the defense guessing. She really stepped it up from the service line this year which was a real difference maker for us,” said Hunter.

Also earning first team all-conference honors for Kingston were junior setter Camryn MacGuire

and sophomore hitter Payton Kolacz.

MacGuire led the Cardinals with 423 assists. She also chipped in 80 digs, and 36 aces on the year.

“Camryn is also a third year varsity player and was a team captain as a junior. She really elevated her game this season and as the year progressed she really controlled our offense. She did a great job distributing the ball to our hitters and had a good feel of how to beat defenses. She almost doubled her assists from last year to this year and she really took to her leadership role. She was our first server and was our tone setter every night. Camryn was automatic when she went behind the serving line, finishing the season on a streak of 178 serves in a row without a miss,” Hunter said, adding, “Payton is a first year varsity player and a very gifted athlete. She swings big, she blocks big and she can go on a serving run when we need it. She adjusted nicely to the varsity level and really found her stride the second half of the season. She has a high ceiling and the future is very bright for the next few years with Payton on board.”

Kolacz was credited with 110 kills, 28 blocks and 11 aces during the 2017 campaign.

Rounding out Kingston’s all-conference picks were Abigail Chappel and Lily Lyons.

Chappel, senior outside hitter, was named to the NCTL-Stars all-conference second team after

a final Cardinal season that included 135 digs, 90 kills and 50 aces, while Lyons collected honorable mention praises for a junior season that was highlighted by 56 kills, 53 digs and 14 aces.

Coach Hunter acknowledged the contributions of both girls.

“Abigail loves the game of volleyball and it was always evident every time she stepped on the court. She was a great senior leader for us this season. Abigail was the engine of our team and was always there to make the hustle plays. If there was a positive momentum swing in a match, she was usually part of it. She stepped up her defensive game for us this year and led us in digs.”

“Lily was a dual sport athlete this season running cross country as well. She transitioned from being a middle to an outside hitter this year and really gave us some flexibility defensively. She really turned up her game midway through the season to help us peak at the right time. She had some big games for us when some of our other hitters struggled and became our go to option those nights.”

To see the complete NCTL Stars Division all-conference choices please turn to page 10.

on, we had talented players but struggled at times to be a talented team. We dropped both league games to Deckerville in the regular season which prevented us from reaching our goal of a league championship. I was proud of my kids for not letting that deter them from setting their sights on their next goal. Kingston had not won a district title since 2007. After we lost the second match to Deckerville in heartbreaking fashion in 5 sets, my girls seemed to be more focused than ever on winning a district title. We went on a winning streak to end the season and were playing our best volleyball going into our District match up with Deckerville. This time we came out on the right side of the 5 set match. We got off to a great start in the 5th which I was happy to see, since we had the opposite result in our last meeting with them. I was worried we might have trouble bringing the same intensity the following night in the District final game vs CPS. My players made sure to ease my mind early in that match and came out on fire offensively and set the pace for the rest of the match, winning the title game 3-0. We kept the momentum going into our Regional match up with Genesee Christian, winning that match 3-0 as well. It was an amazing run and I am so proud of this group of young ladies. They brought home the first District title in 10 years and the future is bright for next season.

Cards land many NCTL football stars

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The North Central Thumb League (NCTL) Stars Division all-conference football selections were released Monday and include several Kingston Cardinals, to the delight of first-year coach Brandon Jones.

Named to the NCTL Stars Division all-conference first team offense were (QB) Sedick Poplar – IAF, (RB) Cruz Ibarra – Deckerville, (RB) Logan LaBean – Mayville, (TE) Wyatt Janowiak – Deckerville, (TE) De’Quarion Williams – IAF, (OL) Justin Trigger – Deckerville, (OL) Jackson Schenk – Mayville, (OL) Blake Mendyk – Morrice, (K) Wyatt Janowiak – Deckerville.

THE NCTL Stars Division all-conference second team offense consisted of (QB) Hunter Nowak – Morrice, (QB) Mike Redfield – Mayville, (RB) Austin Edington – Morrice, (RB) Hunter Gall – Dryden, (TE) Aric Hobson – Kingston, (TE) DeQuan Rice – IAF, (OL) Andrew Latunski – Morrice, (OL)Curt Vogel – Deckerville, (OL) Anthony Ruvalo – Deckerville, (OL) William Wiggins – IAF, (K) Parker Vozar – Morrice.

The NCTL Stars Division honorable mention offense players from Kingston’s are quarterback Hunter James, running back Dez Carter, tight end Jack Green and lineman Gunner Thompson.

“Hunter was an explosive player for us this year on offense. He has worked extremely hard to get where he is at as a football player,” Coach Jones said. “Dez was a great leader for us and our work horse on offense. He had some big runs at very big mo-

ments for us this year.

“Jack was our leading receiver this year as a sophomore. He fits the mold of a tight end perfectly. I’m excited to see Jack’s development over the next two years,” he added, “Aric has a knack for making big plays. He is an explosive player with good speed. He played in the back field for us, as well as split out as a receiver.

“Gunnar is as tough as they come. He paved some big holes for our backs to run through and was our enforcer on the offensive line.”

Turning to the NCTL Stars Division all-conference defense picks, Kingston had four honorees in second team defensive lineman Jacob McDavid, second team defensive back Brian Hobson, second team defensive back Garrett Green and honorable mention defensive lineman Austin Ahern.

Once again, Coach Jones told about his gridiron stars.

“Jacob led our team in TFL’s and sacks. He is a very fundamentally sound and tough football player,” he said, adding, “Brian was flat out our best tackler this year, so it was no surprise he led the team in that category. He has a nose for finding the football.

“Austin had a huge second half of the season for us at defensive end. He is a tough, physical kid and Garrett was a great leader for us on defense. He is a very smart kid who understands his role and does his job.”

Also collecting NCTL – Stars Division honorable mention defensive honors were Deckerville’s Cruz Ibarra and Zack Ostroski, IAF’s Gregory Bradley and William Wiggins, Madison Academy’s Jaylin Wicks, Morrice’s Shane Cole and Lawrence’s Luis Reyna.

Booster Club hosts fall sports award ceremony in Cass City

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Cass City’s varsity athletes were honored last week during the Booster Club’s annual Fall Sports Award Ceremony.

Many surprise announcements highlighted the evening.

Perhaps the most impressive notice belonged to senior Nick Perry, when it was announced the senior fullback and linebacker is the Bay City Times’ Golden Helmet Award Winner Player of the Year – representing the best Class C player in the paper’s coverage area.

Perry was one of three Cass City Red Hawks who earned the coveted Bay City Times Golden Helmet award this past season – the other weekly winners being Brendan Hamilton and Sandyn Cuthrell.

Also learned during the 2-hour gathering, senior Red Hawk volleyball players Sage Cuthrell and Lauren Dickinson both earned Class C regional dream team honors – consisting of the top 32 players in the region.

Over on the soccer field, Cass City’s Kristopher Nika was the lone local Greater Thumb Confer-

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TWICE THE FUN. Brittany Stilson has taken two bucks during the 2017 seasons. At the left, the Cass City High School senior holds an 8-point buck taken on opening day in the Gagetown area. At the right, is her 6-point buck harvested in Kentucky. She is the daughter of Tom and Shelley Stilson. “I love spending this time of the year out hunting with my best friend - my dad,” she said.



DANDY DEER. Zack Burnette, 12-years-old, downed this 8-point buck, with an 13.5” spread, while hunting west of Cass City on his grandpa Dave Burnette’s property. The Cass City Schools 6th grader was hunting with a 450 Bushmaster. Zack is the son of Don and Angie Burnette.



PUBLIC LAND BRUTE. Ryan Stout, of Deford, shot this 12-point buck in Tuscola County using a 20-gauge single shot gun. His 3-year-old son, Ryan Jr., picked the lucky spot.



NEVER TOO OLD. George J. Williams, right, shot this 6-point buck in Sanilac County while hunting with friend James Polega. The 75-year-old shot the trophy with a 12-gauge shotgun.

Booster Club award ceremony held

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ence all-conference choice. He was a second team honoree, while playing for a co-op with Unionville-Sebewaing Area. Not to be overlooked, Cass City coaches saluted their Greater Thumb West All-Conference Scholar/Athletes on the night. Earning a varsity letter, while maintaining a 3.0 or above GPA

were: Zach Beecher, Zac Brunke, Sandyn Cuthrell, Garrett Deitering, Hamilton, Jarod Naegele, Perry, Eric Peters, Seth Roggenbuck, Connor Sines, Luke Stern, Kelsey Bouverette, Sayge Cuthrell, Dickinson, Kacey Haire, Brittany Hamilton, Riley Klein, Jalene Krol, Baylee Murphy, Bailee Ross, Hailey Schmotzer, Konnar Warren, Klean Boynton, Hayden Larkin, Leevy Matthews,

Nika, Colby Sutton, Hailey Beckrow, Dakota Cook, Lauren Fernald, Errienne Hoyt, Harlie Mallory, Layna Mathewson, Marla Muter, Mary Muter, Kate Pohlod, Jamison Biskner-Kruse, Hunter Caister, Kevin Estrella, Drew Markel, Logan Severance, CarLee Stimpfel, Lucas Swider-ski, Andrew Venema and Race Woloshen.

NCTL 8 Man Football Stripes Division All League

First Team All-League Offense
QB.) Garrett Overstreet - Peck
RB.) Chance Shippey - Caseville
RB.) Mike Craig – North Huron
WR/TE.) Alex Shornack – North Huron
WR/TE.) John Paul Szczypka - BCAS
OL.) Will Sharrard - Peck
OL.) Tom Toner – North Huron
OL.) Brendan Ehrhart - BCAS

Second Team All-League Offense
QB.) Ty Knoblock – North Huron
RB.) Manny McBride – New Haven Merritt Academy
RB.) Tyler Mitchell – CPS
RB.) Caleb Potter - Peck
WR/TE.) Davon Deshazo – New Haven Merritt Academy
WR/TE.) CJ Samborn - BCAS
OL.) Aiden Smith – New Haven Merritt Academy
OL.) Zack Baysdell - CPS
OL.) Evan Rice – North Huron

Honorable Mention All-League Offense
Akron – Hunter Ruppall
BCAS – Cameron Adcock, Tyler Ducolon
CPS – Quentin Hooper, Leland Raetz
Caseville - Kaden Roberts
Owengage – Aaron Fahrner, Andrew Partake
North Huron – John Hoody, Andrew Pechette, Auston Leavine
Peck – Tatton Sarnac, Nolan Sarnac

First Team All-League Defense
DL.) Aiden Smith - New Haven Merritt Academy
DL.) Tom Toner - North Huron
DL.) Austin Leavine – North Huron
LB.) Brendon Ehrhart - BCAS
LB.) Manny McBride - New Haven Merritt Academy
LB.) Nolan Sarnac - Peck
LB.) Andrew Pechette - North Huron
LB.) Frank Duda - North Huron
DB.) Devon Deshazo - New Haven Merritt Academy
DB.) CJ Samborn - BCAS

Second Team All-League Defense
DL.) Zack Baysdell - CPS
DL.) Cody Mooney - CPS
DL.) Evan Rice – North Huron
LB.) John Paul Szczypka - BCAS
LB.) Garrett Reder - Akron
LB.) Mike Cooney - CPS
LB.) Joe Ales - Caseville
LB.) John Hoody – North Huron
DB.) Tatton Sarnac - Peck
DB.) John Hoody - North Huron

Honorable Mention All-League Defense
Owengage - Aaron Fahrner
North Huron - Alex Shornack
Peck - Randy Abrego

Volleyball All League Stripes Division

First Team All-League
1.) Daniella Hadd – CPS
2.) Makenna Lindley – CPS
3.) Mackenzie Falls – CPS
4.) Morgan Winiarski – Peck
5.) Olivia Graves – Caseville
6.) Heidi Ewald – Caseville
7.) Katelyn Smith – Akron
8.) Genna Brink – Akron
9.) Emily Judd – BCAS

Second Team All-League
1.) Jenna Davis – CPS
2.) Alleyan Baysdell – CPS
3.) Anna Dhooghe – Peck
4.) Abbey Bullis – Peck
5.) Cherokee Johnson – Peck
6.) Faith Haener – Peck
7.) Natasha Dubs – Owengage
8.) Carly Simmons – Caseville
9.) Rebecca Simpson – Caseville
10.) Abby Dunn – Akron
11.) Grace Anderson – BCAS
12.) Sydney Stephens – BCAS

Honorable Mention All-League
Akron – Madison Wagner
BCAS – Erin Emmrick
Owengage – Alyson Witzke

Volleyball All League Stars Division 2017-18

First Team All-League
1.) Carley Smith – Kingston
2.) Madisyn Guza – Deckerville
3.) Olivia Espinoza – Deckerville
4.) Ellie Preston – North Huron
5.) Laruen Schrank – North Huron
6.) Camryn MacGuire – Kingston
7.) Lauren Trieloff – Dryden
8.) Payton Kolacz - Kingston

Second Team All-League
1.) Lauryn Frenzel – Mayville
2.) Abigail Chappel – Kingston
3.) Grace Wiley – North Huron
4.) Violt Lapp – Deckerville
5.) Rachel Cummings – Mayville
6.) Kaylynn Shutz – Deckerville
7.) Maggie Warczinsky – Deckerville
8.) Kelli Schenkel – Dryden
9.) Delaney Hull – Dryden
10.) Kayleigh Hudson – Dryden
11.) Liz Binder – Deckerville
12.) Elizabeth Trudeau – North Huron

Honorable Mention All-League
Deckerville – Claudia Harper
Dryden – Erin Boettcher
Kingston – Lily Lyons
Mayville – Alexis Rutter



Cass City Jr./Sr. High School

2017-18 Winter Sports Schedule



BOYS' BASKETBALL

(JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/6	Bay City All Saints
12/7	Memphis (JV) (*boy's play second)
12/8	Memphis (V) (*boy's play second)
12/13	Marlette
12/15	Harbor Beach
12/20	Mayville
12/28	Brown City Invite (V)
12/29	Brown City Invite (V)
1/3	Caro
1/5	Reese
1/12	USA
1/16	North Branch (JV)
1/19	Vassar
1/24	Ubly
1/26	Bad Axe
1/31	Lakers
2/2	Reese (Snowcoming)
2/9	USA
2/14	Sandusky
2/16	Vassar
2/21	Kingston (JV)
2/23	Bad Axe
3/1	Lakers
3/5-9	Districts @ Bad Axe.....TBD

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

(JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
11/28	Mayville
12/1	Sandusky
12/7	Memphis (JV) (*girl's play first)
12/8	Memphis (V) (*girl's play first)
12/12	Harbor Beach
12/14	Lakers
12/19	Caro
12/21	Imlay City
12/28	Brown City
12/29	Brown City
1/4	Reese
1/11	USA
1/16	North Branch (JV)
1/18	Vassar
1/23	Ubly
1/25	Bad Axe
1/30	Lakers
2/1	Reese
2/8	USA
2/13	Marlette
2/15	Vassar
2/21	Kingston (JV)
2/22	Bad Axe
2/26-3/2	Districts @ EPB Lakers.....TBD

All games begin at 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/9	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/13	Cros-Lex	TBA
12/16	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/22	Millington/Caro/Clio	12:30 p.m.
12/29	Mayville Ind. Tourney	TBA
1/3	Brown City/Vassar	6:00 p.m.
1/6	North Branch Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/10	Mayville/Memphis	6:00 p.m.
1/13	Flushing Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/17	Bad Axe/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
1/20	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/24	Ubly/Sandusky @ Home	6:00 p.m.
1/27	Midland Bullock Creek Team Tourney	8:30 a.m.
2/3	GTC League Meet @ Marlette	TBA
2/8	Team Districts @ Bad Axe	TBA
2/10	Individual Districts @ Sandusky	TBA
2/14	Team Regionals	TBA
2/17	Individual Regionals	TBA
2/23-24	Team State Finals @ Kalamazoo	TBA
3/2-3	Individual State Finals @ Ford Field	TBA

GYMNASTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/9	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/13	Fraser Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/16	Fenton Tri Meet	6:30 p.m.
1/20	Haslett	TBA
1/27	Huron Valley @ Lakeland HS	8:00 a.m.
2/3	St. Johns Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/10	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/17	Vassar	10:00 a.m.
2/22	Vassar	6:30 p.m.


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Cass City United Methodist Church

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Obituaries

Janice Chippi

Janice Muriel Chippi, 80, of Cass City, died Monday, November 13, 2017 at home following a brief battle with cancer.

She was born January 30, 1937 at home in Sanilac County, the only child born to Frank Arnold and Geraldine (Sweet) Laming.

She married Duane William Chippi February 6, 1954 in Cass City.

Janice worked for General Cable for six years. Together with Duane, they owned and operated Cass City Oil and Gas and Mr. Chips Service Stations, where Janice worked as bookkeeper for many years. Janice owned and enjoyed many horses over the years. She was fond of reading books, especially mysteries. Janice was always eager to go on cruises and to play cards. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Janice is survived by her husband, Duane; daughter, Debra (Jerry) Leitch of Bad Axe; son, William "Bill" (Patsy) Chippi of Cass City; grandchildren: Aimee, Eric, Nicolas, Sandy, Carla, Becky and John; great-grandchildren: Dillon, Scott, Wyatt, Grady, Peyton, Josie, Jack, Charles, Caroline, Vivian, Aiden and Bryce.


She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service was held Thursday, November 16, 2017 in Kranz Funeral Home Cass City with Debra L. Kranz, Funeral Service Celebrant, officiating.

Burial will take place in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.


Memorials may be made to Compassus Hospice or Cass City United Methodist Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.




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Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.

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Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)


Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.

Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)

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(Independent Fundamental)



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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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

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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

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Legal Notices

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 Advertisment

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 dam-

aging the property during the redemption period.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: November 1, 2017
Trott Law, P.C.

11-1-4

MORTGAGE SALE
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

MORTGAGE SALE
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Timothy L. Cavnah and Elizabeth L. Cavnah, husband and wife, a/k/a Timothy L. Cavnah and Elizabeth L. Cavnah, mortgagors, to Chemical Bank, successor by merger with Talmer Bank and Trust, successor by merger with Signature Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated August 2, 2006 and was recorded on September 15, 2006, in Liber 1095 on page 898 of the Tuscola County records, and corrected by a CORRECTED Mortgage recorded at Liber 1301, Page 1317. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$126,508.03, including interest. The interest rate applicable to this foreclosure is a blended average interest rate of 7.16% per year variable. 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 28, 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 Fremont, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Part of the NE 1/4 of the NE fractional 1/4 of Section 2, T11N, R9E described as: Beginning at a point on the S'ly right of way line of State Hwy. M-46 which is located by the following 3 courses from the NE corner of said Section 2, (1) S 00°46'51" E 282.92 ft along the E line of said Section 2 (2) N 57°34'36" W (recorded as N 57°34'36" W), along the clear vision right of way line, 224.42 ft to the S'ly right of way line of State Hwy. M-46 and (3) S 88°34'48" W (recorded as S 88°34'21" W), along said right of way, 250.96 ft, said point of beginning being S 88°16'32" W (recorded as S 88°15'53" W), along the N line of said Section 2, 438.79 ft. and S 00°46'51" W 155.52 ft (recorded as 155.86 ft) from said NE corner of Section 2, thence S 88°34'48" W (recorded as S 88°34'21" W) along said S'ly right of way line of State Hwy. M-46, 219.38 ft, thence S 00°47'51" E, parallel with the E line of said Section 2, 344.31 ft, thence N 82°48'53" E 220.74 ft, thence N 00°46'51" W 322.13 ft to the point of beginning.

commonly known as 1220 E. Sanilac, Caro, MI 48723

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 six (6) months after the date of the foreclo-

sure sale.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
Dated: November 17, 2017

L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Chemical Bank, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

11-22-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHRISTINE BARRONS, a married woman (“Mortgagor”), to CHEMICAL BANK, a Michigan banking corporation, having an office at 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640-6511 (the “Mortgagee”), dated March 15, 2012, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on March 21, 2012, in Liber 1243, Page 703 (the “Mortgage”). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty and 57/100 Dollars (\$15,530.57). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro, Michigan on Thursday the 11th day of January, 2018, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Village of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 18, Block 2, Smith's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the recorded Plat, Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence West 60 1/2 feet; thence South 8 rods; thence East 60 1/2 feet; thence North 8 rods to place of beginning.

Together with all the improvements erected on the real estate, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures a part of the property, and all replacements and additions.

Commonly known as: 170 Millwood Street, Caro, Michigan 48723
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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.
Dated: November 22, 2017

CHEMICAL BANK

Mortgagee
Timothy Hillegonds
WARNER NORCROSS & JUDD LLP
900 Fifth Third Center
111 Lyon Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487
(616) 752-2000
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11-22-4

MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Ronald V. Fritz and Kay Fritz, a/k/a Kay L. Fritz, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Mayville State Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated August 14, 2003, and was recorded on October 13, 2003, in Liber 959, on page 583 of the Tuscola County records, subject to a Partial Release recorded at Liber 1027, Page 863, and further subject to an Affidavit of Scrivener's Error recorded at Liber 01385, Page 852. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$49,753.10, including interest at 5.75% 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 21, 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 Indianfields, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Parcel 1: Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 1, T12N, R9E, Indianfields Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, described as: Commencing at a point that is N 89°17'38" E, 816.06 ft and N 01°20'49" W, 1006.23 ft from the SW corner of said Section; thence continuing N 01°20'49" W, 394.98 ft; thence S 69° E, 132.00 ft; thence N 01°20'49" W, 165.00 ft; thence S 69° E, 143.63 ft; thence S 01°44'03" E, 379.50 ft; thence S 69° E, 115.50 ft; thence S 01°44'03" E, 59.90 ft; thence N 86°56'14" W, 365.81 ft to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 1, T12N, R9E, Indianfields Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the centerline of East Dayton Road which is S 01°22' E 755.51 ft and S 69° E, 882.39 ft from the W 1/4 corner of said Section 1; thence continuing along said centerline, S 69° E, 132.00 ft; thence S 01°22' E, 165.00 ft; thence N 69° W, 132.00 ft to the W line of the E 13 acres of the W 43 acres of said Section 1; thence continuing along said W line, N 01°22' W, 165.00 ft to the place of beginning.

EXCEPT Part of the SW 1/4 of Fractional Section 1, T12N, R9E, Indianfields Township, Tuscola Co., Michigan, described as: Commencing at the W 1/4 corner of said Section 1; thence along the W line of said Section 1, S 01°21'14" E, 755.78 ft to the centerline of East Dayton Road; thence along said centerline of East Dayton Road, S 69°00'00" E, 882.39 ft to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said centerline of East Dayton Road, S 69°00'00" E, 132.00 ft; thence S 05°38'47" W 174.00 ft; thence S 51°39'58" W, 126.28 ft; thence N 01°21'14" W, 298.87 ft to the Point of beginning.

commonly known as 1600 E. Dayton Road, Caro, MI 48723
tax i.d. 79-013-001-300-2000-01

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 16, 2017

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Village of Cass City
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. for all interested citizens of the Village of Cass City.
The proposed 2018 Property Tax Millage rate to be levied to support the proposed 2018 Village of Cass City Fiscal Budget as follows:

	Mills
Village General Operating	12.4625
Streets	4.9162
PA Act 359 – Promotion	0.6800
PA Act 298 – Landfill Maintenance	0.0800
Total Village Millage:	18.1387

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan for the purpose of discussion of the proposed millage.

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Nanette S. Walsh
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