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Foundation distributes \$72,000 in grant funds

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Community Foundation officials were scheduled to distribute roughly \$72,000 in grant funding Monday at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

According to Ken Micklash, the foundation's executive director, the money was presented to recipients in conjunction with annual fall awards from the William and Ruth Janks Fund, Claude and Etta Andrews Fund, and the Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund.

The following grants were presented from each fund:
*Janks (William and Ruth) Etta Fund — \$2,400 to the Watrousville/Caro Area Historical Society (in-

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Coffee with a cop...



CITIZENS were invited to visit with law enforcement officials representing the Cass City police, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police during a local "Coffee with a Cop" event Thursday at the McDonald's restaurant in Cass City. Among residents who took advantage of the opportunity were Barb and Steve Lutzky (above) and Lena Maleck (left), pictured talking to MSP Trooper Nicole Beyer.

Trooper will face charges in crash Thanksgiving Day

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The driver of a vehicle in a one-car accident on Thanksgiving Day in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township was an off-duty Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper, MSP officials confirmed last week.

Sgt. Shelly Park of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department initially stated the crash — which occurred about a quarter-mile west of Germania Road and north of Cass City Road — was reported to Sanilac Central Dispatch at about 7:55 a.m.

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Slick roads contribute to a host of accidents

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Not surprisingly, the first accumulation of snow in the Thumb over the weekend contributed to a number of traffic accidents, including five separate crashes in less than nine hours Saturday in Sanilac County.

The accidents included a two-vehicle collision reported at 11:45 a.m. at the intersection of Ubly Road (M-19) and Argyle Road, where deputies determined that 49-year-old Jeffrey Foote of Argyle had been traveling eastbound on Argyle Road when he failed to

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CCH joins McLaren hospital group

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

After an intensive six-month review, the Caro Community Hospital's (CCH) Board of Trustees recently voted to join Grand Blanc-based McLaren Health Care Corp to become the not-for-profit system's 13th hospital.

CCH officials indicated the decision was on a belief that the arrangement is the best long-term fit for the Tuscola County hospital and those it serves.

"The CCH Board of Trustees has not taken this big step lightly," said Marc Augsburger, CCH president and CEO.

"Through significant due diligence, much discussion and contemplation, we have come to the decision that a formal transaction with McLaren Health Care is in the best interest of the residents of Caro and all of the surrounding communities that we serve," he added.

The arrangement between the hospi-

tals was announced last week after the CCH board voted Monday to join McLaren.

In related news, the Huron Medical Center (HMC) Board of Trustees announced recently that it will pursue an exclusive letter of intent to become a part of McLaren, one of Michigan's largest integrated health systems, and become a wholly-owned subsidiary of McLaren Health Systems in three to six months.

"Caro's decision to join McLaren actually began a couple of years ago when Clarence Sevillian, president and CEO of McLaren Bay Region, began having discussions with Augsburger about how their two organizations could work collaboratively to provide coordinated health care services to meet the community needs," said Kevin Tompkins, McLaren's marketing and planning director.

"Those initial discussions led to

greater interest on the part of CCH to consider a more formal relationship with McLaren," Tompkins added.

Augsburger offered assurance that the Caro area was not at risk of losing its hospital.

"(What) CCH has experienced over the past five years is just the beginning of what the future will bring to our communities," he said. "Healthcare is changing rapidly and we are even better poised to answer the high quality, lower cost challenges that lie ahead."

As result, CCH will be able to offer a greater variety of services, according to Augsburger.

"This is very exciting news for us, the community and those we serve. There will be some exciting changes coming," said Jamie Wark, CCH marketing manager.

At this point, there will not be any facility changes.

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CASS CITY Rotary Club members (from left) Carolyn Sorenson, Bert Althaver and Debra Kranz stand next to the club's first Little Free Library, located next to the Deford Country Store in Deford.

Little Library

Cass City Rotarians sponsor a share-a-book project in Deford

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sharing good books and bringing communities together is the idea behind the Little Free Library project, and the Cass City Rotary Club is doing its part to embrace that mission.

Local Rotarians recently installed their first Little Free Library, according to club spokeswoman Debra Kranz, who said the unique book-sharing receptacle is located in Deford on the west side of the Deford Country Grocery.

"Jim Baker and his boys, Austin, Lucas, Brad and Brent built this for us and it is beautiful," Kranz said of Baker, a former longtime Boy Scout leader whose sons — all four of them — are Eagle Scouts.

"D and D Quality Roofing and Siding donated the roofing materials and Deford Country Grocery has donated the space," Kranz noted. "Jim chose the design of a barn in homage to the many area farms in our Cass City-Deford area."

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Engaged

Mr. & Mrs. David Newkirk of Sandusky are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Dálene Marie Newkirk of Grand Rapids to Joel Adam Shagena of Kingston.

Joel is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Shagena of Kingston, he is employed at Hurley Medical Center in Flint as an EEG Technologist and was a 1993 Cass City High School graduate.

Dálene is employed at 5/3 Bank in Grand Rapids as a mortgage closer and was a 1996 Sandusky High School graduate.

A 2018 winter wedding is being planned.

Owen-Gage announces honor roll

Owendale-Gagetown officials recently announced the first marking period honor students.

3rd Grade: Wynter Brinkman, Hunter Hoppe, Rylin LaCroix, Mya McCreedy*, Ava Sheufelt* and Ellen Tyler.

4th Grade: McKenzie Baker*, Eli Dubs-Peterson, Chloe Fritz, Aubrey Hellebuyck*, Brooklyn Hunt*, Izabela Matuszak, Logan Mihacsi, Alan Sagash, Kennedy Selden*, David Siens and Anastacia Torrez*.

5th Grade: JoAnn Baker, Madison Culhane, Raven Griswold, Madison Hockmuth, Danielle

Hunt*, Lucas McKnight*, Sophia Siens, Lucio Torrez, Lily Willerton and Natalie Wood.

6th Grade: Addison Bach, Shelby Bowers, Karsyn Gruehn*, Isaac Miller*, Conner Snear and Hannah Wood.

7th Grade: Allison Haldane*, Amber Haldane*, Dagon LaCroix, Erin Morrish and Emily Schultz.

8th Grade: Haden Gruehn, Madelyn Haldane* and Moneé Schember.

9th Grade: Boyd Evans, Clay Evans*, Jameson McKnight*, Hunter Meier, Libby Ondrajka*, Andrew Partaka and Alivia

Roehrig.

10th Grade: Branden Fritz, Carley Haldane, Chase Howard, Kaitlyn LaCroix, Sierra Mascorro, Madyson Menzel, Andrew Roemer and Hailey Schave.

11th Grade: Jade Androl*, Cordell Clarkson, Matthew Fritz, Megan Fritz* and Carlee Riev-ert*.

12th Grade: Emalee Bach, Natasha Dubs*, Aaron Fahrner*, Madyson Fuerst, Morgan Ondra-jka*, Luke Retford*, Kaitlynn Ross, Zane Schember, Ashley Treder and Alyson Witzke*.

* Denotes all A's

Ubly officials announce honor roll

Officials at Ubly Jr./Sr. High School recently announced the first marking period honor roll students.

Grade 12

Olivia Bender, Levi Block, Danielle Briolat*, Justin Briolat*, Chantelle Burk*, Delanie Candela, Rachel Cook*, Dylan Crickon, Krysta Forbing, Evan Franzel*, Kendra Franzel, Shelby Fulton*, Andrew Gilbert*, Lauren Gillig*, Emily Gosdzinski*, Alex Grifka*, Jacob Halifax, Emma Hembrough*, Erin Inbody, Ariana Kaczor, Gregory Keller, Connor Klama, Macy Knoblock*, Emily Kubacki, Ashton Lemke*, Skyler Lesoski, Matthew Maikrzek, Josi-lynn McCoy, Peyton McLellan*, Jason Mierop, Jordon Monzo,Tori Osantowski, Trent Osantowski, Brent Osentoski*, Mary-Christine Osentoski*, Katelyn Palmer*, Camron Peruski, Kara Peruski, Bryce Queen, Shaquala Rich, Emelia Rodriguez, Izabel Ro-driguez, Kacie Roggenbuck, Joseph Sieradzki, Justin Slater, Madelyn Smalley*, David Soren-son, Katrina Stevenson*, Nicholas Swanson*, Anthony Sweeney, Brett Sweeney, Ryan Sweeney*, Samantha Sweeney, Leo Toth,

Grade 11

Jacob Uhl*, Madeline Ulfig, Sa-vannah Walker, Zackary Walker, Janelle White*, Todd Wollin* and Amber Wolschleger.

Mirela Araujo, Isaac Booms*, Joshua Brandel*, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming, Amber Essen-macher*, Brady Farver, Rebekka Foster*, Katelyn Garner, Bethany Gornowicz*, Anna Greyerbiehl*, Haili Gusa*, Dylan Hagen, Payten Heleski, Cassie Holdwick, Cheyenne Janik, Tyler Jones, Kelsey Knoblock*, Ethan Lemke, Parker Lipskey, Jaleesa Mattox, Anna Messing, Nolan Murray, Kylie Ogryski*, Arisa Osentoski*, Natalie Pallas, Nathan Particka, Rebecca Particka, Madelyn Peplinski*, Alexis Pionk, Cheyenne Porzondek*, Ashley Puvalowski*, Brooke Ritter, Ryche Roggenbuck*, Sabrina Schumacher*, Jason Smalley, Sadie Souva*, McKenzie Stom-ack*, Mackenzie Uhl, Mikaela Van Erp*, Mikkayla Verellen, Amanda Weaver, Adam Weber and Nicholas Wright*.

Grade 10

Olivia Brown, Austin Cregeur,

Kali Dutcher, Alexandria Figard, Grant Geiger*, Andrea Grifka, Amanda Halifax, Rachel Leppke, Hannah Melnik, Ellie Peruski, Lacey Pionk, Caleb Powers, Isle Roggenbuck, Hannah Schroeder, Jaiden Schulte*, Abigail Soren-son, Katelyn Sweeney*, Jaclyn Toth, Danielle Tschirhart, Alexia Vogel, Kylie Vogel, Sierra Walker, Jazmyn Warchuck, Isaac Warczin-sky, Tanner Wollin and Zachary Ziehm.

Grade 9

Andrew Becker, Alivia Bischer*, Leonard Booms, Kylee Brandt, Kendra Glaza, Josephine Gusa*, Cole Hagen, Katie Heilig*, Amanda Hill, Kalli House, Markus Howard, Haley Klama*, Haley Krueger*, Shelby Kuntze*, Allison Lautner*, Dajnae Leip-prandt, Erin McCarty*, Reese McLellan*, Cole Messing, Shelby Messing*, Madison Michalski, Taylor Pedrotte, Sarah Peplinski*, Levi Peruski, Dawson Schu-macher, Samantha Souva*, Gabriel Sweeney*, Nolan Van Erp*, Olivia Vesel, Elizabeth Weber* and Hally Ziehm.

Grade 8

Jenna Arntz, Jeffrey Blakely, Matthew Brandel, Bryce Essen-macher, Alexander Foote, Nora Franzel*, Trinity Franzel*, Ethan Gillig, Katelyn Grifka*, Tess Grifka*, Alexiss Guigar, Lindsey Guza, Theron Harris*, Ryan Hill, Carter Hughes, Lily Kieliszewski*, Kylie Maurer, Hai-ley Mausolf, Logan Mueller*, Colin Oberski, Tomasa Saenz, Myah Schulte*, Emma Smalley, Annisa Smith, Leah Stringer, Alexander Susalla, Kyle Sweeney, Coleton Taylor*, Dallas Hunter Walker and Emma Widger.

Grade 7

Haylee Arlitt, Joy Auman, Eliza-beth Bellis, Jeanna Bischer*, Gabrielle Bukoski, Michael Cook, Evan Dropeski, Faith Emming, Cameron Ferris, Alexander Flem-ing, Christopher Gosdzinski, Jack Grifka, Maze Gusa*, Abigail Guza*, Carly Guza*, Miranda Halifax, Tristan Halifax, Mark Heilig, Connor Jock, Alyson Jones, Jalyn Kolar, Adrianna Learman-Essenmacher, Aiden Mackowiak, Anthony McCarty*, Abigail Michalski, Jarrett Nast*, Alayna Osontoski, Christopher Oswald, DeLaney Peruski, Taylor Peruski, Trinity Pierson, Alexis Schmidt, Jacob Schroeder, Jenna Stambaugh, Jace Susalla, Seth Sweeney, Andrew Vogel, Logan Volmering*, Charles Wallace, Samantha Warczynsky and Mer-cedes Wolschleger.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Flu season is here, get vaccinated now

The holidays are an ideal time to celebrate with friends and family, but they can be downright miserable if you come down with the flu.

That's why Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials along with the Tuscola County Health Department are once again urging all residents to protect themselves against the flu and its potentially life-threatening consequences by getting vaccinated as soon as possible.

"The flu is a serious and potentially life-threatening illness; it's not something to be taken lightly," said Dr. Eden Wells, M.D., chief medical executive of the MDHHS. "In our communities and as health care professionals, it's important we all encourage our friends and family to remember to get their flu vaccine every year."

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) agree, saying an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu.

In 2017, a study in "Pediatrics" was the first of its kind to show that flu vaccination also significantly reduced a child's risk of dying from influenza.

The more people who get vaccinated, the more people will be protected from flu, including older people, very young children, pregnant women, and people with certain long-term health conditions who are more vulnerable to serious flu complications.

While flu vaccines are updated each year to better match circulating viruses, the CDC is again recommending against using the nasal spray flu vaccine (LAIV) this year.

Flu is a contagious respiratory virus that often causes fever, sore throat, cough, body aches, and fatigue. People already infected with flu can spread the virus to others even before they feel sick. The flu vaccination is the single best way to prevent getting the flu and its complications.

Everyone six months of age and older should receive a flu vaccine every flu season.

It is especially important that children, adults aged 65 years and older, persons with chronic health conditions, and pregnant women get vaccinated against flu. Flu vaccination for pregnant women does not just protect the mother; it also protects her unborn baby.

It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against flu, according to CDC officials, who recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible. Getting vaccinated later, however, can still be beneficial and vaccination should continue to be offered throughout the flu season, even into January or later.

With the flu already confirmed in Michigan this season, health officials say it's vital that residents get vaccinated before they are exposed to a flu virus.

The Tuscola County Health Department has appointments available Monday through Friday as well as walk-in service. For county residents ages 60 to 64, the vaccine is covered by county senior millage funds. More information is available by calling (989) 673-8116 or 673-1680.

The bottom line is, don't wait – talk to your healthcare provider today about which flu vaccine is the best one for you, and then take a few minutes to get your vaccination.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Seeking Seger and sense



I was shocked to learn the little Bobby Seger I used to know is 72 years old. I guess that shouldn't have caught me off guard, seeing as I'm in my mid-60s.

I had always thought he was closer to my age. Bobby had friends and/or relatives who lived near one of my friends, so I knew him back when we were kids. He was kind of a cute guy, but we never really interacted much. Years later I was surprised to learn little Bobby grew up to be THE BOB SEGER with the Silver Bullet Band.

Anyway, during the fall, Bobby had a health scare, which in turn also scared me. It seems like over the last few years every performing artist whose music I like passed away. News reports said his hand started tingling, and when he got the issue checked out, it showed he had a ruptured disc in his neck that pinched his spinal cord.

According to reports, he had surgery and is recovering.

I have nearly all of his CDs and know most of the words to his songs by heart. Outside of the fact that I met Bobby when we were kids, I feel a close connection to him because the lyrics of his music speak to me and some of the songs parallel my life.

I was rather a wild child back in the day. His song, "Against the Wind," is the one that really connects with me because I made some bad choices that created a lot of hurt and drama.

"Against the Wind" starts out talking about young love and thinking about how it will never end, and being like a "wildfire out of control - until there was nothing left to burn and nothing left to prove." That was so me. I ran headlong against the wind, challenging life, convention and rules. I made numerous mistakes. Like the song says, "I wish I didn't know now what I didn't know then..."

There have been some hard lessons along the way.

I also found myself "alone and surrounded by strangers I thought were my friends." I used to be constantly on the move, working two jobs, and riding my motorcycle all over the state. I would spend a day or two in a town, or if I liked it stayed there longer, sleeping under the stars at night.

"I was living to run and running to live," just like the song, and I "broke the rules that wouldn't bend."

Eventually, I settled down and put those drifter days of traveling on two wheels behind me.

Seger released "Against the Wind" in 1980. That also happened to be the year my son was born, changing my life.

Along with being a mother, becoming a journalist also helped me settle down and stop running against the wind. Motherhood and journalism put my life in perspective. As the song notes, "I have so much more to think about ... deadlines and commitments."

Motherhood and journalism became my shelters against the turbulent winds that used to buffet my life.

Have a concern? A complaint?

Just want to voice your opinion?

Letters to the Editor

Dec. 7 should be declared holiday

Dear editor,


As we remember Dec. 7, may this day be forever etched in our minds as we remember Dec. 7, 1941. This is the day the Japanese would pull the United States into World War II, which would end up taking the lives of over 400,000 Americans.

This day should be declared a national holiday as the significance of this day has affected more lives than any event in the history of the United States of America.

Respectfully,

Mark D. Zmierski, director
Tuscola County Veterans Affairs
SCPO USN retired

The wind that I used to run so hard against is now just a gentle breeze caressing my memories for columns.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

With the growing opioid epidemic and the issues of how to dispose of unused or expired prescription medications, Tuscola County now has six drop off locations. Area residents can now drop off their old medications with a no questions asked policy at the following locations:

*Michigan State Police Post – 1485 Cleaver Rd, Caro, MI – Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm

*Cass City Municipal Building – 6506 Main St, Cass City, MI – Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm

*Mayville Village Police Department – 5950 Fox St, Mayville, MI – Monday-Friday from 7am-3pm

*Reese Police Department – 2073 Gates St, Reese, MI – Monday-Friday from 8am-2pm

*Vassar Police Department – 287 E. Huron Ave, Vassar, MI – 24/7 Drop Off

*Tuscola County Sheriff's Office – 420 Court St, Caro, MI – 24/7 Drop Off

The Big Red Barrels Project at local police departments - part of the county's Drug Disposal Campaign efforts - accept all medications except syringes, plastics, inhalers, liquids, and patches.

The goals of the Drug Disposal Campaign for Tuscola County are to reduce the number of illegal prescription drugs on our streets and to reduce misuse in our community. We also will be collecting data periodically to inform the community of the amount of drugs taken out of our county. This is a community service effort. Please bring medication in their original containers. Once meds are disposed of, you can appropriately recycle the plastic containers. It is best to remove the Rx labels prior to recycling. If anyone would like to assist or be a part of these efforts please feel free to contact Madeline Dooley or Amy Cuthrell at (989) 673-5700.

I'll always consider myself a stream fisherman at heart.

In fact, I've never caught a salt water fish in my life – until earlier this month when a group of area friends invaded Clearwater Beach, Florida for an extended weekend getaway.

For me that meant two days of off-shore fishing. On day one, we chartered a boat for a half day and targeted King and Spanish Mackerels. Trolling three rods at about five knocks per hour, we hooked many using spoons about seven miles out into the Atlantic Ocean.

On day two, we fished 25 miles from shore and targeted grouper using a variety of baits that we let drift just off the bottom near a spot known for ship wrecks in about 100' of water. The action started quickly – I caught my first Grunt - but tapered off in the afternoon.

Both days the weather was perfect with light winds, much to my liking.

To everyone's liking were the wildlife sightings at sea including 1,000s of jelly fish, sea turtles, and of course, dolphins.

The first annual RoboHawks VEX Tournament was held the weekend of Dec 1st and 2nd, reports Lyle Severance, Tech Director at Cass City Schools. Severance says all our teams performed very well. In the IQ elementary competition on Friday, all four Cass City teams made it to the finals and two, the Havoc Hawks and the Killer Hawks, won the tournament and are going to the State Competition this March in Charlotte, MI.

In the VRC Middle and High School competition on Saturday, all four of our teams made it to at least the quarterfinals, according to Severance, and both the RoboHawks Black and White teams made it to the Finals with the Black team winning the tournament. The Black team also won the Robot Skills competition and received the Excellence Award and the White team won the Design Award. As a result, the Black team will go to the Regional level this February in Monroe.

For Cass City, the HAVOC HAWKS are Lance Britt, Ethan Westendorf, Ethan Hall and Isaak Keyser. The KILLER HAWKS are Braden Murdoch, Justin MacAlpine, Drake Smith and Abe Mack. The ROBO WILD WINGS are Cameron Owen, Sage Sanders, Trysten Gruber, Ethan Schrader and Braden Bailey. The FLYING DEAD are Wyatt Sutton, Sean Dyer, Tristin Smith and Josh Bergman. The RoboHawks Black are Kevin Estrella, Darren Hutchinson, Imogen Sanders and Logan Severance. The RoboHawks White are Kalean Boynton, Mariah Mellendorf and Joe Skiles. The RoboHawks Maroon are Tyler Czekai, Nick McArdle and Anthony Pawloski. The RoboHawks Junior High are Thomas Muter, Gabe Schwendinger, Vaughn Severance and Hunter Turnbull,

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Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

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

Saturday, December 16

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

Monday, December 18

- Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

Tuesday, December 19

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
- Living with Parkinson’s Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:
•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

First Monday:
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•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, 430 Montague Ave., Caro.For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Second 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.

Wind farm development firm targeting land in Juniata Twp.

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The possibility of another wind farm is on the horizon in western Tuscola County.

NextEra Energy Resources LLC officials submitted special land-use permits for their Pegasus Wind Energy Center project to build 31 turbines in Juniata Township. They also plan to build 32 turbines in Fairgrove Township as part of the same project.

At the same, a group of citizens is keeping a watchful eye on the proposals on behalf of their friends and neighbors.

The Juniata Concerned Citizen Group formed in November with some guidance from members of the Almer and Ellington group that opposed NextEra’s wind project in those townships, according to Brenda Bigham, who has lived in Juniata Township all her life and is a member of the local concerned citizens group.

The citizens group’s mission is to bring awareness and transparency to NextEra Energy’s request for special land-use permits to build wind towers and to insure decisions protect the health, safety and wellbeing of the community, Bigham explained.

According to NextEra Manager of Communications Bryan Garner, the construction of 63 turbines in those two townships adds up to roughly a \$200 million investment and would generate about 150 million megawatts of power. The plan, he said, is to have the project completed by the end of 2018.

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

The total height of the turbines in the Pegasus project, from the bottom to the tip of the blade, is just under 500 feet. Height is a con-

cern because of traffic at the nearby Tuscola Area Airport in Caro. The turbines will exceed height limitations in the local zoning ordinance. Some or all of the special land-use permits could be denied, but there is an appeals process.

Because the new wind farm could be an area of contention, Tuscola County commissioners reviewed the Tuscola Area Airport Zoning Board of Appeals (AZBA) by-laws that were drafted in 2011, and the fact that the five-member board appointed at that time has only met once.

According to Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland, NextEra may have researched alternatives to height limitation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and in some cases the FAA will make provisions to allow turbine construction with alternative land instruction to pilots to avoid turbne locations.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Donald A. Sousa, Jr., 25, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of unlawfully driving away an automobile, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and failure to report an accident Sept. 3-4, 2016, in Novesta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was

ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Thor Robstad, 59, Millington, pleaded guilty to one count of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 27 in Millington Township.

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

*Bradley J. Williams, 34, Gagetown, pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) Sept. 14 in the village of Gagetown. He 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 \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Slick roads contribute to flurry of accidents

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yield at the corner and pulled into the path of a southbound vehicle.

Footo was driving a Ford F150 pickup truck and the other driver, Kati Lasceski of Fillion, was traveling southbound in a Ford Escort, according to Sgt. Ron DuBois, who said that Lasceski was treated at the scene for minor injuries by Bingham EMS personnel.

“The Argyle Fire Department was the responding fire department,” DuBois noted. “Footo was issued a citation. Both drivers reported wearing their seatbelts, and alcohol was not a factor.”

Five minutes later, deputies and some members of the Argyle Fire Department responded to another crash – this one on Ubly Road near Stone Road.

“The investigation by deputies determined that 73-year-old Mary Gibbs from Sandusky was driving a 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee southbound on Ubly Road,” DuBois said.

“Gibbs was slowed and preparing to make a left hand turn into a private drive. A 1998 Peterbilt semi with loaded trailer was southbound behind the jeep (and) the driver, 37-year-old Brian Jerome from North Branch was following too closely and was unable to stop in time, striking the back of the Jeep,” he continued.

“The driver of the Jeep was transported to McKenzie (Memorial) Hospital by Sanilac EMS. The two other occupants of the Jeep were uninjured,” DuBois reported. “The driver of the semi was cited for the accident. All occupants reported wearing seatbelts, and alcohol was not a factor in the accident.”

who said alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

In the afternoon, at about 1:25 p.m., deputies were dispatched to Stringer Road near Custer Road for another one-vehicle rollover crash.

DuBois said deputies found that the driver, Katherine Giester-Wallman, 30, Sandusky, had been traveling northbound on Stringer Road and lost control of her Ford F250 pickup truck on the snowy roadway.

“The truck rolled over in the east ditch,” he said. “The driver was not injured...and reported wearing her seatbelt. Speed was a factor, but alcohol was not in the

accident.”

Also, deputies were dispatched to Juhl Road, near Miller Road, at about 2:40 p.m. to investigate a one-vehicle accident involving 18-year-old Mariah Halbert of Brown City, who was traveling southbound on Juhl Road in a Pontiac G6 when she lost control and her vehicle spun several times before entering a ditch.

“The driver was taken by Sanilac EMS to McKenzie (Memorial) Hospital for her injuries,” DuBois reported. “Moore Township Fire (Department) assisted with the accident. The driver reported wearing her seatbelt. Speed was a factor, but alcohol was not.”



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Reporter’s notebook

Going to need a bigger bow...

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



It’s a trap. Has to be.

In spite of the fact that I’ve been married for nearly 36 years, I struggle every year when it comes to Christmas shopping for my wife.

I’m ashamed to say that, in part, because I realize that while I’m agonizing over a couple of gift selections, she’s over there shopping with ease – online and in person – picking out the perfect items for all of our grown kids plus a small army of grandchildren.

Last year was an exception. I selected a really nice present and – bonus – it was my idea from the start: I arranged for her to spend a few hours at a spa in Frankenmuth.

But that was an exception.

These days I tend to nag her until she gives me a few ideas to work with. In the past it was easier; she loves do-it-yourself challenges and she’s proven herself to be skilled at tackling various home improvement projects, so tools were the obvious choice. However, I’ve pretty much run the course on buying her power drills, routers, saws, etc.

And even with my sense of humor, I’ve never really been (overly) tempted to pick up the type of gifts any modern woman should appreciate – a nice new vacuum cleaner, mixer, ironing board, custom spatula assortment and matching apron.

Yes, ladies, I’m joking.

Anyway, after weeks of my pushing her for ideas this year, and getting a few along the way, my wife asked me to buy her an exercise machine for Christmas.

Of course, I resisted, because that has to be a trap, right? Sure, at our age, shedding a few extra pounds is an ongoing battle, but seriously? Exercise equipment? The sort of contraptions composed of bulky metal frames and wheels and handle bars that only take up space after the third or fourth day of January?

“I’ll use it in ‘waves,’” she tells me.

Yeah, I’m thinking, sort of like how I use that Ronco Fish-O-Matic you gave me years ago.

My dilemma here is two-fold, of course. First, I’m still not sure if she’s serious, and if she isn’t, I’m in trouble. And, second, can you imagine the reaction of family members if she were to open a gift like that? And by reactions, I mean the dirty looks aimed in my direction and the expressions of sympathy aimed at her for having married such an unfeeling oaf.

I can just hear my daughters now. “What’s wrong dad, Jenny Craig run out of membership specials?” Sigh.

It’s a quandary, to be sure, although I’m not going to let it dampen my holiday spirit.

Besides, I have bigger fish to fry this month, starting with wrapping the gifts I’ve already picked out.

Maybe it’s a guy thing, but while I always start out with the best of intentions, the gifts I place under the tree always seem to look like a three-year-old with too much duct tape and too little dexterity wrapped them. I’m patient with the process until that first little wrapping paper fold or crease collapses into a crinkly mess, then I simply start ripping out yards of tape in hopes that, somewhere, everything will work out.

It never does. Instead, off in the distance I hear the theme of the movie “Jaws” playing and Roy Scheider whispering, “You’re going to need a bigger bow...”

Oh well, if I fall for my wife’s exercise machine trap, at least that would come to the house in a box large enough to easily wrap, right? I’m doomed.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

Andy and Brooke (Bensinger) Dillbeck of Midland announce the birth of their daughter, Jolie Joy Dillbeck. Jolie was born at Mid-Michigan Hospital. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 17 inches long. She joins her sisters, Olivia and Kaylee, at home. Grandparents are Mike and Sherry Dillbeck of Sanford, and Betty and the late Kirk Bensinger of Ubyly.

Schneeberger’s congratulates Cass City senior Austin Baker as their choice for athlete of the week. The Red Hawk senior grappler improved his season mark to 13-1 over the weekend with an undefeated performance Saturday at the Cros-Lex invitational tournament. Baker breezed through the tournament field, helping the Red Hawks to team victories over Memphis and Richmond in pool play. While Baker came out on top in the championship bracket, Cass City did not and fell to hosts Cros-Lex and Midland to end their day. Earlier in the week, Baker recorded a pair of impressive pins during a double duel match in Caro, which also included Yale.

10 YEARS AGO (2007)

Michelle Brown of Snover has been named the winner of Michigan Farm Bureau’s (MFB) Excellence in Agriculture Award. Brown is pictured above with her husband, Michael (center), along with MFB President Wayne H. Wood (right) and MFB Young Farmer Committee chairman Josh Norton during the awards ceremony, held Nov. 28 at the MFB 88th annual meeting in Grand Rapids.

The Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society has selected Samantha A. Glaspie for membership in the society’s chapter at the University of Michigan. A Cass City High School graduate, Glaspie is majoring in political science and hopes to complete an internship in Washington, D.C. in the future. She is the daughter of Kim and Jackie Glaspie of Cass City. Delta Epsilon Iota was established in order to recognize and encourage academic excellence in all fields of study. The organization rewards students through financial scholarships, provides leadership opportunities for its members, and promotes the principles of dedication, enthusiasm and initiative among students participating in higher education throughout the country. Students qualify on the basis of academic achievement. Prospective members must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at an accredited college or university while maintaining a 3.30 cumulative grade point average or a scholastic ranking with the top 15 percent of their class.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vandenbossche celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday, Nov. 21, at a party given by their sons and daughter, Jim, John, Scott and Amy. Sharon Haberek and Raymond Vandenbossche were married Nov. 24, 1967, at Holy Innocents Catholic Church of Roseville.

A total of 5 students from this area are among the over 118,000 students included in the 15th Annual Edition of The National Dean’s List just published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Ill. Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school’s Dean’s List or have earned a comparable honor. Local students selected include: Cass City - Cheryl Lester, Saginaw Valley State University; Linda Melendorf, Delta College; Cindy Peyerik, Ferris State University; and Connie Schneeberger, Taylor University.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert T. Wilson, son of Donald R. and Martha M. Wilson of Cass City, recently deployed aboard the guided missile destroyer U.S.S. Kidd, homeported in Norfolk, Va., on a 3 1/2- month deployment to

the Southern Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific. The 8,300-ton ship is powered by 4 gas turbines that can develop 80,000 shaft horsepower. The ship is 563 feet long, has a crew of 339, and is armed with missiles, guns and torpedoes. U.S.S. Kidd also can embark its own helicopters. Wilson, a 198G graduate of Cass City High School, joined the Navy in April 1987,

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Langenburg of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda, to Bob Erla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Erla of Cass City. A Sept. 10, 1983, wedding is planned. Both are 1982 graduates of Cass City High School.

Cass City Intermediate School music students participated in the festival district Solo and Ensemble Saturday at North Branch. Receiving first division ratings were Deb Blue, flute; Kathy Marshall, flute; Stacey Patera, clarinet; Carolyn Tuckey, horn; Raymond Stachura, saxophone; Allen Burk, horn; Jeff Sontag, cornet; and Jeremy Capps, cornet.

Honored last Thursday evening at the Owen-Gage fall sports banquet were Linda Retford, most improved basketball; Reid Goslin, most improved golf; John Shope, most improved football; Joan Mosack, most valuable basketball; and Dan Glidden, most valuable football. Letters or certificates were presented for seventh, eighth, junior varsity and varsity girls’ basketball; golf; junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders; and football.

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Receiving certificates and pins as Rotary Fellows Thursday evening at Cass City High School were M.B. Auten and James Bauer. Making the awards was Tom Proctor, left, and pinning her husband was Mrs. James Bauer. A Rotary fellow is one who has had \$1,000 donated in his name to the Rotary Foundation. The donations were made by Rotary members and friends in appreciation for service to the community by both Auten and Bauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Tracy of Cass City announce the engagement of his and the late Lila Tracy’s daughter, Beth Lynn, to Justin Francis Walsh II, son of Frank Walsh of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Gloria Walsh of Cass City. A Jan. 28, 1978 wedding is being planned.

Marine Sergeant Randall R. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright of Greenland Road, Cass City, has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Corps Helicopter Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif. He received the accelerated promotion in recognition of outstanding performance, duty proficiency and demonstrated professional abilities. A 1973 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Marine Corps in September, 1975.

Bob Stevens, customer service manager for General Telephone Co. in the Thumb area, recently completed a two-day written communications course. The course was conducted at the Michigan State University Kellogg Center in Lansing. The objective was to improve written communications skills. Stevens, a 22-year employee with the company, has been service manager for the Thumb area since 1976.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

Elected to Who’s Who Among American Universities and Colleges for 1967-68 is Miss Nancy J. Sweeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Ubyly. Nancy is a senior at Central Michigan University and is one of 36 Central seniors who will be listed in the annual directory. She is a member of Omega Chi sorority and is majoring in home economics. Eligibility is based on scholarship (B plus average), leadership in educational and extracurricular activities, citizenship and promise of usefulness. Her

dormitory classmates submitted her name for the honor. Miss Sweeney was graduated from Ubyly High School in 1964. She will receive her Bachelor of Science degree from Central next June and intends to teach home economics.

Staff Sergeant Ronald A. Gettel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Gettel of Canboro Road, Owendale, is a member of the U.S. Air Force air defense organization that has been selected as best in the United States. Sergeant Gettel is assigned to the Air Defense Command’s (ADC) 26th Air Division that has won the coveted General Frederic H. Smith Trophy. The trophy, which honors a former Air Force vice chief of staff now retired from active duty, was presented at division headquarters, Adair Air Force Station, Ore., Nov. 7. The 26th was chosen for the top ADC award for demonstrating through year-long evaluation the best ground capability to support ADC fighter interceptors in identifying, intercepting and destroying enemy aircraft. Sergeant Gettel, a refrigeration and air conditioning technician at division headquarters, is a 1959 graduate of Owendale High School. His wife, Karen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Pison.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

Miss Neva Eckensweller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Eckensweller, of Argyle, and Corporal Casmer Zemerski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zemerski, of Cass City, were united in marriage at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 28, in the chapel at MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida, Chaplain Beryers officiating. They were attended by Sergeant and Mrs. Hoal of MacDill Field.

Two girls ran away with the two top honors in the 13th annual Michigan 4-H Club Livestock Show held Dec. 8, 9, and 10 at the Detroit stockyards. Frances Koepfgen, 17, Cass City, showed a pen of three Southdown lambs that took the judges’ eyes for a grand championship for best individual lamb and a similar award for the best pen. Last year she was runner-up in the lamb show. A Detroit packing concern bid the top of \$2.30 a pound for the grand champion lamb. The other two lambs in the pen sold for 35 cents a pound. The other girl, Mary Lesser, 19, Dexter, exhibited an Angus which was judged the best beef animal among the 118 in the show. In the auction which concluded the three-day event, the steer brought 58 cents a pound in spite of wartime control over retail beef prices. A packing house at Ferndale offered the best bid.

Eugene Livingston, who was granted a patent on a stable cleaner 15 years ago, received word a few days ago that his improvement of that implement, a hinged fork, had been patented on Dec. 1. The change in forks, Mr. Livingston said, makes the stable cleaner more practical and useful. The patent papers on the hinged fork gives Inventor Livingston the exclusive right to make, use, and vend the article throughout the United States for 17 years.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

The Hires Condensed Milk Co. has received orders for its products for shipment to Army and Navy departments which will eventually be consumed by the boys who are at the front “Somewhere in France” and on Uncle Sam’s naval vessels. Orders are also being filled for the government for the Belgian Relief and these orders are being given the preference over all others at the local factory.

Married at 12:30 o’clock Thursday, Dec. 20, 1917, at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church in Sandusky, Rev. D. D. Nagle, pastor of the church officiating, Miss Anna May Robinson and Joshua Sharrard. The bride is a daughter of Samuel Robinson of Austin township. The groom is a son of Phillip Sharrard, of Evergreen township. They will make their home near Decker.

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CCH joins McLaren group

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“We are just in the early stages of working together,” said Wark. “Some of the new services expected in the near future we will be able to offer will be wound care, tela-stroke, and tela-cardio care.”

There are a number of advantages to the acquisition, including retaining local control.

“In terms of health services that will be provided at CCH now and in the future, those decisions will be the result of working with the executive and medical leadership of CCH to understand the health care needs of the community, identify any gaps that might exist, and which services can be added to fill those gaps,” said Tompkins. “McLaren’s value will be in helping to increase the types of quality, accessible services provided by CCH.”

According to Augsburg, CCH will continue to be governed by its local board of trustees, and all funds raised by the hospital’s foundation and auxiliary will remain local.

“As in the past, CCH will make business decisions locally based on the needs of the community and, at the same time, will gain the support of a large, successful healthcare system,” he noted.

CCH is a 24-bed, critical access hospital. It is a non-profit, locally-governed community hospital that has been serving the community since 1928.

“Our commitment will be to work closely with CCH’s leadership and medical staff to identify physician and hospital services that add value and meet the health and wellness needs of the community,” said Phil Incarnati, president and CEO of McLaren. “Caro Community Hospital will play an important role in the advancement of our strategic vision for the Thumb.”

Under the acquisition, CCH’s board and the McLaren Health Care board are committed to health services growth, facility and equipment improvements, employee and physician recruitment and work to chart a course for success in the evolving and competitive healthcare marketplace.

McLaren Health Care, headquartered in Grand Blanc, is a fully integrated health network committed to quality, evidence-based patient care and cost efficiency.

The McLaren system includes 12 hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, imaging centers, a 450-member employed primary care physician network, commercial and Medicaid HMOs covering more than 620,000 lives in Michigan and Indiana, home health and hospice providers, retail medical equipment showrooms, pharmacy services, and a wholly-owned medical malpractice insurance company.

McLaren also operates Michigan’s largest network of cancer centers and providers.

Trooper facing arraignment

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“According to sheriff’s deputies, a 25-year-old Saginaw male driving a 2010 Cadillac drove a half-mile across a field and struck a tree,” Park said. “A hunter who was approximately one hundred yards from where the vehicle struck the tree called to report the crash.

“The lone occupant, the driver, was transported by EMS to Hills and Dales (General) Hospital in Cass City for treatment of injuries,” she noted.

Alcohol was suspected as a contributing factor in the crash, according to Sanilac County Undersheriff Brad Roff, who said the driver was then arrested on suspicion of drinking and driving and transported to the county jail. His name was withheld pending possible arraignment on charges.

Special First Lt. David Kaiser, public information officer for the MSP Third District, said criminal prosecution in the case is pending lab results on the blood draw taken from the driver of the vehicle.

“I can confirm the driver of the vehicle was an off-duty Michigan State police trooper assigned to the Flint Post. The trooper is currently off duty pending adjudication of this case,” Kaiser said.

“The Michigan State police has a long-standing tradition of demanding the highest possible standards of professional conduct from its enforcement and civilian members. All allegations of misconduct are aggressively investigated,” he added.

“The process used to investigate allegations of misconduct is clearly established in department policy,” Kaiser noted. “Oversight of the investigation process is the responsibility of the professional standard section out of Lansing.”

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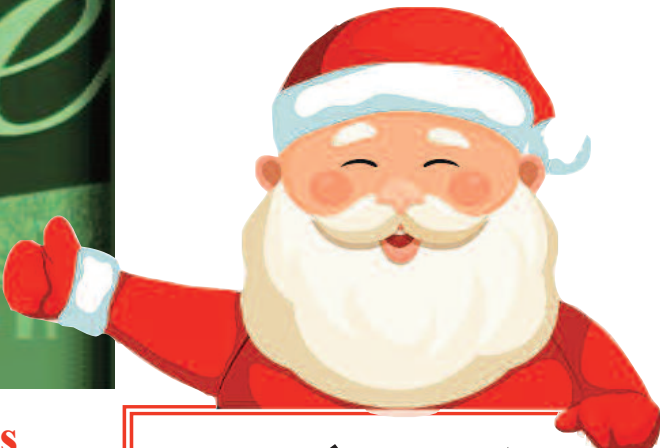
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THE 2017-18 CASS CITY varsity boys’ basketball team has opened their season with a pair of non-conference wins. They are: (front row, l-r) Nick Perry, Garrett Deitering, Catalin David, Joey Krol, Dylan Crase (back row) Mike Ziegler, Zack Beecher, Hunter Vaughan, Sandyn Cuthrell and Brendan Hamilton. Missing is Luke Stern

Red Hawks
open season
with strong
showings

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

In Cass City’s opening wins – Tuesday at Bay City All Saints followed by Friday’s clash against visiting Memphis – the Red Hawk basketball team looked like Coach Jeff Hartel’s teams of the past. Those teams back in the 1990s dominated the action on their way to conference, district and regional championships, much like the Red Hawks did while picking up a pair of non-conference decisions in Hartel’s return to the coaching box. Cass City spectators saw a balanced offensive attack combined with a solid defensive effort in both wins. “Defense is improving, but need to work on defending pick-n-rolls better and playing defense without fouling,” said Hartel, adding, “Need to learn how to drop step with their man with the ball to avoid contact and to quit reaching and picking up dumb fouls.” In their home opener, Cass City outscored the Yellowjackets in each quarter in route to a 63-39 victory. Sandyn Cuthrell nailed a pair of treys to help give the hosts a 12-5 early lead, before settling for a 30- Please turn to page 10.



THE 2017-18 Owen-Gage Bulldog basketball team members are: (front row, l-r) Matthew Fritz and Cordell Clarkson (back row) Michael Ray, Aaron Fahrner, Luke Retford, Coach Brian Wright, Carl Steff, Ben Schultz and Brandon Binder.

Bulldogs
looking to
rebuild in
2017-18

After finishing 18-3 last season, it looks to be a rebuilding process for Coach Brian Wright in Owendale. The Bulldog boys’ basketball team couldn’t keep pace with guest Mayville Thursday and surrendered 63-32 to kick off play in 2017. Mayville scored double figures in each quarter to pull away, including a 23-6 run to end the North Central Thumb League Stripes affair. “Mayville has a much improved team and was one of our three losses last year,” said Wright, continuing, “we need to keep improving and play our good solid D.” Matt Fritz and Brandon Binder split 16 points to lead Owen-Gage, while Aaron Fahrner and Luke Retford each chipped in four Please turn to page 10.



THE KINGSTON Cardinals varsity boys’ basketball team for the 2017-18 season consists of (front row, l-r) Quin Western, Cody McCormick, Evan Neff, Conner Henry, Nathan Cloyd, Hunter James, Austin Ahern, Manager Jack Lester (back row) Asst. Coach Leon Westover, Brian Hobson, Aric Hobson, Levi Cryderman, Gabe Hall, Dez Carter, Jack Green, Garrett Green, Chase Whitfield and Coach Dave Lester.

Kingston boys shine in season opener

Kingston opened its boys’ basketball season in splendid fashion Friday, winning 66-23 in a North Central Thumb League crossover game in Caseville. The visitors led 36-11 at the halfway point and then poured in 22 third quarter markers to take a 58-17 edge into the final eight minutes. “We got off to a good start and executed well on the offensive end of the floor. We had good contributions tonight from everyone,” said Kingston Coach Dave Lester. Sophomores Evan Neff and Jack Green led Kingston with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Neff added four rebounds and four steals, while Green added seven rebounds in complete showings. Hunter James also had big numbers for the winners and added eight points and six assists. Kaden Geilhart led Caseville with 12 points. “We are very excited about this Please turn to page 10.

Boys’ Basketball
Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
Cass City	0	0	2	0
Bad Axe	0	0	2	0
Reese	0	0	2	0
USA	0	0	1	0
EPBP	0	0	1	1
Vassar	0	0	0	2

Greater Thumb East				
	W	L	W	L
Ubyly	0	0	2	0
Sandusky	0	0	1	0
Brown City	0	0	1	1
Marlette	0	0	0	2
Memphis	0	0	0	3
Harbor Beach	0	0	0	3

NCTL - Stripes				
	W	L	W	L
Peck	0	0	1	0
Caseville	0	0	1	1
CPS	0	0	0	1
Owen-Gage	0	0	0	1
BCAS	0	0	0	2
Akron-Fair.	0	0	0	2

NCTL - Stars				
	W	L	W	L
Dryden	0	0	2	0
Mayville	0	0	2	0
Kingston	0	0	1	0
Flint Int.	0	0	1	0
Deckerville	0	0	1	1
North Huron	0	0	0	2

Middle of the pack finish for Cass City grapplers

Cass City finished in the middle of the pack Saturday at the Marlette Team Tournament. Coach Don Markel’s Red Hawks opened their season recording three wins and two losses to place third in the 6-team event.

Lakeville was the tournament winner, while Almont was runner-up.

“We graduated several outstanding seniors from last year’s team and are very young this season with a majority of our line-up consisting of underclassmen or first year wrestlers. I saw a lot of improvement in our wrestlers as the day went on. We will continue to work hard and improve our technique as the season moves on,” Markel said Monday morning.

Both of Cass City’s losses were by slim margins. The defending Greater Thumb Conference champs fell to Almont and Otisville-Lakeville by scores of 39-36 and 38-35, respectively.

Cass City easily defeated Brown City, 48-27, Marlette, 54-17, and North Branch, 54-18, on the day.

Hayden Larkin, Race Woloshen and Wyatt Dickson led the charge for Cass City with perfect 5-0 performances, while Drew Markel, Lucas Swiderski, Nick Perry and Eric Peters each posted 4-1 marks.

Cass City’s dual meet record currently stands at 3-2. They travel to Cros-Lex tonight (Wednesday) for a dual meet and then will travel to Cros-Lex again Saturday for a team tournament.

Red Hawk cagers handle non-conference foes

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21 cushion at the break. The advantage should have been more, but seven first half turnovers and multiple missed free throws hampered Cass City.

Cass City cleaned up their miscues in the final half and a 19-7 run to the third quarter removed most doubt from the game’s outcome.

Actually, a poor shooting night from the perimeter for Cass City – they shot 25 percent behind the 3-point arc, and 39 percent from the foul line - was offset by 15 assists and 21 steals.

Cuthrell recorded game scoring honors with 13 points, while Mile Ziegler chipped in a dozen tallies and Luke Stern, 10.

“(We are) doing a pretty good job sharing the ball, but shooting percentage from 3 point line is not good and free throw shooting is a

huge concern,” Hartel said.

BCAS

Cass City held host Bay City All Saints scoreless in the opening frame last week and cruised to a 60-21 victory.

The Red Hawks scored 30 points during the middle two quarters and the route was on.

Cuthrell and Brenden Hamilton each finished in double figures to pace the winners. Cuthrell netted 13 points, while Hamilton chipped in 12.

Up next for Cass City is a Greater Thumb Conference crossover game with Marlette tonight (Wednesday) and Friday at Harbor Beach.

“Competition gets better this week so we will see. Overall, happy with where we are after two games. Lots of potential and so far the players have been very coachable and receptive,” said Hartel.

Cardinal boys win big

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year’s team. We have an extremely tough non-conference schedule and that competition should prepare us for League and post season play. We have depth with guys competing for playing time and starting jobs. We could play 10-12 kids each night depending on match-ups. We are hoping to play an up tempo game and pressure teams as much as possible. We have a couple kids who can really shoot the ball well and a couple others who finish near the rim. If we rebound, defend and establish an inside game, we could be very difficult to beat. Our team chemistry and leadership have been fantastic.

Our expectations are to win our League, District and Regional,” said Lester.

The team’s six returning letter winners are Garrett Green, Dez Carter, Gabe Hall, Nathan Cloyd, Neff and Austin Ahern.

Key newcomers for the Cardinals include Jack Green, James, Levi Crydeman, Conner Henry, Brian Hobson and Aric Hobson.

The NCTL Stars Division should be very competitive, according to Lesser, Newcomber International Academy of Flint is the favorite, but defending NCTL Champion Dryden returns John Delcampo and should be considered one of the favorites as well. Mayville, Deckerville and North Huron all return very talented players and will be very competitive.



CASS CITY’S DeeDee Haley readies for a pass in front of Memphis defender Rebecca Kiehler. The Lady Red Hawks cruised to an easy 72-6 victory on Friday night.

Cass City pounds Memphis

Cass City entered 10 girls into the scoring column Friday against visiting Memphis, winning 72-6 in a contest that wasn’t fun for either side.

The hosts held their guests scoreless until Katie Koch broke the lid on the basket late in the opening half for the visitors.

By then the damage was done. Cass City scored the game’s first 35 points, before Koch’s triple stopped the run, eventually leading to a 50-3 score at the break.

Guard Brittany Hamilton consistently beat the Yellowjackets to the goal on the night and finished with a career high 16 points, matching teammate Sayge Cuthrell for game scoring honors.

Rounding out the score sheet for the Cass City were Kelsey Bouverette with seven points, Jalene Krol six, Kacey Haire five, and Lauren Dickinson, Lauren Fer-nald, DeeDee Haley, and Rylie

Weiler each added four.

KINGSTON 49, CASEVILLE 5

Jillyan Dinsmore scored 14 points and Payton Kolacz added 10 for Kingston as Coach Jay

Green’s Lady Cardinals improved to 3-0 on the season.

“This was a good team win. We got a lot of contributions from a number of players,” he said.

Kingston travels to face Saginaw Nouvel Friday next.

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Welcome back Mike Ziegler.

The Cass City senior decided to return to the hardwood courts in his final Red Hawk go-around, much to the delight of Coach Jeff Hartel.

Ziegler is a hard nose defender and rough rebounder that has contributed valuable minutes in both Cass City wins to open the season, despite not playing organized ball since his junior high years.

In Cass City’s win Friday over Memphis, Zeigler scored 12 points and grabbed nine offensive rebounds. He was also credited with two steals and one block.

He had similar number in Cass City’s victory over Bay City All Saints, pulling in eight rebounds and registering nine points.

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Bulldogs struggle in opener

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points and combined for 23 rebounds in vain.

“Our offense has to work harder and make the open shots and free throws when we get fouled. We lost a lot of scoring. We will have to work hard to finish over 500 unless we find some balanced scoring,” Wright said.

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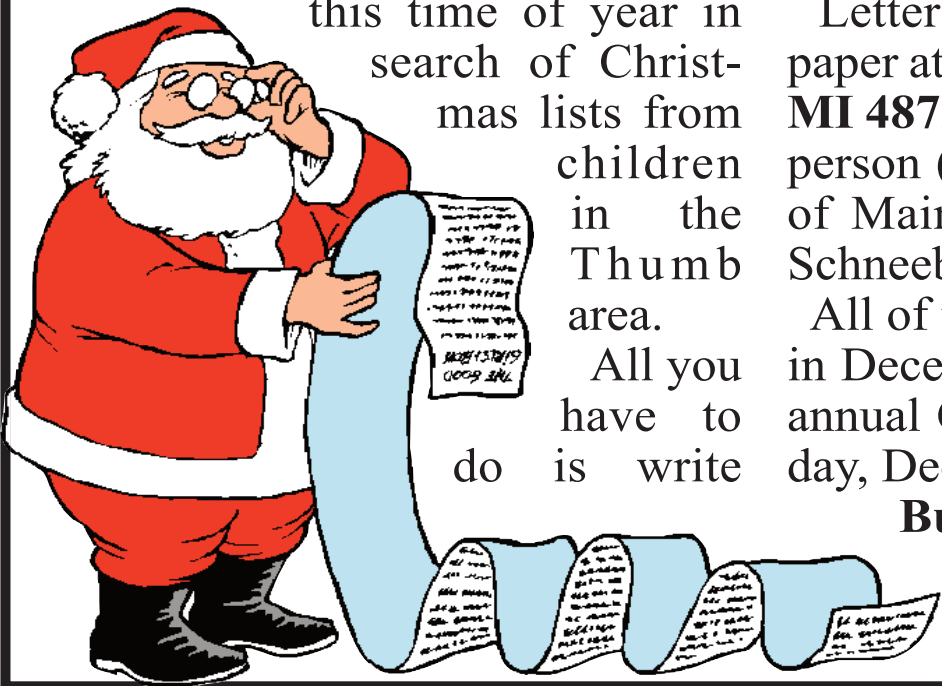
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All of the letters will be published in December - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 20.

But get started now because the deadline is:

Thursday, Dec. 14.





Cass City Jr./Sr. High School

2017-18 Winter Sports Schedule



BOYS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)	
DATE	OPPONENT
12/6	CC 60, BCAS 21
12/8	CC 61, Memphis 39
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 (F, JV, & V)
1/5	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/12	USA (F, JV, & V)
1/16	North Branch (JV)
1/19	Vassar
1/23	Cros-Lex (F)
1/24	Ubly
1/26	Bad Axe
1/30	Mayville (F)
1/31	Lakers (F, JV, V)
2/2	Reese (Snowcoming) (F, JV, V)
2/9	USA (F, JV, V)
2/14	Sandusky (F, JV, V)
2/16	Vassar
2/16	Caro (F @ 4:30)
2/21	Kingston (JV)
2/23	Bad Axe
3/1	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
3/5-9	Districts @ Bad Axe.....TBD

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)	
DATE	OPPONENT
11/28	CC 59, Mayville 15
12/1	Sandusky 51, CC 27
12/8	CC 72, Memphis 6
12/12	Harbor Beach
12/14	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
12/15	North Huron
12/19	Caro (F, JV, & V)
12/21	Imlay City (F, JV, & V)
12/28	Brown City
12/29	Brown City
1/4	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/11	USA
1/16	North Branch (JV)
1/18	Vassar
1/18	Deckerville (F)
1/22	Caro (F) @ 4:30
1/23	Ubly
1/23	Cros-Lex (F) @ 5:30
1/25	Bad Axe
1/30	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
2/1	Reese (F, JV, & V)
2/8	USA
2/13	Marlette
2/15	Vassar
2/15	Deckerville (F)
2/21	Kingston (JV)
2/22	Bad Axe
2/26-3/2	Districts @ EPB Lakers.....TBD


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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Pastor’s Corner

First Baptist Church welcomes new pastor

After several months of waiting and praying, First Baptist Church of Cass City ended their pastoral search in October.

Pastor Christian Wright, formerly of Findlay, Ohio, recently began serving at First Baptist Church. He fills the vacancy left by Pastor David Hill, who retired.

Pastor Wright bridges a gap of some 200 miles by moving from Ohio to his new ministry in Cass City. However, he is by no means a stranger to Michigan. Originally from Grand Rapids, Pastor Wright spent a number of his growing up years in Bay City, Marlette, and Brown City before moving with his parents to northeastern Ohio.

It was around this time that Pastor Wright says he felt led to be in the ministry. “I accepted the Lord as my Savior at the age of eight... and as I grew in the Lord, it became clear to me that [He] was

calling me into full-time Christian service.”

Pastor Wright accepted that calling and later went on to earn degrees from both Pennsylvania’s Baptist Bible College and Michigan’s Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary, preparing him for future church service.

His first pastoral opportunity opened in 1998, when he was offered the youth pastor position at First Baptist Church in Gibraltar, MI. Since then, Pastor Wright has served as both assistant and senior pastor to Ohio churches, altogether holding 19 years of experience in full-time ministry.

Now, beginning fresh in Cass City, Pastor Wright’s goal is “to lead the church family by preaching and teaching the Word of God.” He also made clear that his ministry would not be confined to his new church. “I believe that it

is important to have an active part in our community,” he later stated.

Not only is First Baptist Church gaining a new pastor; they are also looking forward to getting acquainted with all six members of the Wright family. Serving alongside of him is his wife, Pam, and their four children; Sarah, Elie, Katie, and Nathan.

Although they leave many friends behind, Pastor Wright assures “they are convinced that this move to Cass City is God’s leading and are excited to see what [He] has planned for them here.”

Taking his place as 31st pastor of First Baptist, Pastor Wright’s first Sunday in Cass City was October 29th. He continues to bring messages from the Word of God each week on Sunday and Wednesday, eager to “reach the community with the gospel of Jesus Christ.”



First Baptist Church of Cass City welcomes new Pastor Christian Wright, his wife pam and their four children; Sarah, Elie, Katie, and Nathan.

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Obituaries

Samatha Fors

Samatha Fors, 34, of Elkton, passed into eternal rest Saturday, November 18, 2017 at her home in Cass City.

She was born in Houston, Texas in March of 1983 to proud parents Kathy Kablik and Timothy Fors.

Despite attending three high schools (Klein Oak High School, Midland High School, and graduated from Meridian High School in Sanford, Michigan) in four years, Samantha achieved numerous honors in academics and earned the distinction of being in the National Honors Society.

Following high school, Samatha worked diligently to earn bachelor’s, associate’s, & master’s degrees in healthcare administrations through Davenport University and Blackstone Career Institute, as well as studying cosmetology and graduating from Bayshire Beauty Academy. Samantha went on to loyally work for the Regis Corporation for over a decade at the Bo Rics and Smart Style Divisions. Samantha is most well known for her years spent as Salon Manager at the Bad Axe Smart Style Salon. She created a welcoming and uplifting atmosphere for clients and was passionate about making others feel beautiful through her gifts in cosmetology and compassion. Samantha utilized her enthusiastic positive outlook and determination to succeed with hard work to create an enjoyable workplace for her co-workers where laughter could always be heard. Samantha worked tirelessly to provide for her dearly loved daughters, Kelly & Katie.

In later life, she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and for the last year suffered from Fibromyalgia and a host of many other severe health problems. In light of these many crippling illnesses, Samantha never lost her persevering will to endure and maintained her independence until at long last, her poor health took over her body, but not her spirit. She openly used her struggles to inspire many to live past their pains in life. Samantha’s everlasting optimism and ability to humor others was never defeated in her battles with her health, and for that, her family and close friends are eternally grateful.

Samantha is survived by her daughters, Katie Rappuhn and Kelly Ross; her mother Kathy Kublik; her sister Michelle Fors; as well as a host of relatives, friends and her former husbands: Rob Ross, Robert Rappuhn and Michael Roberts. As well as her partner, Shawn Newland.

Samantha was preceded in death by her hero - her father, Timothy Fors.

In the spring, her ashes will be laid to rest at her favorite place on earth where her father’s ashes were spread into eternal peace.

In lieu of flowers, Samantha’s friends and family would ask that donations and memorials be forwarded to the Elkton Missionary Church for a fund created specifically to support the continued care of her daughters Katie and Kelly. Please call 988-375-2597. Address 220 N. Main St. Elkton, Michigan 48731.

A memorial service was held in honor of Samantha’s life on December 6, at the Elkton Missionary Church.



Susanne Sheridan

Susanne Maria Sheridan, 48, of Cass City, died Monday, December 4, 2017 in U of M Hospital, Ann Arbor following a long battle with Cystic Fibrosis.

She was born June 27, 1969 in St. John Hospital and Medical Center, Grosse Pointe to Kuno Wilhelm and Irmgard Elisabeth (Schulte) Fernholz.

She married Bruce Allen Sheridan August 10, 2001 at home in her parent’s garden.

Susanne attended Grosse Pointe High School South and then graduated from Our Lady Star of the Sea High School in Grosse Pointe Woods. Sue attended Mary Grove College in Detroit studying social work, graduating with honors. She worked as a pharmacy tech in the Detroit area for ten years. Sue was chosen the German American Queen in 1990 proudly serving the Detroit area for a year. She was a member of the German American Club in Detroit, now Sterling Heights, and a member of the Kinder Chor of German House, Detroit. Susanne was honored to work in the Brightmore Community in Detroit as a social worker for nearly seven years.

After her marriage to Bruce, they moved to Unionville. There she began Sociable Sue’s Day Care. This was an appropriate name, as Sue was very giving, social, medically knowledgeable and took wonderful care of the children in her charge. Sue was an advocate for children and terminally ill people. She provided a hopeful path for others with Cystic Fibrosis for a possible longer than normal life expectancy. Susanne was a member of the National Association of Social Workers and a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Our Lady Consolata Parish. Susanne and Bruce are partners with Michael Zehnder working to create products to improve the quality of life for those with PICC lines and ports. Sue enjoyed cooking, loved music (taking voice lessons from age 13 for as long as her health allowed), and especially loved spending time with Roselieg and Austin.

Susanne is survived by her husband, Bruce; children: Anita (David Gillis) Hill of Bay City, Lukas Sheridan of Cass City; grandchildren: Roselieg, Austin and the third grandchild due in July; mother, Irmgard Fernholz of Cass City; brother, Rick (Jane) Fernholz of Gilford, NH; sister, Adrienne (John) Mikkola of Largo, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kuno W. Fernholz.

A funeral service was held December 9, in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown with the Rev. Christian Tabares officiating.

Interment was Monday, December 11, in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to youcaring.com Love For Sue. 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.

Marlene Wallace

Marlene Helen Wallace [Ulfig], 72, of Cass City, died Saturday, December 2, 2017 with her loving family beside her at United Hospice Residence in Marlette.

Marlene was born April 26, 1945 in Detroit, to the late Ray and Helen Ulfig.

She later married Jack Duane Wallace on September 24, 1966 in Cass City. They were married for 42 wonderful years. Marlene graduated from Cass City High School, and attended Delta College for 2 years. After a few years in the Metro Area, she and Jack returned to Cass City to operate an Adult Foster Care Home for 15 years. She enjoyed cooking, baking, going out for lunch, and shopping. She was avid watcher of sports, especially the Tigers, Red Wings, and NASCAR. She loved watching Christmas movies, spending time with her grandchildren, and loved ones. She was a member and attended at least one daily Mass at Our Lady of Consolata Parish.

Marlene is survived by her children: Jeff Wallace of Cass City, Debra Hool of Cass City, brother: Danny (Peggy) Ulfig of Cass City, grandchildren: Justin, Christopher, Korey, Halie, Tyler, sisters & brothers-in-law: Bea Wallace of Owosso, Alfred (Charlie) Wallace of Cass City, Jim Mayfield of Decker, Marilyn Ziemba of Decker, Arnold (Sharon) Erla of Cass City, Carol Hartman of Cass City. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband Jack, grand-daughter Ashley, brother Norman, brothers-in-law: Leonard Ziemba and Robert Wallace, sister-in-law: Beverly Mayfield.

Cremation has taken place and Celebratory Mass will be held 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19 at Our Lady of Consolata Parish in Cass City, where friends may visit 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Father Christian Tabares celebrant.

Marlene’s remains will be interred in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Jansen Family Funeral Home of Columbiaville.

Share memories, condolences, and pictures online with the family at www.jansenfuneralhome.com.



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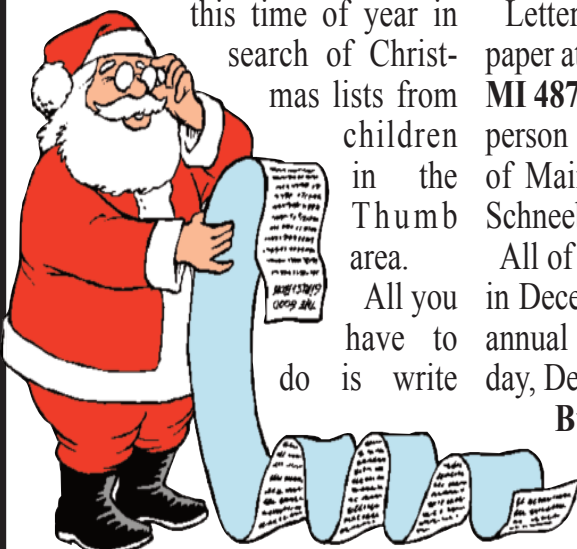
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Letters can also be mailed to the paper at: **6550 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726**, or drop them off to us in person (we’re located at the corner of Main and Oak streets, next to Schneeberger’s).

All of the letters will be published in December - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 20.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 12 Cass City @ Harbor Beach USA @ Ubly	Cass City USA	Cass City USA	Harbor Beach USA	Harbor Beach USA
THURSDAY, DEC. 14 EPBP @ Cass City USA @ Reese Marlette @ Ubly	Cass City Reese Marlette	Cass City Reese Marlette	Cass City USA Marlette	Cass City Reese Ubly
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K of C recognizes top local spellers



THE CASS CITY Knights of Columbus Council 8892 recently sponsored its annual spelling bee. The top five spellers representing sixth graders at Cass City Elementary are (pictured above, from left) first place, Lance Britt; second place, Natalie Holdburg; third place, Diana Cortes; fourth place, Robert Krueger; and fifth place, Nolan Medere. Each of the winners received a \$5 gift card to McDonald's and passes to the Cass Theatre. The top four spellers are also invited to participate in a K of C diocese spelling bee scheduled for Feb. 11.



THE TOP CASS City spellers in grades seven through nine are (from left) first place, Vaughn Severance; second place, Chloe Russell; third place, Raeven Periso; fourth place, Hunter Turnbull; and fifth place, Gabe Schwendinger. Cass City Knights of Columbus Council 8892 sponsored the competition and presented the winners with \$5 gift cards to McDonald's along with Cass Theatre passes.

Christmas Spirit

Huron County deputies join effort to help families during the holidays

Huron County Sheriff's deputies joined have again joined with county businesses, organizations, individuals and a small army of volunteers to help make the holidays something special for hundreds of youngsters.

Deputies were working side by side Saturday, distributing toys at North Huron High School with Huron County Juvenile Office Kelly Leavine, who also serves as Huron County's Toys for Tots coordinator.

“This effort began seven years ago when Leavine was a full-time deputy sheriff and has continued with overwhelming success,” Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said. “When she originally took the task over, around 100 kids were being helped. Now it has grown to over 300.

"Each year when the Toys for Tots campaign begins, our deputies place and retrieve the majority of toy collection boxes, as well as the monetary donation containers throughout our county," Hanson added. "They also conduct the registration and screening portion of the event at our office."

"This whole program is no small undertaking, and our county's residents, factories and businesses have been extremely supportive."

During Saturday's distribution, organizers estimated nearly \$40,000 worth of toys were given to parents or guardians of children who wouldn't have otherwise found much under their Christmas trees due to family hardships.

Hanson indicated the campaign was truly a community effort.

"Leavine was assisted during the event by 44 volunteers who consisted of deputies, Bay Port State Bank personnel, students from the North Huron and Harbor Beach Schools and family and friends of Leavine," he said. "The Ubyl Women's Life Chapter generously Christmas wrapped toys for parents wanting them wrapped."

“This whole organized distribution would have not been possible without the help of the volunteers, as well as being able to use the North Huron High School, which is also actually used year around to store leftover toys, or toys that come in before the campaign begins,” Hanson noted. “The goodwill project is certainly one that separates our county from many others.”

The sheriff's department also participates in and oversees is the distribution of monetary gifts and food gift certificates to residents and families experience difficult times in their lives.

"Some examples of those having a bad year include those who have lost a loved one, extended illness, grandparents having to raise grandchildren, those losing a job because their place of employment closes, etc. We've also helped a couple of non-profit organizations committed to the same cause," Hanson explained.

“This program began four years ago when caring Huron County citizens, wanting to remain anonymous, came to me and asked that we use our discretion to distribute \$100 bills, or \$100 food certificates to those who may have had a bad year, or are in a bad way. Each year I ask for recommendations of recipients from other local police agencies, clergy, municipal and school leaders and other agencies that deal with the well-being of people,” he continued.

"On average, we've been receiving around \$4,000 per year to distribute, but there was one year we got over \$7,000," Hanson said. "So far this year, we've received \$1,700 but we're hoping for a little more because we know of at least 39 (residents) who could use some extra help. I likely will do a follow-up update on this effort as we get closer to Christmas."

Shift to early start for schools alive and well in area

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The number of Huron County Schools planning to start school before Labor Day next fall is growing.

The Huron Intermediate School District (HISD) is expected to receive a waiver from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to start the 2018-19 school year before Labor Day if all schools in the county agree.

And schools in Tuscola County may be the next to ask for a waiver.

“Our superintendent group will be discussing this issue on Dec. 14 (when they meet),” said Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) Supt. Gene Pierce. “No decisions have been solidified at this time.”

Officials in the Cass City School District are taking the change to start the school year earlier under consideration.

"We are in negotiations with teachers now. That is something that probably will be looked at," said Cass City Supt. Jeff Hartel.

Legislation was enacted in 2005 — when Jennifer Granholm was governor of Michigan — prohibiting schools from starting classes before Labor Day. The goal behind the legislation was to boost tourism in the state.

However, recent proposed legislature, Senate Bill 271, would allow school districts to opt out of that requirement by getting a waiver from the MDE, allowing for an earlier start. However, the bill outlines that classes in August can only be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until September.

According to Pierce, there is only one school district in Tuscola County that is using an alternative school-year schedule.

"The Akron-Fairgrove (School District) was approved by MDE for a balanced calendar last year and they will continue for next year," he noted.

With the balanced school year schedule, students go to school year around with breaks throughout the year, instead of a full summer vacation.

Going with an earlier start is designed to address the “educational slide” students experience over the summer break. During that time off, many students have to relearn information from the previous school year. It also provides students with more time to prepare for standardized tests such as SAT and M-STEP.

"Everyone agrees student retention (of information) is better when there isn't a long lag between learning," Hartel explained, adding obtaining a waiver from the MDE isn't a difficult process. "If you want a special waiver to start early, the MDE will give it to you," he said.

If the Tuscola ISD gets a waiver to start classes in August, it could impact a school district located in two counties.

The Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District is in both Huron County and Tuscola County. When ISDs were created, USA officials selected going with the Tuscola ISD.

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