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Stand-off...

A YOUNG DEER and a tom turkey size each other up during a recent encounter near Cass City. "The yearling and tom went around in circles and then seemed to play in small challenges," said Connie Osentoski, who snapped the photo while witnessing the scene behind her VanDyke Road home.

Cass City FFA members earn host of honors at convention

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City FFA members represented their school and community well during the 90th annual Michigan FFA State Convention last week on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, bringing home an armful of awards.

Topping the achievements was Addy Battel's performance during the Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest. The sophomore claimed first place and the title of

state winner in the competition.

"The Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest requires participants to choose from among four major topics to study prior to the contest, I chose global agriculture and agriculture marketing," explained Battel, who was among six students to compete in a semi-final round before moving on to finals, where her presentation was deemed the best among a half-dozen finalists.

"We're allowed to have up to 100 sheets of reference material with us relating to our major topic," she

added. "Thirty minutes before we speak, we're allowed to choose between two questions related to our topic and prepare a four- to five-minute speech answering it."

Battel's success came after months of preparation, including hours of research and rehearsal, as well as paying close attention to current global agriculture topics.

Building and maintaining a certain level of confidence just before competing was among the biggest challenges, according to the teen, who indicated she was thrilled all of her hard work paid off.

"I felt very good about the speech I gave, but I really wasn't quite sure how I did," she said. "I was surprised when I got first, but

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CASS CITY High School sophomore Addy Battel was named winner of this year's state FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest Friday in East Lansing. She is pictured above with Region VI State Vice President Collin Randall.

Robo-Cards members top competition at Kettering

by Mary Drier
and Matt Ferguson
Special for the Chronicle

The motto of the Kingston School District's robotics teams for years has been, "No Gears, No Glory".

So far, it's been all glory for this year's team.

The Kingston Robo-Cards, FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition) Team 4994, representing Kingston High School, is in the middle of its fifth season of competition and is off to a great start.

"Kingston and Deckerville's robotics teams along with a team from Rochester Adam High School won the Kettering robotics competition," said Kingston School's Superintendent Matt Drake. "This is a pretty big deal for both Kingston and Deckerville. It is quite an accomplishment for two Thumb schools that have a fraction of the financial resources and a fraction of the human support that many of the suburban and urban teams

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Suspects face years in prison for roles in overdose death

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Two Cass City men face potentially lengthy prison terms for their roles in the heroin overdose death of a Caro woman last spring at an Elmwood Township residence.

Adam R. Maxson, 32 – the boyfriend of the victim – and Tyler J. Meffer, 24, were both sentenced last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court in connection with the death of Emily Lynn Dennis, 26. Dennis was found deceased during the early morning hours of April 20 at a home on Dodge Road. Investigators reported she died of drug intoxication.

Maxson, who pleaded no contest to felony charges of delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), inducing another person to deliver cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), and homicide - involuntary manslaughter, was ordered to serve six to 20 years in prison.

Maxson was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$394.

Meffer, meanwhile, was sentenced to 34 months to 20 years in prison and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$326. He previously pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams), and possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams).

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Caro students face charges for threats

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Two more Tuscola County youths face criminal charges after allegedly making threats against an area school district early last week.

An eighth-grade Caro Middle School student has been charged with one count of "terrorism" in connection with an alleged threat reported Monday night, according to Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene.

A day later, school officials confirmed another Caro student – this time a female high school student – allegedly made a threat and is expected to face legal action.

"Based on information from students and further investigation by law enforcement, (she) was arrested and placed into detention to await a trial on the 20-year federal terrorism charge. She doesn't own or have access to weapons, and I pray that it was (just) a terrible decision," said Caro Schools Supt. Bob Smith, who is encouraging all parents to have a serious conversation with their sons and daughters regarding the risks involved in making threats aimed at schools.

There are at least four teenagers being detained in Tuscola County fa-

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OK2SAY

State program takes in record number of tips in February '18

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette last week reported a record-setting 680 tips were recorded by the state's OK2SAY program in February.

Suicide threats remained the number one most-reported tip, with 127, but the 119 tips involving alleged planned school attacks accounted for 18 percent of the total in February, representing what Schuette called a

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Inside This Week

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KINGSTON HIGH School sophomore Isaac Muxlow displays the "Innovation in Controls" team award presented to the Robo-Cards at Kettering University.

O-G selects "students of month"

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for February is being an "Effective Communicator". A student who is an effective communicator speaks, reads, writes and listens effectively. They also use numbers effectively and use effective non-verbal language. The following students



Ava Sheufelt

have been chosen: Ava Sheufelt, third grade (elementary level), daughter of David and Brooke Sheufelt; Amber Haldane, seventh grade (junior high level), daughter of Robert and Patty Haldane; Jameson McKnight, ninth grade (high school level), son of Todd and Rebecca McKnight; and Madyson Fuerst, twelfth grade (senior student), daughter of Kelly Westfall and Troy Fuerst.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Madyson Fuerst. Fuerst was a member of the band, choir and yearbook staff her freshman and sophomore years at Reese High School, as well as participated in track and basketball. As a junior, at Owen-Gage, Fuerst participated in basketball. She was inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior and currently serves as the chapter's vice-president, and she also is the senior class vice-president and member of this year's yearbook staff.

Fuerst has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club the past three years. She was a homecoming representative her junior year and a snowball queen nominee her senior year. Fuerst has been very active as a member of the P.A.C. Squad (Post-secondary Action Council) the past two years and is this year's president. She has attended the Huron Area Technical Center enrolled in the health sciences program the past two years and has been a member of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America).

In her spare time, Fuerst enjoys reading, writing, walking and learning new knowledge especially about the medical world.

Fuerst plans to attend Mott Community College this fall for two years before transferring to U of M—Flint to become a registered nurse. She then plans to earn her masters and become a psychiatric nurse.



Amber Haldane



Jameson McKnight



Madyson Fuerst

Ubly officials announce honor students

Ubly Junior/Senior High School officials recently announced the 2017-2018 Honor Roll for the second marking period.

Grade 12

Levi Block, Danielle Briolat*, Justin Briolat*, Chantelle Burk, Delanie Candela*, Rachel Cook*, Dylan Crickon, Evan Franzel, Kendra Franzel, Andrew Gilbert*, Lauren Gillig*, Emily Gosdzinski*, Alex Grifka, Jacob Halifax, Emma Hembrough, Ariana Kaczor, Macy Knoblock*, Emily Kubacki, Ashton Lemke*, Sklyer Lesoski, Matthew Maikrzek, Josilyn McCoy, Peyton McLellan, Jason Mierop*, Jordon Monzo, Brent Osentoski, Mary-Christine Osentoski, Katelyn Palmer*, Kara Peruski, Shaquala Rich*, Emelia Rodriguez*, Izabel Rodriguez*, Kacie Roggenbuck*, Madelyn Smalley, Katrina Stevenson, Nicholas Swanson, Brett Sweeney, Ryan Sweeney, Samantha Sweeney, Jacob Uhl*, Madeline Ulfig, Savannah Walker*, Zackary Walker*, Janelle White, Todd Wollin and Amber Wolschleger.

Grade 11

Mirela Araujo, Isaac Booms, Joshua Brandel*, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming, Amber Essenmacher, Rebekka Foster, Bethany Gornowicz*, Anna Greyerbiehl*, Haili Gusa*, Dylan Hagen, Cassie Holdwick, Cheyenne Janik, Kelsey Knoblock*, Ethan Lemke, Parker Lipskey, Jaleesa Mattox, Anna Messing, Nolan Murray, Kylie Ogryski, Arisa Osentoski*, Natalie Pallas, Rebecca Particka, Madelyn Peplinski, Alexis Pionk, Cheyenne Porzondek*, Ashley Puvalowski, Brooke Ritter, Ryche Roggenbuck*, Brittney Schmidt, Sabrina Schumacher, Jason Smalley, Sadie Souva*, McKenzie Stomack*, Mackenzie Uhl, Mikaela Van Erp, Mikkayla Verellen, Amanda Weaver and Nicholas Wright.

Grade 10

Olivia Brown, Austin Cregeur, Kali Dutcher, Alexandria Figard, Grant Geiger*, Andrea Grifka, Amanda Halifax, Rachel Leppek, Shelby May, Claire Melnick, Hannah Melnik, Ellie Peruski, Lacey Pionk, Caleb Powers, Isle Roggenbuck, Hannah Schroeder, Jaiden Schulte*, Abigail Sorenson, Katelyn Sweeney*, Jaelyn Toth, Danielle Tschirhart, Sierra Walker, Jazmyne Warchuck and Zachary Ziehm.

Grade 9

Alivia Bischer*, Kendra Glaza,

Josephine Gusa*, Cole Hagen, Katie Heilig, Carson Heleski, Amanda Hill, Kalli House, Markus Howard, Justin Johnson, Haley Klama*, Haley Krueger*, Shelby Kuntze*, Allison Lautner, Dajnae Leipprandt, Erin McCarty*, Reese McLellan, Shelby Messing*, Madison Michalski, Sarah Peplinski*, Levi Peruski, Dawson Schumacher, Samantha Souva*, Gabriel Sweeney, Nolan Van Erp* and Elizabeth Weber*.

Grade 8

Jenna Arntz, Matthew Brandel, Bryce Essenmacher, Alexander Foote, Nora Franzel*, Trinity Franzel*, Ethan Gillig, Katelyn Grifka, Tess Grifka*, Alexis Guigar, Lindsey Guza*, Theron Harris*, Ryan Hill, Carter Hughes, Lily Kieliszewski*, Brady Langenburg, Kylie Maurer, Hailey Mausolf*, Logan Mueller*, Colin Oberski, Myah

Schulte*, Emma Smalley*, Annisa Smith, Lydia Smithers, Leah Stringer, Alexander Susalla, Kyle Sweeney, Coleton Taylor, Dallas Hunter Walker and Emma Widger.

Grade 7

Haylee Arlitt, Joy Auman, Jeanna Bischer*, Gabrielle Bukoski, Michael Cook, Cameron Ferris, Christopher Gosdzinski, Maze Gusa*, Abigail Guza*, Carly Guza, Mark Heilig, Cailee Janik, Alyson Jones, Jalyne Kolar*, Adrianna Learman-Essenmacher, Anthony McCarty*, Abigail Michalski, Jarrett Nast*, Alayna Osontoski, DeLaney Peruski, Taylor Peruski, Alexis Schmidt, Jacob Schroeder, Jenna Stambaugh, Jace Susalla, Seth Sweeney, Andrew Vogel, Logan Volmering*, Samantha Warczinsky and Mercedes Wolschleger.

*Denotes all A's

Rawson Library set to host Senior Movies this week

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will be hosting its next Senior Citizen Movies Friday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m.

Slated to be shown this month is "Maui and the Big Island, Oahu & Kauai" - The moment you set foot on the Hawaiian Islands, you feel as if you've stepped into another world. The warm breeze is scented with orchids, and the changing landscape morphs from sun-drenched coastline to misty rainforest to volcanic splendor.

Most of us take one look at Hawaii and it is love at first sight. A small archipelago in the vast Pacific, Hawaii has long been a magnet for cultural exchange, drawing influences from Asia, America and other Pacific islands (100 minutes).

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

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Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up
Thursday, March 15, 2018
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

You will need to bring your child's original birth certificate, immunization records, and health appraisal (if available). For Pre-school you must also have proof of residency and income.

For more information call: Marilee Faist for Kindergarten and Samantha Minkler for Pre-school (989) 678-4141 or go to our website www.owengage.org

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4		9						1
	1		5	8				
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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Tom Montgomery
Editor

Responsibility fees elimination overdue

The Michigan Legislature and Gov. Rick Snyder recently did away with a set of fees that for years have weighed heavily on those least able to afford them.

Action on those fees was overdue, especially considering the barriers they placed between citizens and their ability to get back on their feet by finding and keeping employment.

“Driver responsibility fees (DRF) ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 — charged on top of tickets issued to drivers for everything from multiple speeding tickets to drunken driving — are being eliminated and a new program will assist individuals who have entered into payment plans as well as provide for possible license reinstatement under legislation Snyder signed earlier this month.

The Driver Responsibility Fee Program was instituted in 2003 by the legislature and former Gov. Jennifer Granholm to assess fees for driving offenses of varying levels of severity.

“Supporters gave lip service to the notion that this was about traffic safety, but everyone knew it was really a revenue grab,” said Jack McHugh, senior legislative analyst for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

“At the time many predicted the ‘bad driver tax’ burdens would fall most heavily on those at the lower end of the income spectrum, and that the state would never collect the \$65 million in annual revenue the measure was projected to extract. Both predictions came true as a House committee heard last fall in testimony on a bill to terminate the fees and cancel the debt of individuals who fell behind paying them.”

The new legislation eliminates those fees as of Oct. 1, 2018, instead of Oct. 1, 2019, when they were originally slated to end.

Under the package of bills signed by Snyder, the Michigan Department of Treasury can no longer collect outstanding fees beginning Sept. 30. In addition, it specifies that drivers are no longer liable for any fees that remain outstanding and can have their license reinstated.

The legislation ends responsibility for the balance of fees for drivers who had entered into an installment agreement to pay their fees on or before Feb. 1, 2018, and makes drivers eligible to have their license reinstated if they were otherwise in compliance with the law.

Individuals enrolled in a workforce training payment program will be eligible to have their license reinstated and fees waived upon completion of the program.

The legislation also eliminates the separate reinstatement fee of \$125 charged by the Secretary of State to reinstate a license that was suspended due to unpaid DRFs from the date the bills were signed (March 1) until December 31.

“As a prosecutor in Genesee County, I saw the burden these fees put on families, and I saw how hard it was for far too many people to live under their weight,” House Speaker Tom Leonard said of the need to eliminate DRFs.

“This repeal is the right thing to do for the people of Michigan. These bills will put 300,000 hard-working people back into the workforce, and they give hundreds of thousands of families a new opportunity to make a living,” Leonard added.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Working like a dog



One of my friends owns her own business, so she is able to take her dog to work regularly. And, another friend who works in an office is also able to occasionally bring her dog to work.

I would have loved to have been able to do that back when I worked in an office. My black Lab, Sergeant, was my fur baby. That is why a recent news story caught my interest. The report focused on a company in another state that not only allows employees to bring their dog to work, but they also encourage it.

The rationale for allowing the practice was the employer realized workers were happier and more productive when they had their dogs with them. They also realized it was good for the morale of fellow employees who didn't have a dog, because they would visit and pet the dogs when they were on breaks.

The report also noted that having a pet helps a person live longer, have better health, and helps fight depression.

I can totally understand that. No one loves a person more unconditionally than a dog or is more faithful than a dog. A dog is there to excitedly greet a person, even if they have only been gone a few minutes. A dog makes a person smile and laugh at its silly antics.

While I would have dearly loved to have taken Sergeant to work with me, I don't think he would sit quietly while I typed and talked on the phone all day. When I worked from home, Sergeant would tolerate my being on the computer for a while, but then he would start ducking his muzzle under my arm to flip my hand off the computer keyboard so I could pet him.

Back when I worked in an office, I had my work-day routine, and Sergeant had his routine. His routine consisted of sleeping on one of two couches, or on his side of my bed on his special blanket.

When not sleeping, his other routine was looking out the window to watch rabbits nibble on grass, birds flying or hopping around eating worms, and watching a groundhog destroy the garden.

Our routines worked well for several years. Besides, I loved his excited greeting and tail wags when I came


home. His tail would wag so hard when he saw me it would almost throw him off balance.

After considering the joy of a dog's greetings, I guess it is better to let sleeping dogs lie...on a bed, couch, or wherever they want.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Yours for the taking. I have hauled three work stands to the parking lot behind the Chronicle and if you haul them, you own them.

The old wooden tables, some with drawers, vary in lengths up to about 8' long and all have heavy 3-inch thick stone tabletops. They were ideal for the print industry, especially before digital printing.

The slabs — over 50-years-old — probably would work for someone else, maybe a person with a work shop.

In an effort to protect Michigan taxpayers, the Michigan Department of Treasury continues to implement security measures to stop tax-related identity theft. As a result, some individual income tax returns may be selected for identity confirmation.

If an individual income tax return has been selected for identity confirmation, the taxpayer will receive a letter from state Treasury Department asking them to confirm their identity by completing a short online quiz or submitting paperwork. A phone option is available as an alternative to the online quiz.

After a taxpayer confirms his or her identity, their tax refund will be issued in about a month.

“Our priority is to protect Michigan taxpayers from cybercriminals,” said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, head of Treasury's Tax Administration Group. “As we make progress in the fight against tax-related identity theft, cybercriminals are getting more sophisticated when impersonating taxpayers and filing fraudulent returns. This additional layer of security helps ensure the appropriate taxpayers receive their much-deserved refunds.”

Taxpayers who have been recent victims of identity theft are asked to report their circumstances to the state Treasury Department. Reporting identity theft helps thwart cybercriminals who attempt to file returns and steal state tax refunds.

In 2017, increased security measures protected more than 4,000 taxpayers who confirmed their identity was stolen and used to request state of Michigan refunds. This prevented more than \$16 million from being distributed to scammers.

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees. Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2018 and receive 10 free white pine trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees.

“White pine trees or white flowering dogwoods will add beauty to your home throughout the year,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Dogwoods are known for their showy spring flowers and red berries that attract songbirds during winter. White pine trees are fast-growing landscape trees that will break heavy winds, making them an ideal addition to any yard.”

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

With planting instructions included, the trees will be shipped at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE WHITE PINE, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 2018, or join online at arborday.org/march.

Cass City recorded a bountiful 14” of snowfall last week, giving area youngsters two more snow days at Cass City Public Schools.

Kylee Kelley, age 10, enjoyed her days off, and with the help of her dad Brian, built a pair of massive snowmen plus a few little ones.

Kelley said it took an 8-foot ladder and four wheeler ramps to get them together. You can check out the display at 4835 Spruce

St., Cass City.
Great job Kelley family!



Letters to the Editor

Let's keep pool, park in best shape possible

Dear editor,

Friday I attended the Cass City Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at the municipal building. They reviewed the many things in the park that needed repairs or replacing, which have been neglected.

The exception to this situation is the boys' and girls' Little League baseball fields. That organization has done an exceptional job of updating their facilities. They're the best in the Midwest! And, they did this through their own efforts and with the help of the Pinney Foundation.

The Cass City Rotary, Lions and Gavel clubs, and the Pinney Foundation all have a long history of strong support for the park.

I'm pleased to report that our village manager, Ms. Powell, and the parks and rec committee of Mr. Herron and Mr. Piaskowski, have done their homework and are already tackling the problems. The major and most costly issue is the pool. The liner and tiles need replacing and, to do it correctly, is probably \$150,000. Right now the pool building is getting new siding and trim with labor donated by Tom Herron.

The rest of the park needs a lot of repair, especially the bathroom facilities, pavilions, gazebo, storage sheds and basketball courts.

I learned to swim in the old pool...my late husband, Gerald, was a lifeguard in the old pool. My father-in-law, Otto Prieskorn, started the fundraising for the old pool with a \$100 donation. All my children learned to swim in Cass City public pools.

Cass City's pool and park are among our greatest assets. Let's keep it that way!

Geraldine Prieskorn
Cass City

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Wednesday, March 14

•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, March 15

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Friday, March 16

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

Saturday, March 17

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

Monday, March 19

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. 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, March 20

•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
•Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly 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
•Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly 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 Wednesday:

•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., Ubyly. 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.

Two injured in Sanilac crash

Two people were injured in a traffic crash late last Wednesday afternoon in Sanilac County's Lamotte Township.

According to Sgt. Shelly Park of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, Sanilac Central Dispatch received a 911 call reporting the accident occurred on Sanilac Road west of VanDyke Road.

"A 2000 Buick Le Sabre driven by 18-year-old Kaylee Ureel from

Peck was westbound on Sanilac Road when she lost control and slid sideways into the eastbound traffic," Park reported. "An eastbound 2008 Chrysler Town and Country driven by 47-year-old Patrick Zaren of Applegate was unable to avoid the collision and struck the passenger side of the Le Sabre.

"The driver from Peck and a passenger, 23-year-old Sheila Ko-

lakowski of Sandusky from the Chrysler (vehicle) were transported by Marlette EMS to Marlette Regional Hospital for treatment of injuries."

Park, who said the accident remains under investigation, noted deputies were assisted at the scene by troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, and the Lamotte Township and Marlette fire departments.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Joseph J. Finkbeiner, 75, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 2 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,758.

*Timothy E. Smith, 31, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 18 in Juniata Township.

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

*Justin R. Humes, 37, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to criminal sexual conduct, second degree, Jan. 9, 2016, in Juniata Township.

He was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Michael W. Richmond, 43, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana and possession of marijuana Feb. 14 in Caro.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Jeremy C. Smith, 39, Otter Lake, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a dangerous weapon (metallic knuckles) Dec. 8 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be

scheduled.

*Omar Herrera, 29, Cass City, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, second offense, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Jan. 1 in Novesta Township.

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

*Justen C. Pitcher, 33, Caro, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building May 17 in Tuscola County. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Timothy A. Czarniak, 56, Caro, was sentenced to 113 days in jail following his plea of no contest to larceny in a building June 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Preston T. Berry, 29, Vassar, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison following his plea of guilty to assaulting or obstructing a public officer Sept. 20 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258.

*Carl E. Savage Jr., 35, Caro, was sentenced to 210 days in jail and 36 months probation following his plea of no contest to carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent Oct. 25 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time and probation, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus restitution of \$215.

*Karl S. Schank, 51, Columbiaville, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and one count of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent Oct. 23 in Novesta Township.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,194.

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Reporter's notebook

I'm not afraid
of everything..

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I took the basic psychology classes while pursuing my journalism degree when I was in college and found them interesting, but life has taught me to steer clear of the subject as much as possible.

I suppose the whole idea that ignorance is bliss comes into play here, sort of like avoiding doctors' appointments because you're afraid someone's going to tell you something is wrong that you weren't aware of and now you have to deal with it via tests, meds, diet, etc., and who needs that?

At the same time, I've been known to live dangerously now and then. Recently, a wave of curiosity got the best of me, prompting me to dabble in a little Internet research for fun. The topic? The scientific names for my biggest (and smallest) fears.

I was pleasantly surprised to find I'm in pretty good shape.

Sure, I suffer from Dentophobia (fear of dentists), Nosocomophobia (fear of hospitals), Traumatophobia (fear of injury), Tropophobia (fear of moving or making changes), and Politicophobia (fear or "abnormal" dislike of politicians).

And, it goes without saying (but I will anyway) that I have a healthy case of Methyphobia (fear of alcohol).

I'm reasonably certain my wife would tell you I occasionally (or frequently) suffer from Phronemophobia (fear of thinking). That's fine. The way I figure it, she suffers from a mild case of Allodoxophobia (fear of other people's - specifically my - opinion). Okay, so maybe she isn't actually afraid of my opinion, but why does she still ask about my preference in a color or style of furniture (or whatever) if she's only going to roll her eyes and go with her gut instinct anyway?

But I digress.

I don't know if there's a clinical name for it, but I'm definitely afraid that my wife or one of my daughters will bring another cat to our home. No, I don't fear cats (Felinophobia) - I just don't like the varmints.

Anyway, I was relieved to learn I definitely don't suffer from Walloonophobia. Not surprisingly, this is the name given to describe the fear of Walloons (French-speaking people who live in Belgium, principally in Wallonia).

Phew!

Of course there's a whole slew of other phobias I don't suffer from, including the fear of beautiful women (Venustraphobia). Well, unless I make a smart remark around my better half, then I'm back to Traumatophobia. I've also had no problems with Rupophobia (fear of dirt) or Verbophobia (fear of words) or omphalophobia (fear of belly buttons).

Unlike Charlie Brown, I believe it's safe to say I don't have Panophobia (fear of everything).

I've heard it said there's no fear you can't whip with enough determination (and/or therapy), but I'm not convinced the suggestion realistically applies to everything that turns our insides into knots, making us immediately feel uneasy.

On the other hand, maybe the late U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was right in his first inaugural address back in 1933 when he said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself - nameless, unreasoning, terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

It sounds reassuring, of course, but tell that to my oldest daughter anytime a spider comes within a hundred yards of her personal space.

Oh well. If you think you might have a phobia I haven't listed, I'm afraid I can't help you.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki recently presented Sanilac County Central Dispatch Director Dawn Cubitt with the 2012 Sheriff's Distinguished Deputy Award during his department's annual awards ceremony. Detective Mark Ruggles was named the 2012 Uniform Services Deputy of the Year.

Children's book author Rhonda Gowler Greene demonstrates the different shapes she uses in her book, "When a Line Bends, A Shape Begins", during her visit with Cass City Elementary School students Friday in conjunction with National Reading Month.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Air Force Airman Leon D. Sullins has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the 6 weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Sullins is the son of Dale Sullins of Deford, and Janet Sullins of Woodlawn, Tenn. He is a 2004 graduate of Cass City High School.

Both Cass City middle school students earned the title of state champion this month, wrestling for the Caro Growlers youth League. Nick Adkins compiled an impressive 37-1 record wrestling in the heavy weight division, while Josh Jensen, who wrestles in the 170 pound weight class, has a mark of 45-1.

April Nowaczyk has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for March. Nowaczyk has been very active in athletics and has won numerous awards throughout her high school career. She has been a member of the basketball, volleyball and softball teams all 4 years, and was a member of the golf team as a freshman. She also served as a class officer each year and currently is the student council secretary. The daughter of Pam Nowaczyk of Gagetown and Todd Nowaczyk of Cass City, she plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University in the fall to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Owen-Gage School officials recently announced the top students of the Class of 1993, led by Valedictorian Shane Martindale and Salutatorian Tanya Muntz.

Born to Richard and Susan Wilfong of Snover, a baby boy, Richard Wade, born March 4.

Malachi Robert Ware, first child of Kay (Loomis) and Ethan R. Ware of Winnsboro, S.C., was born March 10. Malachi weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ware of Orlando, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Don Loomis of Cass City.

Brittany Ann Karavas, daughter of Wayne and Tem Karavas, Cass City, celebrated her third birthday Saturday with a party at home. Twenty members of the family and friends attended the party. She is the granddaughter of Florence Farkas of Dearborn Heights and John and Wanda Karavas of Dearborn and the great-granddaughter of Bernadette Miller of Dearborn.

Jerry and Karen Nicol of Cass City announce the birth of a son, Ethan Michael, March 13. Ethan weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces and was 22 inches long. He joins 16-month-old Elise at home. Maternal grandparents are Harold and Fay Ballagh of Cass City. Paternal grandparents are Stuart and Vera Nicol of Cass City.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Bill E. Zeidler, son of Bonnie L. and Bill E. Zeidler Sr., Cass City, recently received a letter of commendation. Zeidler was cited for superior performance of duty while assigned with Helicopter

Mine Countermeasures Squadron 14, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va. He consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. The 1989 graduate of Cass City High School joined the Navy in June 1989.

Cass City's Cub Scouts held their annual "Pine Wood Derby" Saturday. Winners in the Wolf Rank were: 1st Jeff Thompson, 2nd Jason Barrigar, 3rd Bryan Sams. Winners in Bears were: 1st Christopher Morrish; 2nd Dean McBride, 3rd Chris Mills. The Webelo winners were: 1st Kyle Ross, 2nd Brad Ypma, 3rd Aaron Volz. Overall grand champion winner was Kyle Ross.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Marine Pvt. Marek J. Kocan, son of Helmut and Irena Kocan of Elmwood Road, Cass City, has returned from a deployment to the Aleutian Islands and Western Canada. He is a member of the 17th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU), Camp Pendleton, Calif. During the deployment, the MAU participated in exercise "Kernel Potlatch." The combined U.S. and Canadian exercise, conducted on remote Amchitka Island in the Western Aleutian Islands, was designed to test the joint operations of American and Canadian forces in cold weather. The amphibious exercise involved approximately 7,000 members of the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Air Force, and 800 members of Canadian land, sea, and air elements. Port visits were made to Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Tom Proctor, Maynard McConkey and Harold Pery were in Ypsilanti Friday to attend the 31st annual mid-America conference of men's swimming and diving championships at Eastern Michigan University.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Krohn, Elkton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Jeanine, of Rochester to Mark Patrick Price, Fort Myer, Va., son of Mrs. Janet Price, Bad Axe, and Mr. and Mrs. Gainor Price, Deford. Miss Krohn graduated from Laker High School in 1980 and is attending Oakland University, Rochester. Price graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1980 and from Michigan Career Institute in Detroit in 1981. He is a member of the U.S. Army "Old Guard", stationed in Fort Myer. A June 25 wedding at the Elkton United Methodist Church is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buehrly and daughter Christine, Mrs. Larry Buehrly and son Nathan arrived home Friday from an eight day trip to Florida. They visited Epcot Center and Cass Cityans who are spending the winter in Florida.

Cub Scout of the year awards were presented Feb. 28 by Evelyn MacRae to Ken Micklash, Steve Bills and Mike Bills.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Sherril Thane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis J. Thane of Cass City, has been named to the Dean's List and cumulative achievement honors at Huntington College, Huntington, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beardsley had as guests Friday and Saturday, their daughter, Mrs. Richard Beach, and her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham and son Ryan of Alto.

Three area residents graduated from Michigan State University Saturday. Kathy Auvil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Auvil of, Snover, received a B.S. degree in psychology. She is planning to attend graduate school. Linda Koepfgen, daughter of Mrs. Ken Maharg of Koepfgen Road, Cass City, received a B.S. degree in foods. She has accepted a position in the food and beverage department of the firm that operates the lodges at Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. Dale R. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allen of Kingston, received a B.S. degree in business and labor relations. He is presently considering which of two job offers to accept, according to his mother.

As could be expected, powerful Frankenthum dominated the

Thumb B Conference all-league volleyball team named last week by coaches, with three girls chosen for the six-person dream squad. Cass City placed Vicky Lapp, senior, with three years of varsity experience.

Navy Seaman Apprentice David M. Langenburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Langenburg of Germania Rd., Snover, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Langenburg of Roscommon, recently departed for an extended deployment in the Mediterranean Sea. He is serving as a crew member aboard the Norfolk - a based destroyer tender ISS Puget Sound. While deployed, his ship will operate as a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Frances Marie Goss and Jerry L. Wilkinson were married in the Novesta Baptist Church Feb. 17. The Rev. George Harmon, pastor, officiated at the 7:30 evening ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Goss of Deford and Mr., and Mrs. Leslie Wilkinson of Onaway are the couple's parents.

Larry Hartwick will receive the State Farmer Degree Thursday at the 40th annual State Convention of FFA at Michigan State University, East Lansing. He is attending the convention with Dave Milligan and Dave Little, official delegates from the Cass City FFA chapter.

Michael D. Comment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Comment, is the valedictorian of the Owendale-Gagetown class of IOCS, it was revealed last week by Principal Keith E. Moore.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

David McComb is proudly wearing a "Purple Heart" decoration which was awarded, posthumously, to his son, Private Geo. W. McComb, infantryman, who made the supreme sacrifice while in action in the Southwest Pacific area on Jan. 9. "The decoration carries the engraving, "For Military Merit, Geo. W. McComb." Major General J. A. Ulio, in a letter recently to David McComb, informed the father of the award. The Purple Heart was originally established by General George Washington at Newburgh, August 7, 1782, during the War of the Revolution. Out of respect to the memory of General Washington and in recognition of his military achievements, the decoration was revived by the War Department on February 22, 1932, the two hundredth anniversary of his birth. It is awarded to persons who, while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, are wounded in action against an enemy of the United States, or are killed in action, or who die as a direct result of wounds received in action.

Staff Sgt. Lemuel Stanzel and Mrs. Stanzel have returned to Gilroy, California, where Sgt. Stanzel is stationed, after being home on furlough visiting Mr. Stanzel's mother, Mrs. Jack Gies, of R. R. No. 2, Unionville. He was drafted into the Army on March 6, 1941.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

A miscellaneous shower was given Mr. and Mrs. George Smith last Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Parm Karr. Mrs. Smith received many useful gifts.

Mason Wilson and family of Elkton have moved to Cass City and occupy the Muck residence, corner of Pine land Oak streets. Mr. Wilson is employed at the Hires Condensary.

The daylight saving bill was signed by President Wilson. It puts all clocks forward an hour on the last Sunday in March and turns them back again the last Sunday in October. The daylight saving plan will go into effect and be observed without the slightest disorganization or impairment of existing conditions. Trains will run as usual, and every feature of day life into which the element of time enters will remain unchanged. The rationale is to minimize the use of artificial lighting to save fuel for the war effort.

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OK2SAY tips set new record in February

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“substantial increase” in that category.

Law enforcement officials in Tuscola County say it’s a shame communities are having to deal with threats against schools. However, at the same time, the increase in the number of people reporting those threats is seen as a positive in terms of preventing a tragedy from unfolding in Tuscola County.

“It’s excellent that the information is being passed along, and extraordinarily disconcerting that we have this many (tips) that have to be passed along,” Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said.

Information provided by students as well as adults has played a vital role in investigations that have resulted in five middle and high school students – in the Cass City, Caro, Mayville and Millington school districts — facing criminal charges for making threats against Tuscola County schools this year. And, according to prosecutor, other investigations are underway that haven’t yet resulted in charges.

Most recently, a Caro Middle School student and another student at the high school were arrested in separate cases for making threats early last week (see related story, this page).

In every case, Reene said, “all of the information is being taken seriously. There’s no means for schools or law enforcement to say, ‘well in that instance, they’re kidding’.

“The first and main priority is the safety of schools, students, teachers and communities. Thankfully, the information is being passed along to individuals at school who are passing it on to law enforcement, who are quick to react,” he added.

“The message, though...is it needs to stop. If you make threats, there is going to be a response. There is absolutely nothing that is funny about making a threat. The crime is committed when the statement is made.”

And the crime brings swift consequences, as a number of students have already learned the hard way. “Juveniles are making their way into detention centers, they’re being removed from their homes, their homes are being searched,” said Reene, who acknowledged the number of cases involving school threats that his office has seen so far this year is alarming.

“This is the one thing that keeps you up at night, making sure we’re doing the right things,” he added. “On a frustration scale of one to 10, I can tell you the schools and law enforcement are at a 20.”

According to Schuette, the 670 OK2SAY tips reported in February brings the total number of tips received through the program to about 11,900. February’s numbers were the highest since October 2017, when officials recorded 560 tips.

February also marked one of the nation’s deadliest school shootings, Feb. 14 in Parkland, Fla., where a 19-year-old former student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School returned to the school and slaughtered 17 students and adults with an AR-15 rifle he had legally purchased. Another 15 people were injured.

It was this country’s deadliest school attack since a gunman assaulted an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., more than five years ago. It was also the 17th incident of gunfire at an American school this year.

Authorities noted the suspect was previously expelled from the school for “disciplinary reasons”, and several reports indicated there were signs he was troubled and potentially violent.

Schuette indicated the OK2SAY program was established in order to encourage and enable students and others who witness such “red flags” to immediately report their concerns anonymously.

“I worked to create OK2SAY so students have a way to report something wrong at school without fearing that others will retaliate. The OK2SAY app is where students are, on their phones and tablets,” said Schuette.

“As Department of Attorney General OK2SAY team members present in more and more schools, tip numbers and mobile app users are increasing. We’ve heightened awareness about OK2SAY, and students are engaged now more than ever in a school safety program that works and has saved lives.”

THE PROGRAM

OK2SAY is a student safety program that acts as an early warning system in Michigan schools to prevent tragedies before they occur. Launched by Schuette in 2014, the program encourages students to submit confidential tips to trained technicians regarding potential harm or threats 24/7.

The key features of OK2SAY are:

*Confidential reporting — state law protects the confidentiality of the reporter’s identity. The identity of the reporting party will not be disclosed to local law enforcement, school officials, or the person about whom a tip is offered, unless the reporter voluntarily chooses to disclose his or her identity. If the reporter is a minor, the parent or guardian must also consent.

*Comprehensive technology — Anyone can confidentially submit tips 24/7 using any of the five tip methods. Multi-media attachments like photos, videos, and links to additional information are encouraged.

*Coordinated intervention — Upon receipt of a tip, specially trained OK2SAY technicians at the Michigan State Police screen and forward the information to the appropriate responding agency, including local law enforcement, schools, local community mental health organizations, or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

*Accountability — Each responding organization is asked to complete an outcome report detailing the nature of the tip, how the tip was handled, and whether the tip situation was resolved or requires ongoing attention. This provides local entities an opportunity to illustrate that student safety threats are tracked and taken seriously.

The 2016 Annual Report details the types and numbers of tips handled throughout the year. The 2017 Annual Report will be released this spring.

OK2SAY tips can be submitted by calling 8-555-OK2SAY, 855-565-2729; via text at 652729 (OK2SAY); via email at ok2say@mi.gov; on the web at ok2say.com; and via mobile app, which is available for download in app stores for iPhone and Android.



THE KINGSTON Robo-Cards robotics team recently emerged the victor during the FIRST Robotics Competition at Kettering University. Proudly holding up the banner announcing the accomplishment is team member junior Brian Hobson (right).

Robo-Cards rule at Kettering

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have.”

Despite a major setback, the Kingston team has persevered.

“We built a...robot that could quickly place cubes and hang on the seven-foot-tall rung for this year’s game. However, after our first of twelve qualification matches, we found out that the way we climbed (by pushing off the ground with pneumatic cylinders) was illegal and we could not use our climbing mechanism,” said high school teacher Matt Ferguson, who also serves as the Robo-Card coach/mentor.

It was a setback for the team that had spent six-weeks building the robot for competition. The students felt defeated when they learned they couldn’t use the mechanism they had based their entire robot design around.

“Instead of giving up, the team dug their heels in, went to the pit area, and we removed all of the parts used for climbing, which was about one-third of the entire robot. The robot was made drivable and we continued to compete in the qualification matches,” said Ferguson, noting the team worked on a new climbing mechanism using the parts it removed in between matches.

“At the end of the qualification rounds, the team finished with eight wins and four losses, in seventh place out of 38 schools, and we had our new climbing mechanism working,” he added.

The top eight teams get to choose their alliances, and team 4994, the Robo-Cards, ended up being the fifth seed after choosing team 245 — the Adambots of Rochester — and team 6091 — Eagle One of Deckerville.

“Our alliance then went on to sweep the number four alliance, the number one alliance, and to win the finals undefeated in the elimination rounds,” Ferguson said.

That performance placed the team seventh in the state after the first week of competitions out of about 160 teams that competed across the state.

There are a total of 508 teams competing in Michigan during the six-week season.

“Along with winning the entire competition, we also won the ‘Innovation in Controls’ award sponsored by Rockwell Automation. This award is for having an innovative control system combined with great programming that has a unique function for the robot,” Ferguson said.

This year’s team consists of about 18 students in grades eight through 12. The team has been meeting twice a week since the beginning of the school year and has been meeting on Monday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays since January during the six weeks leading up to their most recent competition.

There was a 133-page rulebook that had to be followed in building the robot, which could not exceed 120 pounds and contained five motors, an air compressor, and three pneumatic cylinders, which were all controlled through an integrated WiFi bridge, wirelessly through a laptop.

The competition required the robot to be able to collect power cubes (milk crates wrapped in fabric).

“The robot had to be able to pick them up from various heights. Then, in the last 30 seconds, the robot needs to grab a rung that is seven feet high and pull itself 12 inches off the ground,” Ferguson explained. “The robot can be 55 inches in height with a 28- by 33-inch base, and can never extend more than 16 inches outside of that perimeter, but to an unlimited height once the match begins.”

Ferguson noted robotics involves a lot more than just building a robot. “Along with learning electronics, programming and mechanics, the team has business and media departments as well,” he said.

Team members are contacting businesses for sponsorships to raise money. They are also maintaining their new website and social media accounts, organizing their pit area, learning CAD, designing T-shirts, and making promotional items.

The team’s next challenge will be at Milford High School, where they are scheduled to compete Thursday through Saturday.

“Due to our win at Kettering, we will most likely be invited to compete in the state championship at SVSU April 11 - 14. The top teams in the state then compete at the world championship event in Detroit at Cobo Hall April 25 - 28,” Ferguson said.

“We missed going to the World Championship in 2015 by merely six points, and (we) have some confidence that we will qualify this year,” he added.

“As a result of our success, we are still in need of funding,” Ferguson pointed out. “We need approximately \$12,000 to operate every year, and that is just for the first two tournaments. Qualifying for states moves that total closer to \$20,000, and qualifying for the world championship would push it to \$30,000 because each level is another entry fee and a longer stay in hotels.”

Aside from monetary donations, the team can accept in-kind donations such as machine time, technical support, raw materials, tools, etc. The value of in-kind donations is estimated for sponsorship levels, and any donation can be used as a tax write off.

For more information, visit the websites: team4994.weebly.com, https://www.thebluealliance.com/team/4994 and https://www.thebluealliance.com/events/fim#rankings.

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The appointment will be made at a special meeting being held on **March 31, 2018** at the Cass City Gun Club.

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Two face prison time in overdose death

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A third defendant in the case faces up to life in prison for his role in the Dennis death.

A Tuscola County Circuit Court in February rendered verdicts of guilty against Edward D. Forte, 38, following a four-day trial.

Forte was charged with delivery of a controlled substance — causing death, and delivery of a controlled substance (less than 50 grams).

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said Forte faces a potential sentence of life or any term of years behind bars.

Sentencing in his case has been scheduled for Monday, April 9.

Reene made a point of recognizing what he described as the “extraordinary efforts of the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department, which worked with elements of the Thumb Narcotics Unit and the Michigan State Police to exhaustively investigate this matter. This office further wishes to recognize the exemplary dedication of Detective Sgt. James Hook of the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department and Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Eric F. Wanink, who both worked tirelessly to help bring this case to trial and obtain a verdict that is in accord with justice.

“This investigation was a model example of a tremendously coordinated operation that involved the investigative skills and resources of multiple police agencies and specialized divisions,” the prosecutor said.

Reene explained the charges in the case stemmed from Forte’s involvement in the sale of heroin, which was verified through laboratory testing as having been laced with fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid (painkiller) that is about 100 times more powerful than morphine and between 30 and 50 times stronger than heroin.

Doctors prescribe fentanyl to cancer patients and others experiencing severe pain. But the opioid — which made headlines for causing the overdose deaths of musicians Prince and, more recently, Tom Petty — has become popular on the streets and a driving force behind a sweeping drug epidemic that has claimed thousands of lives.

In the Dennis case, Reene noted, “the delivery of heroin initially occurred on April 19 in the city of Saginaw. The tainted heroin was subsequently used and consumed by (the victim) later that same day. Further investigation revealed that it was the tainted heroin sold to her by Forte earlier in the day that was a significant, contributing factor in her death.”

Caro students facing charges

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ilities and facing the possibility of 20-year prison sentences for violating the Federal Terrorism Act.

The first investigation in Caro last week unfolded Monday night.

According to a press release issued by Smith, Caro High School Assistant Principal Matt Branding received a text message from the mother of a student whose daughter was worried about a fellow student threatening to bring a gun to school to shoot others.

“Accordingly, Mr. Branding contacted the police, who then interviewed concerned students and the suspect,” Smith said. “The Caro Police Department did a fantastic job and completed their work after midnight. The student making the threats will not be allowed on school property and will face appropriate and significant discipline.”

The youth who reported her concerns about the suspect followed the district’s “See something — say something” policy, possibly preventing a dangerous situation, Smith noted.

“Young people are cherished treasures in our school district and we will always take immediate and decisive action to protect their safety at the slightest hint of trouble,” Smith said. “I am so proud of the students that shared their concerns, and of the administrative team that worked together quickly to investigate and erase any potential threat.”

During the course of the investigation, the suspect was taken into juvenile custody, and six long guns were removed from the student’s home.

This youth is being charged as a juvenile. The charge is making a threat of terrorism, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years incarceration.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene has lauded area school officials in following consistent policies when faced with threats made by students, regardless of how credible they may or may not appear to be. “Our schools will respond immediately and aggressively to the smallest threat. We live in a dangerous world, but we’re going to continue to dedicate ourselves to the belief and reality that children need to be safe at home and at school,” he said.

Reene authorized a felony charge earlier this year against 17-year-old Cass City High School senior Dalton Powell after he allegedly made a threat against the district on a social media website.

Powell’s criminal case is still pending in Tuscola County Circuit Court. But the Cass City Board of Education has already disciplined the teen, barring him from school facilities and functions for the remainder of his senior year. Although he remains on a long-term suspension, Powell will be allowed to complete his education and receive a diploma from the district.

News briefs

Boater safety class slated

RICHVILLE — The Tuscola County Sheriff’s Marine Division will administer a boater safety class Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richville Conservation Club, 3270 W. Sanilac Rd. (M-46).

The class and lunch are free and recommended for those ages 12 years and older, although anyone may attend. However, pre-registration is required by calling Deputy Deb Mika at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2238) or emailing the club at Richvilleconservationclub@gmail.com.

Residents who are 14 years of age or older must receive a boater safety certificate in order to legally operate a personal water craft.

Food, business expo on tap

CASS CITY — Preparations are well underway for “Taste of the Thumb”, a food and business expo presented by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce.

The event, organized to give businesses the opportunity to showcase themselves, is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

Area businesses and groups interested in participating are encouraged to contact the chamber by calling (989) 872-4618 or via email at ccc@casscitychamber.com to register or for more information.

Easter egg hunt scheduled

CASS CITY — The Cass City Missionary Church will be sponsoring a community Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 24, starting at 1 p.m. at the football field in Cass City.

More information is available by contact the church at (989) 872-2729.

T-shirt contest planned

KINGSTON — The Kingston Days Committee has decided to leave the T-shirt design up to area residents as part of a contest.

The committee is looking for anyone who has a design they would like to submit, and a winner will be announced at a future date. The theme for this year is Hawaiian.

The deadline to submit designs is Monday, April 16. Send designs submissions to kdayscommittee@gmail.com, or via facebook message. Residents are also welcome to attend the committee’s regular meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Drug team releases report

SANILAC COUNTY — Jim Johnson, director of Sanilac County Drug Task Force, presented the drug team’s 2017 annual report.

According to Johnson, the task force received 471 tips, investigated 236 complaints, conducted 43 drug buys, executed 49 search warrants and made 111 arrests resulting in 236 charges. The department also seized 330.16 pounds of marijuana, 1,501 grams of edibles, and 20 grams of heroin/cocaine/meth.; investigated 12 incidents involving meth labs, and seized 202 tablets of prescription meds.

Johnson said there was a significant increase in drug overdoses in 2017, with a total of 13, including a half-dozen fatal overdoses involving heroin.

Doctor announces retirement

THUMB — Hills and Dales General Hospital officials recently announced that Dr. Candelaria Castaneda will be retiring in April.

Dr. Castaneda has provided 24 years of medical care in the Thumb. A retirement party has been planned for Wednesday, April 25, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Ubyly Heights Golf and Country Club. There will be light refreshments.

Tire collections slated in area

TUSCOLA COUNTY — The Tuscola County Recycling and the Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement departments are once again organizing collections of unwanted tires.

The following are collection events planned in the Chronicle’s readership area:

*Wednesday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the south parking lot of the Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main St.

*Saturday, July 21, from 8 a.m. to noon at Zimba Farms, 7635 Mushroom Rd., Deford.

*Saturday, Oct. 13, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds in Caro.

Surcharge for 911 increasing

MICHIGAN — Gov. Rick Snyder has signed a law increasing the fee for 911 services to fund upgrades to Michigan’s emergency services system.

The six-cent increase means the surcharge will be 25 cents, up from 19 cents, and the surcharge on prepaid wireless plans will increase from two to five 5 percent.

The increase is expected to generate about \$20 million more per year.

Construction maps available

MICHIGAN — the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has posted its 2018 Paving the Way State Construction Map for motorists to download.

Very little work is planned in the Thumb, although some upgrades are scheduled in the Port Sanilac area along M-25 and M-46.

The map is a useful tool to help drivers avoid work zones when possible along their planned routes, and can be found online at michigan.gov/mdotmaps.

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All-school playing on tap this weekend...

THE PHANTOM arrives at Cass City High School Friday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m., and will return for repeat performances Saturday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 18, at 2 p.m. “Phantom of the Opr’y” is a musical/comedy spoof on the classic, “Phantom of the Opera.” Twenty-two high school students have been in rehearsal since mid-December to prepare for the upcoming performances under the direction of Connie Iwankovitsch and assistant Chelsea Green. Cast members are (back row, from left) Claire Kausch, Kjersti Herrmann, Adam Habicht, Parker Rosebrugh, Maddie Mandich, Kevin Estrella, Jared Blattner, Emily Czapla, Liz Hayes, Shane Hoppe, Lydia Montei, Alexis Mazure, Sam London, Logan Severance, (front row, from left) Emily Bootz, Paige Hudson, Hannah Dobson, Robert Weaver, Kristen Bradley, Nina Petrushkova, and Sophie Mazure. Missing is Jackie Palmer, stage manager and photographer. Tickets will be available at the door.

Cass City FFAers shine

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I knew I had a good chance of being (near) the top.” Battel’s performance has earned her a spot to compete during the National FFA Convention, which will be held in the fall in Indianapolis, Ind.

Battel, who is in her fourth year of involvement in FFA (the first two years were as a junior high FFA member) also received a bronze level Academic Excellence Award during the state convention.

She had plenty of company in the limelight among Cass City FFA members.

Senior Alyssa Sangster received both a silver level Academic Excellence Award and the highest Michigan FFA degree possible – the State Degree.

Another Cass City senior, Heaven Hartwick, was presented with the gold level Academic Excellence Award and received her State Degree.

Senior Travis Albrecht received his State Degree along with a gold level Academic Excellence Award.

Seniors Kristen Bradley and Samantha London were each presented with a State Degree.

Senior Danielle Kopha received a gold level Academic Excellence Award.

The Academic Excellence Award is presented to members based on their years of membership and involvement in FFA along with maintaining a minimum grade point average.

The State Degree is awarded based on a member’s involvement and investment in their supervised agriculture experience (SAE) program, their leadership and involvement in FFA (both within and outside of chapter activities), minimum grade point average, and involvement in community.

The Cass City FFA chapter is under the director of advisors Leigh Osentoski and Alyssa Gehring, who reported on some additional convention honors.

Three Cass City students – Alyssa Sangster, Bella Hill and Marissa Petiprin Ball — participated in the Michigan FFA Band. “Sixty members across the state met for only a few hours to practice and then gave two wonderful performances during sessions,” Osentoski said.

“Also, the Arthur Berkey Science Fair took place at the Wharton Center on the MSU campus. Students choose a topic related to agriculture, research and perform an experiment, write a research report, create a display with their methods and findings and finally give an oral presentation regarding their process. Congratulations to Addy Battel, who earned a silver award,” she added.

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CASS CITY senior Alyssa Sangster earned both her silver level Academic Excellence Award and the highest degree awarded by Michigan FFA – the State Degree – during the annual Michigan FFA Convention, held last week on the campus of Michigan State University.



KENNA NYE, A senior at Cass City High School and a member of the Tuscola Technology Center FFA, was awarded the State Proficiency Award in Equine Science at the 2018 Michigan State FFA Convention last week. She was also awarded the state degree — the highest level degree awarded.

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REASONS TO CHEER



KINGSTON basketball fans, including these Cardinal supporters at the MHSAA Class D Regional final in Mayville, celebrated a pair of championships over the weekend. On Friday, the Kingston boys collected the district banner on their own court, while Saturday the Kingston girls advanced into the quarterfinals in convincing style.

Kingston boys cruise to Class D district crown on own court

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Kingston made the final game on their high school gym floor one to remember Friday, cruising to Class D district honors.

The Cardinals wasted little time setting the tone for the night as the hosts leaped out to an 8-0 advantage, forcing a Peck timeout with just under three minutes removed from the game clock.

Kingston's defensive press was the difference maker in the early going and Nathan Cloyd was the catalyst. The junior guard swiped several Peck passes in the opening frame that he converted into three easy buckets.

Trailing 9-0, Peck's Cody Babock finally broke the seal on the basket for the Pirates when he drove to the basket and converted with 1:39 left in the quarter.

However, a trey by Cloyd to end the scoring after eight minutes of action provided the hosts with a 12-2 cushion entering the second quarter on their way to a 44-28 victory.

"We got off to a great start and played our best defensive game of the season.

Our kids have really bought in. We are thrilled to win a district championship against a good Peck team," said Kingston Coach Dave Lester.

Hunter James extended the Kingston margin to 18-4 with a shot from behind the 3-point arc midway through the next period that the eventual champs built into a 22-9 spread after two frames. The difference could have been greater, if Cloyd's three-quarter court heave to beat the halftime buzzer wasn't waved off due to a traveling violation.

To Peck's credit, they actually outscored Kingston 12-7 to open the final half, but Kingston answered with a 15-7 run to the final whistle that sealed the deal for the Cardinals, who will replace the school's original gym floor this summer. The school was built in 1969.

Cloyd led Kingston (20-3) with 14 points, six rebounds, four steals and three assists in a complete game showing. James added 11 points and three steals, while Evan Neff added nine points, five rebounds and three steals. Austin Ahern added nine rebounds for the Cardinals.

Ean Sell led Peck (17-5) with eight points.



KINGSTON'S Evan Neff heads to the basket against Peck's Zac Dudley Friday in the Class D district championship game.

Kingston girls turn in defensive gem to collect regional title

By Clarke Haire
Publisher

For a moment Saturday at Mayville High School, it looked like Fulton was ready to challenge undefeated Kingston in the Class D regional championship game.

Instead, Coach Jay Green's Lady Cardinals delivered a 47-9 pounding to advance into the Class D quarterfinal at Burton Bendle, where they will face a familiar foe in Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. Tuesday's tipoff is set for 6:00 p.m.

Morgan Warnke gave Fulton its only lead over the weekend, scoring off of the opening tip when a pair of Kingston players got confused and ran in the wrong direction to start the affair.

Rachel Craft added a free throw for the Pirates moments later, but would be held to a Kylie Slavik field goal until the start of the final eight minutes. Meanwhile, Kingston ended the first half on a 22-0 run and then removed any comeback hopes Fulton may have been entertaining with a 14-2 third quarter spurt.

"The girls came out fired up and played with great intensity. This was a great defensive effort against a good Fulton team. These girls are competitors and really play together as a team," said Green, adding, "This is Kingston's third regional title in four years. Our game with Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (WOLL) will be a great challenge. They are an outstanding program with an outstanding team."

In fact, they are similar to Kingston, according to Green, who reports WOLL has advanced at least to the quarterfinal round for the last seven or eight years, twice in recent years at the expense of Kingston.

Camryn MacGuire and Jillyan Dinsmore scored 13 points apiece and Carley Smith chipped in 11 to lead Kingston.

Kingston advanced into the regional final with a 60-19 victory over Burton St. Thomas More. Kingston 24 18 10 8 60. Burton 0 8 5 6 19.

The Cardinals led 24-0 after one quarter and 42-8 after two.

For Kingston, Smith led the way with 11 points, while Hannah James and Lily Lyons split 16 tallies.



LADY CARDINAL Lily Lyons gets past Fulton's Kylie Slavik to put up a shot in the opening half of the Mayville Class D regional final.

GTW announces all-stars

Senior Sayge Cuthrell topped the Greater Thumb West girls' basketball all-conference selections and was the lone first team pick for Cass City. The 2-time first team all-star, determined by the vote of league coaches, was a four year letter winner for the Red Hawks and member of the school's elite 1,000-point club. She averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds per game in the 2017-18 season.

"Sayge had a really good year. Sayge's consistency night in, night out was the most impressive accomplishment, averaging a double/double in points and rebounds is not easy to do," said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald.

Joining Cuthrell on the conference dream team were a trio of Reese Rockets and a pair of Unionville-Sebewaing Area (USA) Patriots.

Named from the conference champion Rockets were juniors Madi Thompson and Taylor Findley, along with senior Abbey Ackerman. Picked from the district champion Patriots were senior Lauren Adam and junior Rylee Zimmer.

Thompson, Findley and Adam are repeat GTW first team all-conference choices.

Landing on the GTW all-conference second team were Cass City senior Lauren Dickinson, Vassar senior Emilee Sackman, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (EPBP) senior Kaylee Krohn, Reese junior Sa-

vannah Comstock, USA senior Katie Engelhardt and USA freshman Brynn Polega.

"Lauren Dickenson was the most improved player on the team. Her offensive skills and her defensive skills improved tremendously this year. She was our second leading scorer this year with seven points per game," Fernald said.

The GTW all-conference honorable mention players were Cass City's Kacey Haire, Riley Weiler and Lauren Fernald, Vassar's Emilee Whitney, Reese's Sophee Robinson and Kelly Ratajczak, USA's Reigen Ryan and Nichole Schember, EPBP's Cheyanne Valentine, Abi Schuette and Emma Irion, Bad Axe's Jelena Prescott, Laken Chapin, Morgan Ezel and Abby Newland.

Fernald spoke highly of junior Haire and seniors Weiler and Fer-

nald. "Kacey Haire did everything for us this year. She played inside and outside and her versatility was such a valuable thing. Kacey was our second leading rebounder, averaging six rebounds per game and led our team in assists," said Fernald, adding, "Rylie Weiler is such a hard worker. She always brings energy to practice and the games. Showed a great deal of improvement offensively this year."

Lauren Fernald led the team in 3-point shooting for the second straight year.

"Lauren had a good all-around senior season this year. Second year in a row as an honorable mention all-league player, her leadership and work ethic will be missed next season," said her dad, Coach Fernald.



OWEN-GAGE forward Michael Ray draws a pair of Caseville defenders during their Class D district semifinal contest in Owendale. The Bulldogs suffered a 47-31 defeat.

2017-18 Greater Thumb East Girls Basketball All-Conference

First Team

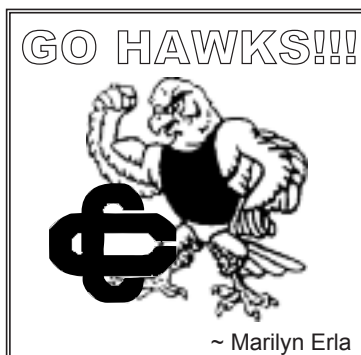
Carleigh Randolph	Brown City	Junior
Janelle White	Ubly	Senior
Lexi Rutkowski	Harbor Beach	Senior
Emily Schaub	Marlette	Senior
Sydney Parker	Marlette	Senior
Haley Nelson	Sandusky	Senior
Gabby Gough	Sandusky	Junior

Second Team

Alexis Wiltse	Brown City	Junior
Kara Peruski	Ubly	Senior
Katelyn Sweeney	Ubly	Sophomore
Mae Woodke	Harbor Beach	Senior
Sydney Ladd	Marlette	Senior
Ceirra Phillips	Sandusky	Senior

Honorable Mention

Josie Gusa	Ubly	Freshman
Emelia Rodriguez	Ubly	Senior
Jessica Weber	Harbor Beach	Junior
Megan Pawlowski	Harbor Beach	Junior
Haylie Essenmacher	Harbor Beach	Junior
Brianna Sartin	Marlette	Senior
Halle Reed	Marlette	Senior
Hannah Ruth	Sandusky	Senior
Callie Jacobson	Sandusky	Senior
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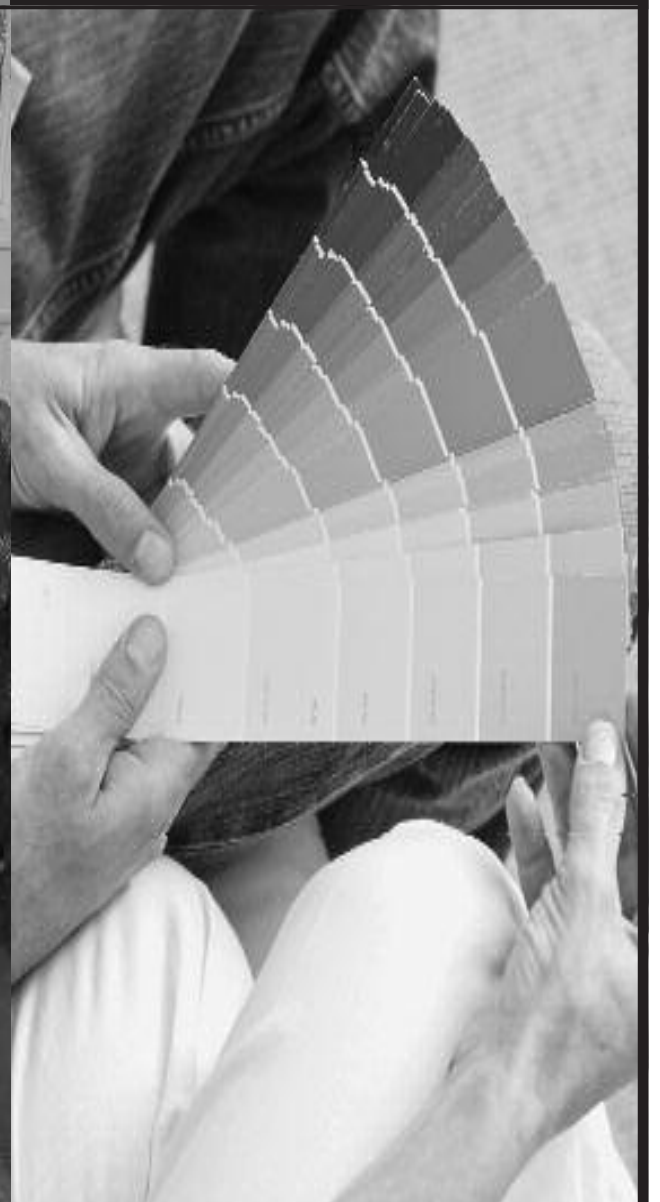
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Legal Notices

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 March 22, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert L. Smith and Florence Smith, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE4

Date of Mortgage: March 1, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 21, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$71,569.63

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 653.22 feet West of North 1/4 corner of Section; Thence South 165 feet; thence on curve to right 112.28 feet; thence West 58.64 feet; thence North 270 feet; thence East 95 feet to point of beginning. Section 22 Town 12 North Range 11 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: February 21, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.

2-21-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made Leo A. Heine-man, as Mortgagor, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds

for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on April 22, 2008 in Liber 1147, page 806 ("Mortgage"), and on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five and 07/100 (\$174,675.07) Dollars 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 sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday March 29, 2018.

Said premises described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan

Commencing at a point on the Section line, 848 feet West of the South quarter corner of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence West 120 feet; thence North 20 rods; thence East 120 feet; thence South to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest quarter of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East. Commonly known as: 218 W. Main Street, Mayville, MI 48744

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date at such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a 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: February 28, 2018
NORTHSTAR BANK, Mortgagee
Zachary J. Eskau, Attorney at Law
175 Thompson Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-6272

2-28-5

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 March 29, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Andrew J. Burger Jr., a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Cason Home Loans its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Mortgage: December 15, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 2, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$65,968.70

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 13, Miller Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 2, Tuscola County Records.

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: February 28, 2018

Trott Law, P.C.
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2-28-4

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 March 29, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gary R. Miller and Darlene Miller, Husband and Wife

Original Mortgagee: Argent Mortgage Company, LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-SHL1

Date of Mortgage: May 19, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 14, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$124,692.75

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township

of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 22 rods South of the Northeast corner of the East 1/2 of the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 9 East and continuing South for 10 rods thence West for 20 rods, thence North for 10 rods, thence East for 20 rods 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; 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: February 28, 2018

Trott Law, P.C.
1343022

2-28-4

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 April 5, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Barbara A. Teal, a married woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for MacClair Mortgage Corporation its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association
Date of Mortgage: June 12, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 28, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$64,792.29

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 7, Block 2 of the Plat of Newberry (now Kingston) according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 24 of Plats, Page 304 of Tuscola County Records.

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: March 7, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.

1343755

3-7-4

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 April 5, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Scott B Walther, an unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. East MI
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Independent Bank

Date of Mortgage: November 12, 2004

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 3, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$76,108.14

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 17, CAT LAKE HILLS SUBDIVISION, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18. Section 7 Town 11 North Range 10 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: March 7, 2018
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the Mortgagee's attorney.

Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage 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 of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on April 12, 2018. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Phyllis Fagan and Jordan Fagan, Wife and Husband Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC Date of Mortgage: September 21, 2015 Date of Mortgage Recording: September 30, 2015 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$123,525.47

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land in the West one-half of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, described as: To Fix The Point Of Beginning Commence at the East one-quarter corner of said Section 23; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West, on

the East and West one-quarter line of said Section, 3,759.29 feet to the Point of Intersection of said one-quarter line with the centerline of Relocated Buell Lake Road; thence South 52 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, on said centerline, 157.67 feet to the Point Of Beginning of this description; thence South 52 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, on said centerline, 109.24 feet to the intersection of said centerline and the West one-eighth line of Section 23; thence South 52 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, continuing on said centerline, 16.87 feet; thence North 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds West, 219.22 feet to a Point which is approximately 7 feet, South 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds East, from the water's edge at the Southeasterly Bank of the Cass River, thence North 37 degrees 51 minutes 28 seconds East, on a transit line which is approximately parallel to said water's edge, said transit line is for surveying and description purposes only and it is the intention of this description to include all land to the water's edge of the Cass River, 134.63 feet to a Point which is approximately 15 feet, South 30

degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds East, from said water's edge;

thence South 30 degrees 20 minutes 27 seconds East, 252.53 feet to the Point Of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Obituaries

Helen Decker

Helen M. Decker, 95, of Freeland, formerly of Cass City, passed away Tuesday afternoon, February 27, 2018.

Helen was born October 25, 1922 in Bingham Township, the daughter of George and Maud (Wyers) Copeland.

She attended Bingham and Hay Creek County Schools and was a 1940 graduate of Cass City High School.

On November 2, 1940 she married Clarence (Jerry) Decker and together they farmed for many years before moving to Freeland. Jerry passed away July 12, 2004.

She was known for her beautiful handmade quilts and home-made wine, which she enjoyed sharing with family and friends, while playing cards or just visiting. She also enjoyed spending her birthdays at the casino, surrounded by those she loved.

Surviving are her three daughters, Connie Sue (Jack) Beltz of Freeland, Kay Marie (Joe) Loeffler of Midland and Kathy Lynn (Terry) Roshau of Oregon, 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 3 great great-grandchildren and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

In addition to Jerry and her parents, Helen was predeceased by her sisters and brothers.

Honoring Helen's wishes, cremation has taken place and burial will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Please share condolences at <http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com/>

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.



Stanley Otulakowski

Stanley Robert (Stan The Man) Otulakowski, 86, of Snover and Holiday, Florida, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2018, at his winter home in Holiday, Florida, with his loving family by his side.

He was born June 29, 1931, in Detroit, to Lillian and William Otulakowski.

Stanley grew up in Cass City and served two years in the Military, traveling extensively throughout Europe, serving as an assistant to Special Services. Stanley lived in Grosse Pointe Shores and St. Clair Shores while raising his family. He served as Sergeant of The Grosse Pointe Shores Police Department for 35 years. During his years on the police force, he made many lifelong friends, many among his fellow officers as well as the residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Stanley's favorite hobby was building. He always had a project or building under construction, and was extremely successful in numerous side businesses. Stanley, along with his wife Barbara, successfully renovated and ran a bed and breakfast and fitness spa at Spring Farm Spa, their family's Centennial Farm in Snover, Michigan. The farm was his pride and joy, and has remained in the same family for over 100 years. He was known for his positive attitude, work ethic and wonderful storytelling.

Stanley is survived by his children: Teresa Otul-Cummings, David (Jeannie) Otulakowski, Mary Otulakowski and Sara Martini. His grandchildren, David and Lily Page, Molly and Simon Martini, and Henry Cummings. He is also survived by his sisters and brothers, Lillian Gibbard, Pat Walsh, Eugene and Richard Otulakowski.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara; his parents Lillian and William Otulakowski; siblings Leo Leszczynski, Stella Leszczynski, Rose Czarnecki and Walter Otulakowski; sisters-in-law Adveda Otulakowski and Helen Leszczynski.

A celebration of his life will be held at Spring Farm Spa in Snover the summer of 2018, date to be announced.

In Lieu of flowers any donation, large or small, please make to Gulfside Hospice 2061 Collier Pky, Land O Lakes, Fla. 34639, or visit their website at hospice@ghpcc.org or call 727-845-5707.



Carlton Reed, Jr.

Carlton Daniel Reed, Jr., 87, of Cass City, died following a short illness Saturday, March 10, 2018 in Medilodge, Cass City.

He was born June 19, 1930 in Cass City the first of four boys born to Carl Daniel and Adeline (Middleton) Reed, Sr.

He married Rosalie Joan Uhl, August 23, 1952 in Unionville. She died October 23, 2003.

Carlton graduated from Cass City High School. He worked at the family business, Reed and Sons Butcher Shop, until about 1977. He worked as Sugarend Foreman for Michigan Sugar Company in Caro until his retirement in 1995. Carlton and his family enjoyed many summers in the Tawas City area, fishing, camping and visiting craft sales. He enjoyed playing dominoes and cards, especially Pinochle, Euchre and Pepper. Carlton was a talented woodworker, making many craft pieces and craft furniture. He enjoyed watching Westerns on television like Gunsmoke and the Rifleman. In later years he would visit David in his garage where he would offer an opinion or two on the wood project David was working on.

Carlton is survived by his children: David (Linda) Reed of Deford, Duane (Jeanette) Reed of Washington and Jeffery (Terri) Reed of Royal Palm Beach, FL; grandchildren: Jeremy Reed, Patrick (Alexandra) Reed, Danielle Reed, Samantha Reed, Brianna Reed and Heather Reed; great-granddaughter, Evelyn; brothers: Dale (Janet) Reed of Vassar and Charles Reed of Cass City; and several nieces and nephews. Carlton will also be remembered by his special friend, Gladys Brigham and her dog, Crooks.

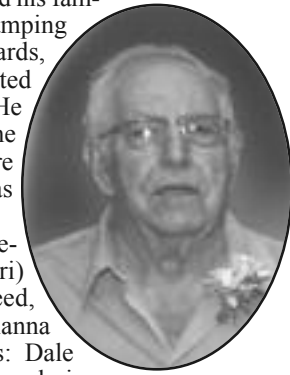
He was preceded in death by his young brother, Phillip Reed.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Debra L. Kranz, Funeral Service Celebrant, officiating. Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial District Library.

Interment is in Novesta Township Cemetery.

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.



Donna Walsh

Donna Jean Walsh, 91, of Austin Township, passed away Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

Donna was born on June 29, 1926 in Sandusky to the late Ira and Vera (Holstine) Smith. She married Michael J. Walsh on February 18, 1943 in Abilene, TX. He preceded her in death on September 8, 2006.

Donna attended the Freiburg Country School. She worked as a Rosie the Riveter for a few years. She moved to Ubyly during WWII. Michael joined Donna once the war was over and they raised their children while she worked by Michael's side on their family farm. Donna was a parishioner at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Good Shepherd Parish where she was a former member of the Altar Society. She enjoyed ceramics, reading, traveling to the Lawrence Welk Resort and visiting with Archie and Penny Guigar.

Donna is survived by her children, Linda (Robert) McClain of Palmetto, FL, James (Cheryl) Walsh of White Lake, Michelle (Donald) Weber of San Diego, CA, Cindy (Michael) Smith of Tarpon Springs, FL, David (Karen) Walsh of Ubyly, Nancy (Kevin) Walsh Hrabcak of Cass City; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great great-granddaughter.

Donna was preceded in death by four siblings, Clem, Isma, June and Jay.

Mass of Christian Burial took place Thursday, March 8 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Good Shepherd Parish in Freiburg. Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor, officiated.

Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring.

Memorials have been requested to the St. Ignatius Perpetual Cemetery Fund.

Please visit www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com to sign the guest book for Donna's family.

Arrangements were made by Smigielski Funeral Home.



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March 22, 23 & 24**

Registration:
Thursday, March 22
5-6 p.m.

Class Schedule:
March 22 & 23 - 6-9:30 p.m.
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Class size is limited.

Cost: \$10
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5-3-14-1

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Help Wanted

HELP WANTED - Tuscola County Health Dept. has an opening for a full-time Registered Nurse, Public Health Nurse II. If interested go to tchd.us and click on the Employment tab for full details of posting. 11-3-7-2

HELP WANTED - Medical Director Position - Huron, Lapeer, District Health Department #2 (Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda), Sanilac, and Tuscola County Health Departments are seeking an associated Medical Director. For a full job posting with list of the Public Health Medical Director Core Functions please visit our website at www.tchd.us and select the Employment tab. 11-3-14-1

In Memory Of



It's been a year now and sadly missed by the whole family, Love you Mom.

Eunice, Ron & Russ
To an amazing grandmother, we'll always remember the games of dominos, the Easter egg hunts, the hugs and all the things you've done for us over the years! Love Kevin & Heather
~The family of Ruth Smith

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HDC awarded funds to reduce lead risks in eligible residences

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has awarded nearly \$4 million in grants to expand residential lead hazard control services to eligible households with a Medicaid enrolled resident.

The funding, provided through Michigan's Children's Health Insurance Program, includes \$962,807 awarded to the Human Development Commission, which serves residents in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties.

Grants of up to \$1.5 million were available for qualifying cities, counties or consortiums to provide lead hazard control services, which must be completed by Sept. 30.

Services available for funding under this initiative include:

- *Lead inspection, risk assessment and/or elevated blood lead investigation activities to determine the presence of lead hazards.
- *Permanent removal, enclosure or encapsulation of lead-based paint and lead dust hazards from eligible residences.
- *Removal or covering of soil lead hazards up to eligible residence property lines.
- *Minimal rehabilitation to the extent the work will extend the life of the lead abatement work done.
- *Removal of pre-2014 faucets and fixtures used for human consumption, plumbing and/or service lines deemed to be a lead hazard.
- *Temporary relocation of residents during lead abatement activities.
- *Building local capacity to safely and effectively abate lead hazards.



A SNOW STORM that dumped more than a foot of snow on the Thumb last week contributed to a number of car accidents in the area, including this one late last Wednesday morning at the corner of M-81 and Greenland Road. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the vehicle was driven by an 83-year-old Cass City man who was eastbound in a 2013 GMC Terrain when he lost control and entered a deep ditch. The man, whose name was not released, along with his 77-year-old wife were treated for minor injuries. The driver was cited for driving too fast for conditions.

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