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A SMALL ARMY of volunteers, including members of the local historical society, high school students and area home schooled students and parents, rolled up their sleeves last year to ensure the graves of veterans buried at Elkland Township Cemetery were properly marked with American flags in preparation for Memorial Day weekend. Pictured above doing their part are (from left) Marissa Linzner, Hailey McArthur and Dori Battel.

Memorial Day observances set

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City area residents will honor the nation's fallen heroes this month just as they have for many decades; with Memorial Day observances designed to demonstrate the community's respect, gratitude and desire to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

The traditional Elkland Township Memorial Service will kick off Monday at about 10:30 a.m. next to the cemetery chapel following the annual parade, which is scheduled to get underway at 10

a.m. at the corner of Main and Seeger streets in Cass City.

Line-up for the procession will begin at 9:30 a.m., according to Joe Merchant, commander, VFW Post 3644, who noted local VFW members will continue the tradition of placing a wreath at the downtown veterans' memorial before proceeding to the Elkland Township Cemetery.

Of course, those planning to attend can look forward to viewing the VFW Post's impressive "Avenue of Flags", a display of roughly 120 flags posted along the main drive at the cemetery.

The flag display is an integral

part of the day's observance, serving as a powerful reminder of what the holiday is all about — honoring the memory of men and women whose service to their country paved the way for the freedom their fellow citizens enjoy to this day.

This year's service at the cemetery will again be led by Master of Ceremonies Mark Zmierski, senior chief, U.S. Navy retired.

"It's an event we look forward to every year. It's nice to see the different generations that come out," said Zmierski, referring to a ceremony that typically draws an esti-

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New mental health court program slated to launch in Tuscola County

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Circuit Court officials are gearing up to imple-

ment a second "problem-solving court" — this one targeting defendants struggling with mental health issues that have resulted in repeated brushes with the law.

"Tuscola County is making another leap forward with the implementation of the Tuscola Mental Health Court (TMHC)," announced Melissa Caister, who will be serving as program coordinator for the new court.

"In October 2017, we announced we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$24,500 from the Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Planning Grant administered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO)," Caister noted.

Over the past seven months, Tuscola County Chief Judge Amy Gierhart along with Caister, Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) officials and the rest of the Tuscola Mental Health Court Team have been working to create the TMHC program.

According to Caister, the TMHC will provide and oversee intensive supervision combined with treatment for individuals accepted into the program due to their involvement in various felony crimes. The goal, she explained, is to assist offenders in achieving long-term stability, becoming law-abiding citizens, and becoming successful in their communities, thereby reducing recidivism

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THE DEFORD Dazzlers 4-H Club Rocketry Team accepts this year's first place award in the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) presentation competition in The Plains, Va. Team members are (second from left) Ethan Thane (from left), Mia Wright, Alexander Hansen, Teresa Tomasino and Sam Gordon. See story, page 8.

Time is running out for medical marijuana plan

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Representatives of a proposed medical marijuana facility in Cass City say there's a time crunch related to the local council's decision on whether or not to allow a licensed cannabis growing and cultivation business to set up shop in a Garfield Avenue factory.

Gary Vollmar, president of Millennium Industries, and his longtime business partner, Gus Ploss, asked trustees Monday at the regular monthly meeting of the Cass City Village Council for an update on the request they submitted last month for a special-use permit to grow medical marijuana in town.

The \$1.5 million initial investment calls for a 25,000-square-foot facility to be located inside the current Millennium building. The facility would have 24/7 security, and all employees would undergo stringent background checks, according to Vollmar and Ploss. They also assured village officials there would be safe guards in place for waste disposal and odor control.

Operations at Millennium Industries, which engages in the design, development, manufacture, and distribution of automotive fuel systems and engine component parts, would remain unchanged, they said.

The requested Class C grower license allows for up to 1,500 plants, and the project is expected to create up to 35 permanent jobs with an annual payroll of more than \$1.2 million in the first year and over \$2 million by year five, according to Vollmar and Ploss. In addition, the business would generate an estimated \$40,000 in property taxes, and

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Security, early start next fall on agenda

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Public School District's newly-formed school security committee is wasting no time in making recommendations to implement measures designed to increase student safety.

During Monday night's rescheduled monthly board of education meeting, school Supt. Jeff Hartel reported the committee has met twice so far. "We've been having good discussions on just tightening things up," he said of the group, composed of about a dozen school officials, board members and citizens.

The committee has looked at a number of measures to better secure classroom doors, and while a number of those options are expensive, the committee is recommending purchasing and installing barrel locks for all classroom doors, enabling teachers to secure doors from the inside, he said, noting the cost is only about \$15 per lock.

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Local barn in national spotlight...

THE WILLIAM and Andrea Shagene barn at 6760 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, is being considered for the cover of the 2019 National Quilt calendar because of its unusual quilt sign, which is the largest barn quilt square in Michigan at 16 feet by 16 feet. Plywood sheets are painted with a variety of quilt designs and placed on barns as part of the Thumb Quilt Trail in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. By the end of summer, 15 new quilts designs will be going up on barns, bringing the number of barn quilts to 100, according to Thumb Quilt Trail President Pamela Stillwell-Binder. (Photo courtesy of Terry Klein)

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Cass City seniors again awarded thousands in college scholarships

Members of the Cass City High School Class of 2018 have secured thousands of dollars in scholarships, to help cover the cost of pursuing their college educations.

The total includes more than \$37,000 awarded by area service clubs, organizations, school groups and scholarship funds established by families in the Cass City community.

The following is a list of student recipients and the local scholarships presented to them during last week's annual Cass City High School Senior Honors Night:

*Jamison Biskner-Kruse – Robert and Marjorie Zander (\$2,500), Leone Lee Shaw (\$1,000), Cass City Lions Club (\$500) and Mt. Moriah Lodge (\$500).

*Kelsey Bouverette – Ben Hobar (no amount available).

*Dakota Cook – Judy and Bonnie Weippert (\$500).

*Sayge Cuthrell – Cass City High School Student Council (\$200), Kally Maharg (\$500), Cass City Athletic Boosters (no amount available) and Cass City Gavel Club (\$800).

*Lauren Dickinson – Cass City PTO (\$300) and Kiebler Insur-

ance (\$200).

*Lauren Fernald – Cass City PTO (\$300) and Cass City Gavel Club (\$800).

*Megan Graham – Cass City High School Student Council (\$200), American Red Cross (\$500), Anna Marjorie MacRae (\$546), and Covenant Healthcare (\$2,000).

*Brandon Hamilton – Cass City Athletic Boosters (no amount available).

*Claire Kausch – Mt. Moriah Lodge (\$500).

*Riley Klein – Wallace and Helen Zinnecker (no amount available) and Ed Jagosz (no amount available).

*Haley Leppert – Cass City Lions Club (\$500).

*Baylee Murphy – Cass City Rotary Club (\$1,000).

*McKenna Nye – Tuscola County Sheriff's Mounted Division (no amount available), Clydesdales Breeders of USA (\$750) and Michigan Drafthorse (\$500).

*Jaclyn Palmer – Mt. Moriah Lodge (\$500).

*Nicholas Perry – Mt. Moriah Lodge (\$500).

*Eric Peters – Cass City Firefighters (no amount available), Thumb Bank (\$500), Kally Maharg (\$500) and Cass City Gavel

Club (\$500).

*Seth Roggenbuck – Mt. Moriah Lodge (\$500).

*Bailee Ross – Rawson Foundation (\$1,200 annually), Allison Emmert (no amount available) and Mt. Moriah Lodge (\$500).

*Ben Sanders – Mt. Moriah Lodge (\$500).

*Sami Stern – Ralph and Marcelline Bublitz (\$500) and Barb and Robert Tuckey (\$250).

*CarLee Stimpfel – Cass City Firefighters (no amount available).

*Brittany Swiderski – Patricia Krol (\$1,000) and Rawson Memorial (\$1,200 annually).

*Robert Weaver – Cass City School Board (\$500), Cass City Rotary Club (\$1,000), Robert and Marjorie Zander (\$2,500), Olaf Goodell (\$1,000) and Kiwanis Club of Caro (\$500).

*Ryllie Weiler – Cass City Lions Club (\$500).

*Reed White – Cass City Lions Club (\$500), Mt. Moriah Lodge (\$500) and Cass City Gavel Club (\$800).

*Kaitlin Witherspoon – Cass City Lions Club (\$500).

*Zane Wright – Cass City Firefighters (no amount available).

*Nicolette Younglove – Kenna Lynne Peet (\$1,000) and Cory Merz (\$1,000).

Mental health court to launch in county

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and jail expenses to the community.

"We are pleased to announce that TMHC is currently accepting referrals — defendants with severe and persistent mental illnesses, who are facing felony charges in Tuscola County," Caister said. "If eligible, referrals can start participating in the TMHC program as of July 2.

"Referral forms can be submitted by attorneys, probation officers, judges, therapists, family and friends or self-referral," she said.

All referral forms will be sent to Caister, who will determine legal eligibility with the assistance of the Tuscola County Prosecutor's office.

"Once legal eligibility is confirmed, the referral will be sent to TBHS to complete an assessment for program eligibility," Caister continued. "After all assessments have been completed, the TMHC team will review and determine whether the referral is appropriate for TMHC. Ultimately, the referral will have to be sentenced to the TMHC... prior to starting the program.

"The length of this program per participant is 15 to 18 months long. Each participant will work with MDOC (Michigan Department of Corrections) Probation (and) Tuscola Behavioral Health for treatment and case management, while working through various program requirements based on their needs," she said.

The new TMHC will work closely alongside TBHS in this venture to plan and develop a program that will improve the safety,

health, and outcomes of those in our community, according to Caister.

"The mission of the TMHC is to enhance public safety and reduce recidivism of criminal defendants who suffer from serious mental illness by connecting these defendants with mental health treatment services, and to connect them with appropriate community services to get back on track," she said.

Mental health courts in Michigan have been in place since the late 2000s, according to the SCAO, which funded eight pilot mental health court programs from fiscal year 2009 through 2013.

In 2014, mental health courts expanded, totaling 20 active programs (17 adult and three juvenile), with several other jurisdictions in the planning stages.

Mental health court programs have reported favorable outcomes, according to SCAO officials, citing the Michigan Problem-Solving Courts Performance and Outcomes Report, which concluded that 46 percent of participants had successfully completed the program.

Of those that completed the program, 36 percent improved their employment status, 47 percent improved their educational level, 95 percent improved their quality of life, 97 improved their mental health, and 84 percent were compliant with medication, according to the report.

In addition, mental health court participants had a lower recidivism (repeat offense) rate 12 months after admission into the program, compared to comparison group members. The recidivism rate for the mental health court participants was four percent,

compared to a recidivism rate for the comparison group of 22 percent.

Mental health courts are modeled after drug courts and were developed in response to the overrepresentation of people with mental illnesses in the criminal justice system. Mental health courts divert select defendants with mental illness into judicially-supervised, community-based treatment.

In general, defendants are invited to participate following a specialized screening and assessment, and they may choose to decline participation. For those who agree to the terms and conditions of community-based supervision, a team of court staff and mental health professionals work together to develop treatment plans and supervise participants in the community.

Tuscola County's trial courts along with those in Huron and Sanilac counties entered into a partnership in 2013 to establish another problem-solving court — the Thumb Regional Sobriety Court (TRSC) — which utilizes a similar approach in providing assistance to repeat offenders convicted of alcohol- and drug-related driving offenses.

The goal has been to provide support that enables eligible defendants to overcome their addictions, and the program has proven effective.

In fact, the TRSC hosted its ninth "graduation" ceremony last month, acknowledging 10 individuals who have successfully completed the intensive treatment court program. To-date, the court has successfully graduated more than 70 individuals.

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God's house of cards



Remember those who have served

Memorial Day has increasingly become a holiday weekend devoted to family gatherings, trips to the beach, barbecues and fireworks, with some folks giving very little thought to the men and women who have died while serving their country.

We're proud to say, however, that a host of citizens in Cass City and in our surrounding communities still give Memorial Day the respect it deserves.

Sure, our families enjoy outings, camp fires and cookouts over the holiday weekend, but there is a sense of deep appreciation that coincides with what the members of our armed services — specifically those who have paid the ultimate price — stand for: patriotism, honor, dedication and sacrifice.

In the Cass City community, folks still remember to remove their hats when they recite the Pledge of Allegiance or hear the first note of the Star Spangled Banner.

You can see that same demonstration of patriotism in each and every one of the 600 or so flags volunteers with the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society place on the graves of veterans resting at Elkland Township Cemetery a week prior to the Memorial Day holiday. You can also see it in the faces of members of Cass City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3644 as they set up their impressive "Avenue of Flags" in honor of their comrades.

These folks aren't teenagers, and yet regardless of age, they go about placing this tribute with a sense of purpose. And respect.

Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service — a practice that continues in the Thumb as area residents gather at cemeteries in Elkland, Novesta and Grant townships, among others.

Memorial Day typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, and we wish all area residents a safe holiday weekend.

We also encourage everyone, in their own way, to take a moment to remember the many servicemen and women who are not here today because of their sacrifice for the freedoms the rest of us enjoy to this day.

It's the very least we can do. It's the right and honorable thing to do.

My mother had a silver jewelry box where she kept jokes and sayings she liked. When she passed, I inherited that box.

One of the keepsakes in the box was a slip of paper that explained how a deck of playing cards could be connected to the Bible.

The meaning behind a deck of cards has a special meaning for me. When my oldest son was growing up, we played a lot of cards, and because he gave his life for his country when serving in the U.S. Army.

So, this keepsake that explained how a deck of cards is connected to religion makes me think of him.

The keepsake note explained:

A young soldier was in his bunkhouse all alone one Sunday morning. It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't made a noise.

The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk.

Just then an Army Sergeant came in and asked, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?"

The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord."

The sergeant said, "Looks like you're going to play cards."

The soldier said, "No sir, you see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards."

The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?"

"You see the Ace, Sergeant; it reminds that there is only one God.

The Two represents the two parts of the Bible; Old and New Testaments.

The Three represents the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The Four stands for the Four Apostles: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The Five is for the five virgins. There were ten, but only five of them were glorified.

The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.

The Seven is for the day God rested after working the six days.

The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives, in which God saved the eight people from the flood that destroyed the earth for the first time.

The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten but nine never thanked Him.

The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.

The Jack is a reminder of Satan. One of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the Joker of eternal hell.

The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary.

The King stands for Jesus, for He is the king of all kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year.

There are a total of 52 cards in a deck, each is a week, 52 weeks in a year.


The four suits represent the four seasons: spring, summer, fall and winter.

Each suit has thirteen cards. There are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter.

So, when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for.

The sergeant just stood there and after a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?"

This is a reminder to take the time to pray and appreciate our soldiers who put their life on the line fighting for us, to appreciate those who served, and to especially remember the fallen on Memorial Day.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Cass City Junior-Senior High School was recently profiled in a national publication for a story showcasing schools that stand head and shoulders above their peers when it comes to preparing students for additional education as they pursue careers after graduating from high school.

That should be no surprise to local parents, whose sons and daughters have earned a reputation for securing a boatload of scholarships over the years to help pay for higher education.

And members of the Cass City Class of 2018 are no different, according to Ruth Fluegge, Cass City Junior-Senior High School guidance secretary.

Fluegge reports that colleges and universities have awarded a combined \$387,700 in scholarships to local seniors this year. In addition, nearly 30 soon-to-be-graduates have raked in a total of \$37,350 in scholarship awards from area service clubs, school groups and families who have established their own funds to benefit Cass City seniors headed for college.

Congratulations and the best of luck to all of the recipients!

The Cass City Area Historical & Genealogy Society is purchasing nine benches to put in the Elkland Township Cemetery. Four were requested by the McCoy family, two by the Prosowski family and three in memory of Kathleen Jackson. Each bench will have a plaque stating in whose memory the bench was purchased.

On June 15, 16 the Michigan High School Athletic Association softball semis and state final contests will be played at Michigan State University.

After many years of coaching softball, former Red Hawk teacher and Coach Dave Hoard never reached his dream of having Cass City's softball team play in the finals. However, his lifelong dream will be reached this year — but in a slightly different manner. He will be at 2018 games, but as an umpire.

Congratulations to one of Cass City finest.

Speaking of Cass City finest, Michigan State University (MSU) and umpires — I attended MSU's baseball game Friday against Ohio State to watch 2016 Red Hawk grad Mason Erla, who started on the mound for the Spartans.


Erla gave up a run in the first inning, before settling down to throw three scoreless innings in the home team victory. In his final frame, Ohio State loaded the bases, but Erla recorded the final out on strikes to end the threat.

After the strike out, Erla stared down the final Buckeye batter...so I thought.

Nope, explained Mason's dad Chuck Erla, he was staring down the umpire, he didn't think the guy behind the plate was being consistent with his strike zone. I can see why, Erla's fast ball was clocked at 92 MPH with plenty of movement.

Please remember the Chronicle office will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Deadlines will remain unchanged, but newsstands and subscriber copies will be delivered a day later than usual next week. From our family to yours, have a safe and happy holiday.


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- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Thursday, May 24

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Saturday, May 26

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

Monday, May 28

- 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.
- 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.

Tuesday, May 29

- 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.

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 Schoettel, 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 Wednesday:

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

Third Thursday:

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

Third 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.

Cass City man struck by vehicle, escapes serious injury last week

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro say a pedestrian-car accident that sparked numerous rumors on the social networking site Facebook was just that — a pedestrian-car accident that left a local man suffering only minor injuries.

Special First Lt. David Kaiser, public information officer, MSP Third District Headquarters in Flint, confirmed the mishap occurred just south of Cass City

Monday night.

"Around 8:15 p.m., an intoxicated subject ran out of a wooded area and into the path of a vehicle, on Cemetery Road near River Road — four of his buddies were running after him," Kaiser said. "The vehicle struck the intoxicated man. The man then ran back into the woods with his friends chasing after him.

"The call came (in) as kids playing chicken — jumping into traffic — with one person hit," added Kaiser, who did not release the name of the driver and identified

the victim only as a 26-year-old Cass City man.

"He received medical treatment from MMR for scrapes, cuts and bruises, but refused further treatment," Kaiser said.

Multiple emergency service agencies responded, apparently leading some area residents to believe police were searching for suspects related to the accident. Numerous Facebook posts also repeated rumors indicating there had been a deadly shooting in or near the community, but none of the reports were true.

Motorcyclist hurt in deer collision

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson is urging motorcyclists to exercise extra caution on Thumb area roadways following another collision involving a motorcycle and a deer early last week in Huron County's Sheridan Township.

"For the second time within two weeks, our office has investigated accidents where motorcyclists have been injured after hitting deer just before dawn," said Hanson, who noted the latest crash occurred at about 5:55 a.m. Monday.

"Sgt. James Hunt responded to the area of Atwater Road and Bar-

rie Road, where a 24-year-old Ubyly man had struck a deer. Investigation concluded that Bryan M. Bland and a companion on another motorcycle were westbound when Bryan struck a deer," the sheriff reported. "Upon impact, the deer virtually exploded, injuring him, but he was able to maintain his balance. When he did stop, his companion had to help him off of the motorcycle and onto the ground.

"Both (drivers) were covered in fecal, as well as other inner matter from the deer, along with their motorcycles," Hanson said.

"Fortunately, the companion was able to avoid the deer," he said. "The injured rider was transported

to the Huron Medical Center for treatment by the Bingham Ambulance Service. The Bingham Township Fire Department also responded and assisted at the scene.

Hanson, who did not release the name of the other driver, added, "For the last several weeks, deer have been out and visible more so than usual, basically being seen all hours of the day and night. With this abnormal activity has been a slight increase of accidents involving deer.

"Drivers need to exercise extreme caution, especially motorcyclists because of the increased risks of serious injuries, or even worse, death," he said.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Brett A. Wilber, 20, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 36 months probation following his pleas of no contest to charges of delivery/manufacture of five to 45 kilograms of marijuana or 20 to 200 marijuana plants, and delivery/manufacture of marijuana July 12 in Millington Township.

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,826.

*Matthew J. Hemmen, 33, Vassar, pleaded no contest to three counts of criminal sexual conduct, first degree (involving a victim under the age of 13 years and a defendant who was 17 or older at the time of the crime) between Jan. 1, 2015, and Dec. 31, 2015, in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Keith R. Johnson, 47, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, subsequent offense, July 6 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Raymond A. Coon, 23, Alger, pleaded no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Feb. 3 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Cody J. Booth, 29, Mayville, pleaded no contest to intimidating or bribing witnesses Jan. 16 in Caro, and in a separate case pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense, and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder Jan. 1 in Kingston. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$55,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Eugene J. Kata, 69, Unionville,

pleaded no contest to a charge of embezzlement of more than \$100,000 from a vulnerable adult June 14, 2016, in Akron Township.

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

*Christopher A. Kawa, 33, Gilford, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of no contest to three counts of attempted criminal sexual conduct, second degree, Dec. 24 in Gilford Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$894 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Elizabeth C. Waggoner, 54, Gagetown, received a six-month delayed sentence following her pleas of no contest to falsely reporting a felony (unlawfully driving away and automobile), driving without insurance and allowing an individual with a suspended or revoked license to operate her vehicle Aug. 19 in Gagetown.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$658 plus restitution of \$500 to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department.

*Raymond L. Popp, 30, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of no contest to three counts of domestic violence and three counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder Nov. 8 in Almer Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,094 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Gary H. Jaster, 48, Deford, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 24 months probation following his pleas of no contest to possession of a firearm by a felony, possession of ammunition by a felon and interfering with electronic communications Dec. 13 in Kingston Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,194 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

Matthew R. Humes, 27, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 30 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams) between Oct. 1 and Dec. 7 in Caro, and to possession of a controlled substance June 27, 2016, in Indianfields Township. 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 \$516.

*Jeremy A. Langenburg, 43, Vassar, was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,008, plus attorneys fees of \$500, following his plea of no contest to one count of possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, subsequent offense, June 29 in Vassar.

*Raymond J. Crittenden, 57, Deford, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 60 months probation following his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 3 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Timothy J. Manetta, 20, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 90 days in jail following his plea of guilty to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Nov. 25 in Fairgrove. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$758 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Kimberly D. Hughes, 46, Marine City, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following her plea of contest to home invasion, second degree, June 17 in Koylton Township.

She was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

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Reporter's notebook

Guess what
I heard!?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I thought I had heard just about everything the Cass City rumor mill had to offer until evening fell on an otherwise quiet Monday night last week.

Police and fire department units were called out south of town near the Cemetery Road bridge at River Road, where a pedestrian had been struck by a vehicle. Not really all that unusual, although there were reports of helicopters being dispatched as well.

And then Facebook lit up like a Christmas tree, and at breakneck speed, the rumors started flying.

One report had a bunch of young people playing "chicken" and one of them being struck by an elderly driver, another Facebooker reported she had "heard" police were looking for suspects who had fled the scene. Then the rumor mill really picked up speed, with area residents carelessly passing on what they had heard about a "shoot-out" at the Cass City Gun Club and, later, shots fired at a gravel pit south of town. "One dead," reported a couple of Facebook posts, while others urged residents to close their windows and lock their doors.

Really, folks? What is this, junior high?

It's no secret that social networking sites like Facebook have been a huge boon for web users, enabling even the least technology literate of us to keep in touch with family and friends, share important moments in our lives, etc.

However, it's also created some headaches, thanks in part to a handful of folks who would probably shy away from spreading silly rumors – or other information they've made no effort to confirm – but are otherwise pretty brave when it comes to finding their voice with a keyboard and Internet connection in the privacy of their home or on their cell-phone.

I wonder if these individuals have ever taken even a moment to consider the consequence of spreading rumors. I also wonder why so many are willing to spread rumors across the Internet when, in the real world, they would likely be more skeptical.

The problem is, rumors can be damaging, distressing and even dangerous to the people they target. That's particularly true when passing rumors about specific individuals.

Falshoods can also have a generally negative impact on groups of people – say a community, for example, that may be labeled as being a dangerous place to live based on reports of alleged violent crime.

Just because a rumor is shared in the digital world doesn't make the consequences of it any less real, you know?

For example, most people are not familiar with mass media law, and those who are often don't see social networking as "publishing" worthy of such contemplation. However, Facebook is very much a public place, meaning what you post on a Facebook or another social network site can easily come back to haunt you if you aren't careful, especially if you casually drop names.

In short, if you post things on Facebook that are materially untrue about others and that information unfairly tarnishes their reputation, you can be sued for libel.

Of course, I realize rumors tend to be way juicier than plain old reality (well, usually), and I know not everyone thinks like a newspaper reporter.

But in the end, spreading unverified content on the Internet is never responsible or acceptable.

And, really, when you think about it, would it really hurt to take a couple of minutes and check your information – or at least consider the source – before spreading "what you heard"?

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

The former Joy Lynn Steffens and Randall Lee Perry were married June 4, 1988 at the First United Methodist Church in Vassar. The Rev. Allen DeGraw performed the ceremony. They have 2 children, Tyler Randall and Lauren Grace.

Dameo Jeske of Reese would like to announce the birth of his sister Laine Kaylynn Yax. Laine was born May 15, 2013 at Covenant Harrison in Saginaw at 1:57 a.m. to Trista Jeske and Stephen Yax, both of Reese. Laine weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Grandparents are Linda DammFrost of Reese, Ed Damm of Millington and Don and Sandy Yax of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Arlene Frost of Reese, Wilford Smith of Baldwin and Herbert and Valirie Yax of Deford.

Cass City speedster Katie Hacker has been named the Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winner. The Cass City sophomore recently enjoyed a night she won't soon forget at the Huron County Meet of Champions. There, she recorded her best performance of the year, winning the 100-meter dash in 13.32. Hacker also helped earn Cass City's 400-meter relay record victory on the night, running legs with Victoria Mathewson, Erin Zdrojewski and Miranda Spry. Hacker also earned a second place medal as a member of the Lady Red Hawk 800-meter relay team that also consisted of Kendra Kerkau, Victoria Mathewson and Miranda Spry.

"This meet is made up of the best times in the upper Thumb," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski. "The conditions were fantastic and we were very happy with the performances from our athletes."

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Meets of Champions are designed to pit the best against the best. And Cass City showed it had several of the finest 2008 thin-clads at last week's Huron County Meet of Champions. Juniors Lukas Varney and Austin Babich highlighted the Red Hawks' presentations at the elite invitational and were named Co-Male Athletes of the Meet for their efforts. "At the end of the meet I wasn't sure who was going to get the award. The Cass City boys of Varney, Babich and (Chris) Childs all had top performances," Coach Amy Cuthrell said. Cass City, the 2-time defending Division 3 regional champ, came out on top in 11 events at the county-wide event, which included a pair of individual wins by Babich and Varney.

Tom Kern couldn't look more comfortable in his office at the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department as he recalls his early days as a deputy, and his decision to end a law enforcement career spanning nearly 4 decades. The Reese native, now a resident of Novesta Township, should be at ease in these surroundings; with nearly 20 years in as the department's top officer, Kern is the longest-serving sheriff in the history of Tuscola County.

It seems like only a few short years ago that Lloyd Schinnerer arrived in Cass City fresh from the University of Michigan. Actually, his teaching career at Cass City started 31 years ago. He said that in all of those years, the 2008 school year marks the earliest that school has been out for the summer.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Five area residents are among 4,137 students named to the spring semester honors list at Michigan State University. The students, who achieved a minimum 3.5 grade point average, are: Angie M. Hennessey, an accounting major, and Timothy J. Rutkoski, a physiology major, both of Cass City; Debbie M. Timmons, a chemistry major from Owendale; Jeremy M. Peruski, an engineering major from Snover; and Daniel M. Kubacki, an electrical engineering major from Uby.

Two area students have recently been selected by the board of

trustees to be added to the elite list of Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship winners. Local students receiving the \$250 scholarship for the 1992-93 school year are Amanda Barry of Elkton and Paul LeCureux, Uby.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Mrs. Howard Loomis and Mrs. Bruce Kritzman returned home May 9 from Millersburg, Ind., where they spent nine days with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kritzman. While there they attended a bridal shower for Diane Kay, bride elect of Mark Kritzman, grandson of Mrs. Kritzman and Mrs. Loomis.

Top sellers this spring of Girl Scout cookies from each troop in the Cass City-Deford area were, from left, Linda Rands, 106 boxes, Troop 414; Deedra Olsway, 158, Troop 644; Sharie DeLong, 304, Troop 221; Lynette Allen, 226, Troop 826, and Janet Koch, 236, Troop 239. Missing are Christin Joos, 203 boxes, Troop 958; Lynette Veldman, 121, Troop 875, and Jennifer Rutkoski, 217, Troop 929. The scouts sold a total of 8,580 boxes.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Two area students were among 60 University of Michigan-Flint students honored for superior scholarship at the honors convocation dinner May 11 at the Sarvis Food Center. Among those honored were Linda Carol Morawski of Decker, a Capac High School graduate, and Nancy Cameron Schillman, a Kingston High School graduate. She now lives in Davison.

Brent Szarapski, 11, a fifth grader at Cass City Intermediate School, was one of three area winners out of 15,000 entries from five counties in the safety poster contest sponsored by the Detroit Edison Co. He received his trophy Monday from Robert E. Sheehy, the utility's marketing services representative in Caro. Theme of his poster, now on display in Detroit, was the danger in touching electrical wires.

Paul Kerbyson and Barbara Tuckey, who graduate from Cass City High School this Thursday, were recipients Sunday of the Julia Murray scholarship, presented by Father Joseph Morales Sunday following Mass at St. Pancratius Catholic Church. Each will receive \$250. This is the third year the scholarships have been presented.

James Baker II, an Eagle Scout of Troop 594, sponsored by the Cass City Rotary Club, has earned the new World Conservation Award, announced Robert R. Parker, Scout Executive of the Lake Huron Area Council. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Baker of Garfield Avenue, Cass City. His father and grandfather are also Eagle Scouts. The award is made by the World Wildlife Fund of Washington, D.C. through the Boy Scouts of America and recognizes achievement in environmental improvement, natural resource conservation, and an understanding of world conservation problems. Purpose of the award is to point out to young people that countries of the world are closely interrelated through natural resources and that people in this country are interdependent with the world environment. To win the award, Baker earned environmental and conservation skill awards, merit badges in environmental science, soil and water conservation, fish and wildlife management, and citizenship in the world.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Lynn Searls, an Albion College junior from Cass City, is one of five coeds who spend several hours each week assisting at the Albion Day Care Center. Miss Searls receives hourly pay under the work-study program to help with community children using the Center facilities. Tasks range from preparing snacks to reading stories with the children. Miss Searls is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert J. Searls, 4632 Oak, Cass City. She is a 1965 graduate of Cass City High School. She plans to major in sociology.

Army Specialist Four Arnold C.

Sattelberg, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sattelberg of N. Colling Road, Unionville, was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam, May 10, as a supply specialist. The Sattelberg family are former residents of Cass City.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Mrs. Mary Holcomb has received the announcement of the engagement of her niece, Miss Margaret Jean Hittle, and Major Charles Alfred Rigaud of the U.S. Marine Corps. Miss Hittle is the daughter of State Senator and Mrs. Harry F. Hittle of Lansing. Major Rigaud is on duty at Quantico, Va. The marriage is set for June 11 in the Marine Chapel at Quantico.

Gerald Bliss, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bliss, Gagetown, is receiving the basic training that will prepare him for sea duty as a fighting Bluejacket in the Navy, at the U.S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill. For the next eight weeks he will be put through a period of "boot" training stressing physical conditioning, military drill, and the fundamentals of seamanship, Naval customs and procedure.

Charles Keen, who was recently inducted into the Army, is stationed at Camp Crost, South Carolina. Mr. Keen was formerly the music supervisor of the Cass City High School. Mrs. Keen is completing his unexpired term.

According to an announcement made on Monday, Cpl. Charles A. Doran, Jr., 22, of Deford was one of three Michigan servicemen who were cited for gallantry. Cpl. Doran was presented with a Marine Corps letter of commendation for heroic action in the Pacific. The two other servicemen were from Grand Rapids.

Pvt. Clayton B. Kendall, whose home is in Gagetown, writes from California to the Chronicle as follows: "I have been in San Diego with the Marines for about six months and would like the Chronicle to keep up with the news back home. Give me Michigan over California any time."

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Missing Saturday morning's train out of Owendale did not keep Miss Catherine McLarty, an Owendale school teacher, from making her weekend visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McLarty. She determined that there were other ways besides the Polly Ann in which to reach Cass City and she at once chose the sure though somewhat slower method of walking to her home town. The distance between the two villages is 13 miles and she was none the worse for her long walk, arriving here about eleven o'clock. It is hardly necessary to add that Miss McLarty made sure to reach the Grand Trunk depot in time that evening to catch Train No. 51 for the return trip to Owendale.

Somewhere in France. April 29, 1918. Dear Brother Henry: Thought I would drop you a line to let you know I am well and hope this letter finds you the same. Well, Henry, I suppose you have started in the mason work by this time while I am enjoying the fine scenery of France. There is no way to get around it, France sure is a pretty place. I suppose around home it is just like summer by this time, it rains once in a while but what in the world do we care about a little thing like that. It is all in a life time so it doesn't make any difference. Our major said "to Hell with the rain, it is sunshine we want" and I am telling you he is the sunshine of our battalion. Have you received my mail from March yet? I ought to write often and it's a shame that I am so neglectful. I have got to settle down a little and write oftener, Well, Henry, I don't hardly know what to write ~bout, the only thing I can say is that I am feeling fine and have good health, so what more could I write. The major said tell about the beautiful flowers here and things like that but they are just starting to come up. There are some out in bloom but the best are yet to come. Well, Henry, I guess I have told you all this time so will close with lots of love to all, from GEO. HERR.

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Physician escapes jail time

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The embattled Ann Arbor physician who once served as chief of urology at the University of Michigan Medical Center but has faced two rounds of criminal charges in the Thumb escaped jail time when he was sentenced last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Dr. Joseph E. Oesterling, 61, earlier this year entered pleas of no contest to five counts of intentionally placing false information on medical records charts. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction). Under a plea agreement in the case, Oesterling will be required to pay \$51,140 in restitution to Blue Cross-Blue Shield and the state of Michigan.

He was also placed on one year of probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$13,500.

In exchange for the physician's pleas, the Tuscola County Prose-

curator's Office agreed to dismiss 23 other felony charges, including one count of conducting a criminal enterprise, which is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of \$100,000.

Also dismissed were 14 counts of making false Medicaid claims and eight counts of fraudulent acts involving insurance.

The latest charges stem from acts that allegedly took place between February 2016 and November 2016 while Oesterling was associated with Midwest Prostrate and Urological Institute and/or the Caro Medical Group, according to court records.

Oesterling has been free on a \$100,000 personal recognizance bond, but he has been prohibited from practicing medicine since his license was suspended by the state when he was first charged.

And, the Tuscola County Prosecutor's office is pursuing civil forfeiture proceedings targeting the physician's assets.

When he was practicing, Oesterling saw patients at his practice in Caro, Saginaw, and Mount Pleasant. His Tuscola County practice included working out of the Caro Medical Group, 206 Montague Ave., in Caro, formerly known as Caro Family Physicians P.C.

Oesterling was originally charged in 2017 with running a criminal enterprise, delivery of a controlled substance and maintaining a drug building following a multi-county investigation that led prosecutors to allege the doctor was guilty of over-prescribing drugs such as Norco (hydrocodone), methadone, amphetamines, oxycodone and alprazolam (Xanax). However, a Tuscola County jury disagreed, returning verdicts of not guilty to all of the charges following a four-week trial that concluded last October.

He joined Caro Family Physicians P.C. in the fall of 2014. His resume at the time included training at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., before joining the staff at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. After serving as the chairman of urology at the University of Michigan for five years, he joined a practice with Dr. Joseph Aquilina in Saginaw in 1998.

Oesterling is credited with being the urologist who discovered the prostate cancer tumor marker, prostate-specific antigen (PSA), and has conducted extensive research in defining the role of PSA in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer.

News briefs

Ellington seeking assistance

CASS CITY — The Ellington Township Board is looking for people to serve the township.

There is an opening for a township trustee. To apply, a person must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter in the township, and also needs to be able to attend meetings. The township meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

There is also an opening for someone to serve on the planning commission. The planning commission will be meeting at 7 p.m. June 19, Sept. 18 and Nov. 20.

Those interested can send a resume to township Supervisor Russell Speirs, 4794 Akron Rd., Cass City, Mi 48726, or via email at ellington-supervisor@gmail.com by Monday, June 4.

New Kingston coaches hired

KINGSTON - - The Kingston Board of Education recently approved the hiring of some coaches.

Those who were hired include Rob St. George and Bob Moore as junior varsity baseball coaches, and Justin Marquardt as assistant junior high track coach.

Free fishing weekend slated

MICHIGAN — There will be a free fishing weekend in the state Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10.

Twice a year, residents and non-residents can enjoy a weekend of free of fishing without having to purchase a license. However, all other fishing regulations apply.

School board grants tenure

KINGSTON — The Kingston Board of Education recently approved tenure for some teachers.

Tenure was granted to Jessie Gornowich, and fourth-year probationary status was approved for Tricia Cooper and to Nikki Tibbits. Second-year probationary status was granted to Nichole Maurer and Valerie Kn-effel.

In addition, third-year probational status was granted to Emily Baur, Nick Moyer and Samantha Leslie.

Youth rifle events scheduled

BAD AXE — All Huron County 4-H youth ages 8 to 18 on or prior to Jan. 1, 2018, are invited to participate in the 4-H Youth Rifle Shooting SPIN Club, sponsored by the Bad Axe-Port Austin-Kinde Memorial VFW Post 116 in partnership with Thumb Sportsman's Club in Bad Axe.

In order to participate, youth must be enrolled in the 4-H program and have their annual \$20 4-H participation fee paid to the MSU Extension Office by Friday, June 1. There is no additional cost to the participants in the program.

The shooting schedule dates are June 10 and 24; July 8 and 22; Aug. 5 and 19; Sept. 2, 16 and 30; and Oct. 14 at the Thumb Sportsman's Club, Minnick Road, Bad Axe.

No prior experience required. Instruction will focus on firearms safety and basic shooting positions. Youth will also trap shoot. Participants are asked to bring hearing and eye protection if available.

More information is available by calling Dan Little at (989) 269-8993 or Pete Goniwicha at (989) 269-8747.

House okays Canfield bill

LANSING — The Michigan House last week overwhelmingly approved a proposal from Rep. Dr. Edward J. Canfield D.O. (R-Sebewaing) designed to improve access to health care in rural areas of the state.

The measure calls for providing at least \$26 million for rural hospitals to help care for Medicaid patients — money some hospitals need to remain open, Canfield said. Some of the money would be dedicated specifically for baby delivery and related services.

Canfield's plan increases funding for the rural hospital access pool and gives it more permanency.

"Many rural hospitals need this money simply to keep their doors open. And they are in areas where we simply can't afford to lose hospitals and health care providers," said Canfield, a long-time Thumb physician. "These funds are too important not to have some permanency."

License plate law updated

LANSING — drivers will no longer receive a ticket for removable objects blocking their license plate under legislation signed last week by Gov. Rick Snyder.

House Bill 5100 amends the Michigan Vehicle Code to establish that removable bicycle racks, trailer hitches, tow balls or similar devices used to carry objects on the back of a vehicle are not included in the code's definition of "foreign materials that obscure or partially obscure" vehicle license plates, which is a civil offense.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Memorial Day observances on tap in area

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mated 500 people. "It's maybe even more (than that) — it's a fantastic crowd we get.

"We want to continue to remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice and never came home," Zmierski said. "We can never forget that sacrifice. This is how we honor them.

"We have the freedoms we have today because of those" men and women who have served and died defending this nation, Zmierski added. "I am just in awe of that commitment to duty. I don't believe we can honor our veterans enough."

The Rev. Steve Bagnall, pastor of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be the guest speaker and will also lead the invocation and benediction. Also featured will be the Cass City Junior-Senior High School Band. VFW members will be placing another memorial wreath, and the post's firing squad will present its traditional salute.

Zmierski noted volunteers are being sought to assist this week in placing new flag holders and American flags on the graves of

all veterans buried at the cemetery.

"We will meet May 23 at 4:45 p.m. to put the U.S. veteran flag holders and flags on around 640 veterans' graves," he said, adding a rain date of Thursday, May 24, at 4:45 p.m. has been scheduled in case of inclement weather.

"The flag holders will stay out in the cemetery year-round, and Tuscola County Veterans Affairs will supply the flags going forward and replace any broken holders, and supply new ones for future deceased veterans," added Zmierski, who serves as director of the county veterans department. "We are also hoping to find community members who would walk the cemetery to ensure we did not miss any veterans."

More information is available by contacting Zmierski at the Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Office at (989) 673-8148.

Members of Cass City VFW Post 3644 are also looking for volunteers to assist with taking down and storing the larger flags that make up the post's Avenue of Flags, following Monday's Memorial Day ceremony at the Elkland Township Cemetery. Anyone

interested in helping can learn more by contacting Joe Merchant, post commander, at (989) 912-5218.

Novesta Township

Zmierski will also serve as master of ceremonies for the Novesta Township Memorial Day ceremony, which will also take place Monday, starting at 1 p.m.

Zmierski, who will also be the speaker, took over the role of master of ceremonies for the Novesta Township observance from World War II veteran Lawrence Englehart, a longtime Novesta Township resident and VFW Post 3644 member, in 2008. Englehart died in 2010 after playing a key role in the annual Memorial Day program for many years.

Grant Township

In Huron County's Grant Township, meanwhile, residents will be hosting their 79th annual Memorial Day service at the Grant Township Cemetery, located on Bach Road, Sunday, May 27, beginning at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Local elementary named 'healthy school'

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Gov. Rick Snyder recently recognized 46 Michigan schools for fostering healthy eating, physical activity habits and tobacco-free lifestyles among

more than 17,000 students.

Among those recognized was Cass City Elementary School.

"Schools are in a unique position to encourage young people to develop healthy lifestyles by providing regular opportunities for

physical activity and encouraging healthy eating," said Nick Lyon, MDHHS director. "Our partnerships, collaborative efforts and programs like the School Wellness Awards Program are helping to promote a healthier Michigan."

The Michigan School Wellness Award program is part of the Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Plan, and a collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education, the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Michigan Action for Healthy Kids and the Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan Coalition.

All of the state's award-winning schools were recognized May 10 during a special ceremony in Lansing.

The Michigan School Wellness Award program aims to engage schools statewide in creating healthy school environments by establishing school wellness teams, completing the Healthy School Action Tools (HSAT) and implementing sustainable policy and environmental changes.

Schools are honored with bronze-, silver- and gold-level awards, with schools achieving all of these elements being recognized with gold awards.

Cass City Elementary School was named a silver-level award winner.

This year's winners posted achievements such as increasing the amount of time each week that students participate in physical education; farm to school programs; and engaging students to lead healthy lifestyles.

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Security on school agenda

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Another proposal receiving strong support is the purchase of an alarm system – utilizing a push-button control on a necklace or lanyard — that would enable all instructors to instantly alert 911 in the event of an emergency. No cost estimate was available on the system.

Hartel said the group, formed last month, has also discussed the possibility of employing an armed security/resource officer to patrol school buildings.

“That’s taking a big step,” Hartel acknowledged, adding there is no formal proposal on the table. However, he indicated that if the committee makes such a recommendation, the district would probably suggest contracting with the Cass City Police Department to employ an officer who would patrol school facilities 180 days a year.

The local school system isn’t the first to consider placing an armed officer in school buildings. Earlier this spring the Laker Board of Education approved a recommendation from its student safety committee to hire a part-time school security officer.

Laker officials plan to fund the position with general fund dollars, and if all goes well, they may expand the program next fall, with the goal of having a full-time security presence on their campus.

While the cost of employing an officer is significant, Hartel pointed out state officials are planning to earmark additional funding for schools to upgrade security, although it isn’t known just how much money at this time.

Turning to other matters, Hartel noted the district’s calendar for the 2018-19 school year will include starting classes before Labor Day.

The board gave its nod of approval for the change in December as the district joined a growing number of Thumb schools planning to get a head start on classes before the Labor Day holiday.

In Cass City, that means students will attend their first days Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 28-30, before getting a head start on the holiday weekend. Staff will begin the new year with a three-day week Aug. 21-23.

While some officials say an earlier start addresses the impact of a long summer vacation – specifically, students having to re-learn information they’ve forgotten from the previous school year – Hartel has suggested that kicking off the school year in August simply makes sense.

“The feeling is, three months is too long to be off,” he said, adding athletic teams already have a couple weeks of practice in by then. “Why are we not getting kids back in class when they’re probably ready to come back?”

Legislation enacted during Gov. Jennifer Granholm’s administration prohibited a pre-Labor Day school start in order to boost tourism in the state. However, more recently, Michigan Department of Education (MDE) officials have been authorized to issue waivers to districts that wish to start in August.

In other business Monday, the board:

- *Hired Christopher Kimble as the new junior-senior high school science teacher.

- *Endorsed the Tuscola Intermediate School District’s (TISD) proposed 2018-19 budget, presented last month by TISD Supt. Gene Pierce. All local boards of education within the ISD are asked to endorse the spending plan.

Pierce presented a proposed 2018-19 general fund budget with projected revenues of \$4,649,739 and expenses of \$4,668,069, leaving a deficit of \$18,330 – an amount equal to less than half of one percent of the total spending plan.

The TISD has a combined budget of roughly \$34.6 million, special education (\$23.1 million funded by 2.45 mills), career and technical education (\$6.5 million funded by 1.649 mills), and general education (\$4.95 million funded by a tax of .141 mills).

- *Approved an annual resolution welcoming Schools of Choice student enrollment in grades K-10.

- *Authorized the high school band to participate in a parade in Frankenmuth on the weekend of June 16.

- *Acknowledged letter from Steve Goodman, director of Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MIBLSI), who lauded the Cass City Schools for its work in implementing the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), which is designed to provide reading and math support for all students.

“We have been impressed with your dedication and passion to make effective learning environments that are safe and predictable for each and every student,” Goodman said.

Legal marijuana sales to reach \$7 billion nationally in 2018

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state tax benefits from regulatory fees are estimated at \$58,000 annually.

“We need some feedback,” Vollmer told the council, adding, “We have a couple of other options if you don’t approve this.”

Ploss and Vollmar contend the current Millennium building is under-utilized and in need of some repairs, including a \$500,000 roof. But with fuel systems going to electric systems and employment numbers shrinking, keeping the doors open at the 120,000-square-foot facility may be in jeopardy.

“The landscape is changing. Small communities are dying. We will find a place, but we would like to keep the jobs here. I believe it is an economic decision, not a moral decision,” Vollmar said.

Trustees’ reactions varied on the request, but they agreed more information on the controversial subject is needed.

“I do not feel it is the right fit for this community on a number of levels,” commented Trustee Nancy Barrios.

Trustee Mick Kim said the citizens he has talked to in the community are against the plan to allow marijuana to be grown and cured for sale to a processor or provisioning center only.

Last month, Vollmar explained that the new business proposal is not a point of sale operation and would be strictly for medical purposes.

Trustee Tom Herron, who believes in the benefits of medical marijuana use, also feels it would be political suicide to vote in support of grow plant because of all the negative connotations related to pot. Herron suggested holding a public forum or supplying an information package to educate the public on the matter.

“Turning this opportunity down without looking into it would be a big mistake. We have to get the people behind this,” he added.

Proponents for medical marijuana use say it’s an effective alternative medicine for persistent muscle spasms, cancer, glaucoma, hepatitis C, and Crohn’s disease, among others.

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Deford 4-Hers shine at TARC event in spite of weather issues

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team recently returned home from this year's Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) in The Plains, Va., without a top 25 finish, but the Tuscola County youths did their hometown proud just the same.

Aside from claiming one of just 100 coveted available spots in the national competition, the team claimed first place in the 2018 TARC Presentation Contest, and Mark Hansen — who along with his wife, Patricia, have served as mentors of the Dazzlers since the 4-H club was established in 2009-10 — was named this year's Outstanding Mentor of the Year.

The TARC National Finals proved to be a busy weekend full of ups and downs for the contingent from Deford, according to Patricia Hansen.

"We had a wonderful trip to Virginia. We took the team to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. (on the first day), and then to the Udvar-Hazy Center at the Dulles Airport where the large military planes and the shuttle is housed," Patricia Hansen said.

"On day 2, they attended Rockets on the Hill, a Congressional breakfast hosted by Senator Jean Shaheen. Afterward they visited the offices of Senators Stabenow and Peters, and were interviewed by the staff," she added. "This was a great opportunity for them as the education directors for our senators were very supportive and interested in the team and their accomplishments."

Later that evening, the team attended the TARC Briefing Meeting, where they learned Mark Hansen had been nominated by team member Sam Gordon for the Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award.

"The write up that Sam submitted was read aloud, and I think it brought both of us to tears. It was an amazing moment!" Patricia recalled.

Then came competition day, and it was clear Mother Nature wasn't going to cooperate this year.

"It had been announced the night before that the (Deford Dazzlers') launch window was not going to

be very good because thermals — which carry the rocket, preventing it from descending in a timely manner — and high wind gusts above the tree line (were) going to pick up. Wind gusts were predicted to be 18 to 19 miles per hour, which is pretty bad for such lightweight rockets," she explained.

This year's challenge involved building a rocket weighing less than 650 grams, carrying two raw hen's eggs weighing between 55 and 61 grams each, using two different body tube dimensions. The target altitude was 800 feet and the total flight time, 41 to 43 seconds.

"Though we had no way to measure the winds up there, visually it looked like they were definitely strong. The organizers even admitted at the briefing meeting that the teams that were assigned — randomly via software — an early launch window had a huge advantage," Patricia continued. "The team was only off altitude by 12 feet, which was actually quite competitive. But, it was the fall time. Their parachute caught a thermal and hung up for about 10 seconds before beginning to descend well. This caused them to have a huge time penalty, which knocked them out of contention for a second launch or top 25 finish."

This was the Dazzlers' sixth trip to the TARC finals, which just two years ago saw the local rocketry team finish in second place in the nation.

Although this year's results were disappointing in comparison, "They handled all of that very well, and then simply focused on their presentation," she said.

The presentation competition is a public speaking, judged event in which teams have six minutes to present a program on the design, construction, specifications and unique qualities of their rockets, as well as flight statistics, design modifications, season results, safety procedures, and lessons learned from participating in the TARC competition. This is followed by two minutes of questions and answers.

"One of the things that really impressed the judging panel... was that our students provided a cross section — a dissected rocket — to

show the internal construction of their through-wall fin design," Patricia said. "Another aspect the judges liked was that their original design — a hollow fin design — was demonstrated, including why that set of fins was prone to warping in our extreme weather conditions, thus resulting in a change from four hollow fins, to three solid fins before qualifications were due."

"They also provided drift analysis data, and showed that their math was highly accurate by providing the data for the approximate distances their rocket actually landed from the launch pad," she added.

"The organizer of the competition told Mark and I that it was the interactive equity of their presentation that really made them stand out."

"They did an impressive job," Patricia continued. "They won the presentation competition, and that is the accomplishment above all others that we value, because while there is a lot of skill in getting to the finals — once in the top 100 out of 801 teams, a top finish in the competition involves a lot of luck," Patricia said. "But the presentation competition is all skill, every bit of it, and it's a life skill that they can take with them to college and future employment. So, we are immensely proud of them for their hard work for that competition."

The group is also already looking ahead to next year's competition.

"The 2019 TARC Launch Day will commemorate the 1969 moon landing, so for the first time ever, teams will have to launch three eggs to represent the three astronauts on the Apollo 11 mission," Patricia said.

"The team is hoping to flesh out an initial design and order a pack of motors for testing before Labor Day in order to take advantage of hot weather and humidity which, causes the thermals," she added.

"Normally they never get to launch in the weather conditions that they experience in Virginia since our spring is so much cooler."

"As mentors, Mark and I are already looking forward to the 2018-19 TARC season."



MARK Hansen, who along with his wife, Patricia, serve as leaders of the Deford Dazzlers, accepts the 2018 Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award.



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BRENDAN HAMILTON helped the Red Hawk 400 meter relay team to an 8th place finish Friday in regional action. Also running legs for Cass City were Eric Peters, Jarod Naegele and Anthony Boscaglia.

State champions' battle highlights D3 regional

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

There was plenty of excitement at the Division 3 Regional in Marlette Friday, highlighted by a sprint to the finish in the 1,600 meter run between a pair of neighboring cross county state champs.

Caro collected regional team honors with 125 points, while Reese with 102 was runner-up. Both teams now advance to the state final meet in Comstock Park on June 2.

Also qualifying for the season-ending meet were the top 2 individual finishers in each event.

For Caro, individual wins were earned by Nathan Furst in the 110 and 300 meter hurdles, Caleb Cotton in the 800 meter run and Trevin Phillips in the high jump.

Yami Albrecht – the Tigers' cross country champ – collected a pair of second place finishes in the 800 meter and 1,600 meter races.

For Cass City - they finished 5th out of 15 teams with 62 1/3 - CarLee Stimpfel won both the 1,600 meter run and the 3,200 meter run, as expected, but Brendan Hamilton exceeded his seeding position of fourth in the long jump to win the event by a mere half inch.

Still, it was the mile race that had folks talking afterwards, as Stimpfel edged Albrecht at the finish line. Stimpfel was timed in 4:24.46 and Albrecht in 4:24.67. The third place finisher in the event was Bad Axe's David Kanarian with a time of 4:36.06.

Medals on the day were awarded to the top eight places. For the Red Hawks, Sandyn Cuthrell took

third in the 400 meter dash, while the team's fourth place finishes included Zane Wright in the 800 meter run, Justin Schaufele in the long jump and the 3,200 meter relay team of Zane Wright, Nick McArdle, Gabe Farver and Brandon Witherspoon. Nick McArdle set new personal marks in both the 1,600 meter run, taking 6th place, and taking 7th place in the 3,200 meter run. Also winning 7th place medals was the 800 meter relay team of Eric Peters, Cuthrell, Jarod Naegele and Anthony Boscaglia.

In five events, Cass City finished in 8th place.

"We exceeded our seed times in every instance, this is a great feat considering the talent from the other 14 teams and the ability of our men to rise for the occasion and have their best performances when they mattered the most," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

Kris Nika took 8th in the 300 meter hurdles, Schaufele took 8th place in the high jump and Michael Ziegler finished in 8th place in shot put.

Cass City had two relays finish in 8th place. The 400 meter relay team consisted of Eric Peters, Hamilton, Jarod Naegele and Boscaglia and the 1600 meter relay team of Wright, Gabe Farver, Brandon Witherspoon and Cuthrell.

GTW LEAGUE MEET

At the Greater Thumb West League Meet, host Reese tallied 151 1/2 points to win the 2018 conference title and was followed in the standings by Vassar with 130 points, Bad Axe 92 1/2, Cass City 77, USA 55 and EPBP 21.

"We have a very difficult conference and our honors are limited this year, but we have a young team and are already looking forward to next year," Zdrojewski said, explaining first place finishers earn first team all-conference honors, runners-up earn second team all-conference honors and third place finishers earn honorable mention status.

For Cass City, first team all-conference honors went to Stimpfel in four events. He was league champion in the 800 meter run, 1,600 meter run and 3,200 meter run and was part of the winning 3200 Relay team along with Wright, Witherspoon and McArdle.

Second Team All-Conference honors went to Schaufele in the long jump, while Honorable Mention All-Conference honors went to the 1600 meter relay team of Farver, Witherspoon, Wright and Cuthrell.

Hanson girls lead Brown City to victory in regional action

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

For the third straight year, the Cass City Lady Red Hawks failed to advance a competitor to the MHSAA State Final Meet to the displeasure of first year Coach Adam Dorland.

"Cass City girls haven't sent an athlete to the state meet since 2015. We performed much like a young team. We had a couple hopefuls and when you get to this level, your mental preparation is crucial to your success. I think physically we were capable of ending the drought for state qualifying, but I failed to get the athletes mentally ready," he said.

Just missing out on a state final invitation Friday in Marlette - where the top 2 finishers, plus qualifiers advance from regional action - was the Lady Red Hawk 3,200 meter relay team of Layna Mathewson, Mary Muter, Marla Muter and Riley Copeland, who recoded third place honors.

Also just missing a trip to Comstock Park, site of the State Final Meet, was Hailey Schmotzer. The Cass City hurdler placed third in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.04. Schmotzer also medaled in the 300 meter hurdles, placing 5th.

Other medal winners for Cass City were 6th place finishers Tiara Anthony in the high jump, Madison Beckrow in the pole vault, Mary Muter in the 800 meter run. Cass City also recorded 6th place finishes in the 400 and 800 meter relay teams. The shorter relay team consisted of Schmotzer, Beckrow, Brittany Stilson and Brittany Hamilton, while the longer relay team consisted of Mathewson, Muter, Muter and Copeland.

Sierra Spry's 7th place effort in the long jump and Copeland's 8th place showing in the 3,200 meter run completed the medal winners for Cass City.

Brown City, led by speedsters Alexandre Hanson and Juliana Hanson, was the easy team winner with 130 1/2 points. Marine City was next with 82 1/2 points.

GTW LEAGUE MEET

On Tuesday, May 15, Cass City traveled to Reese for the Greater Thumb West League Meet and recorded a middle-of-the-pack finish. Reese scored 184 1/2 points to claim league honors, turning back Bad Axe (100), USA (85), Cass City (74), EPBP (49) and Vassar (29 1/2).

"There were some nice performances by some individuals on the day," said Dorland, adding, "Hailey Schmotzer continues to shine in the hurdles. She won the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. She was the only First Team all-conference athlete for the Lady Hawks this year."

Second team all-conference honors went to the Cass City 3,200 meter relay of Copeland, Marla Muter, Mathewson and Mary Muter. The 400 meter relay of Madison Beckrow, Hailey Schmotzer, Brittany Stilson and Brittany Hamilton was also second. Individually, Cass City had Mary Muter second in the 1600 meter run.

Rounding out the day with honorable mention all-conference status was Madison Beckrow in the pole vault and Tiara Anthony in the high jump, both placing third. "Of all of our all-conference athletes, only Stilson is a senior so things are looking good for the future of the team," said Dorland.



Photo courtesy of John Scollon.

CASS CITY'S CarLee Stimpfel and Caro's Yami Albrecht battle to the finish line in the 1,600 meter run during the Division 3 regional in Marlette.



NICE BIRD. Brennan Deering, 9 years old, with his little brother Blake, display the turkey he shot while hunting with his grandfather Dave Deering Saturday morning in the Deford area. Deering's tom had a 10" beard and it was his second turkey in two years. Brennan is the grandson of Frank Kieltyka.

Cuthrell, Stimpfel snag coveted athletic awards

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Among the highlights of Senior Honors Night at Cass City Junior-Senior High School is the presentation of awards to the district's top athletes, and as has been true in past years, narrowing the field of candidates to a winner in each category was no easy task, according to Athletic Director Don Markel.

"Both the AAUW (American Association of University Women) Outstanding Female Athlete Award and the Paul Smarks award recognizing the outstanding male athlete are voted upon by the varsity coaches and school administrators," Markel noted.

It was agreed that all of the athletes who had applied for the award were worthy applicants, making the decision very difficult," he said.

The 2017 award recipients are Sayge Cuthrell and CarLee Stimpfel.

Cuthrell, this year's Outstanding Female Athlete Award winner, is a member of the National Honor

Society (NHS) and the student council, has been on the honor roll throughout her high school career and will graduate with a 3.88 grade point average.

She has been an academic all-conference selection in each sport in which she has competed, and is a recipient of the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) Scholar Athlete Award.

Cuthrell has earned a total of 12 varsity letters in the sports of basketball, volleyball and softball, earning all-conference honors in each sport as well as first team honors in volleyball and basketball.

She was also honored as an all-area athlete in volleyball and basketball by the Huron Daily Tribune, Tuscola County Advertiser and Bay City Times.

A third team all-state selection in volleyball, she is one of only four girls basketball players to score in excess of 1,000 points in her career at Cass City High School.

Stimpfel, the 2018 Paul Smarks Award recipient, has also excelled in the classroom as well as in athletics. He has earned a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 and has

been an academic all-conference selection in each sport in which he has competed throughout his high school career.

He has also been an honor roll student during his high school years and is a member of both the NHS and student council.

A recipient of the MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award, Stimpfel has earned a total of eight varsity letters in cross country and track.

He was a first team all-conference pick in both cross country and track, and holds five school records: one in cross country and four in track and field in the 3200 meter relay, 800, 1600 and 3200, breaking records that had been in existence for 34 years.

An all-state selection in track and field, Stimpfel was a state champion in cross country in both his Junior and Senior seasons.

"He is a young man who inspires others through example," Markel said. "When my wrestling team watched him run by in a snow storm in the dead of winter and commented, 'He's crazy', I quickly responded with, 'No... he is a state champion and that is exactly the reason why'."



OUTSTANDING PAIR. Sayge Cuthrell, left, and CarLee Stimpfel were named Cass City Schools' top athletes by the votes of varsity coaches and school administrators.

Hawks fade from GTW title chase, districts next

Cass City's run for the 2018 Greater Thumb West baseball title fell just short, as three late conference losses doomed the Red Hawks.

It's been an up and down season for the young Red Hawks.

After taking command of the league title chase with a sweep of then undefeated Vassar, Cass City was delivered a huge blow when Reese registered their own sweep over the Red Hawks in their next GTW contests, opening the doors for several league contenders.

Still, Cass City was in control of their own destiny entering Thursday's twin bill with EPBP, but were knocked from contention as EPBP rebounded nicely from a hard fought 6-5 defeat in the

opener, with an easy 6-2 win in the nightcap. The GTW split secures league honors for Vassar that finished the GTW campaign with an 8-2 mark.

Although Cass City's run to the end of the regular season has been disappointing, the Red Hawks could erase those memories with a Division 3 District championship in Caro. The 4-team district has Cass City and Sandusky squaring off at 10 a.m., while host Caro and Bad Axe will meet in the late semifinal contest that will begin 20 minutes after the conclusion of the early game. The championship game is slated for 30 minutes after the semifinal rounds. All games are on Saturday, June 2.

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Cass City, EPBP trade wins to set up rubber match in D4 district play

Cass City split decisions with visiting EPBP Thursday, in a district preview between the GTW foes.

After the Lakers took game one, 13-2, Cass City squeaked out a 6-5 victory in game 2.

Now the two teams are set to meet again in a quarterfinal game in the Division 4 District hosted by the Red Hawks. First pitch is pegged for 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 29. In another quarterfinal contest, Kingston will take on Caseville, following the early contest.

Awaiting the Cass City/EPBP winners on Friday, June 1, is Owen-Gage, while USA will take on the Kingston/Caseville winner following the completion of the early semifinal contest that starts at 10 a.m. The semifinal winners will then meet for district honors.



LAUREN DICKINSON scores for Cass City against the Lakers.

Pirates record sweeps in Owendale

Owen-Gage gave visiting Peck all they could handle in Thursday's North Central Thumb League softball opener, but were unable to secure their second win on the season.

The hosts fell to 1-17 overall as the Lady Bulldogs suffered defeats of 11-9 and 23-7 Thursday in Owendale.

Carley Haldane took the loss on the mound despite 10 strike outs and issuing just one free pass.

At the plate, Megan Fritz and Carlee Rievert each had two hits to lead Owen-Gage.

Game 2 saw the visitors' bats come alive

Maddy Haldane handled the Owen-Gage pitching chores in the late game and was tagged with the

defeat. She walked four and whiffed four.

Fritz continued to deliver at the plate in game two and clubbed two hits as did teammate Carley Haldane.

On the baseball fields, Owen-Gage was delivered similar setbacks of 11-6 and 11-5.

"We had our chances to win, but committed too many errors," said Owen-Gage Coach Brian Wright.

In the early game, Matt Fritz was the pitcher of record for Owen-Gage, while in the late offering Andrew Partaka handled the pitching chores.

At the plate, Bulldog Aaron Fahrner recorded a double in each game. He was 3-for-4 in game 2.

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Huron Medical now known as McLaren Thumb Region

Officials last week announced that Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe has officially become a subsidiary of McLaren Health Care, one of Michigan's largest integrated health systems.

Huron Medical Center will now be named McLaren Thumb Region.

The decision to join the 14-hospital system comes as a result of Huron Medical Center's goal to expand services to the community, according to Michael E. Johnston, president and CEO of McLaren Thumb Region, who said that goal includes providing improved access to physicians, expanded service offerings for patients and enhancements to the facility's infrastructure and equipment.

The 58-bed acute care hospital in Bad Axe serves residents of Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

"Becoming part of McLaren Health Care is an extremely positive development for our community," Johnston said. "We are excited to offer residents of the area the services of McLaren Health Care while maintaining our commitment to the local community that has always been our mission."

One of the key benefits of the acquisition, he noted, is the shared belief that the provision of health care should principally stay local.

McLaren Thumb Region will continue to be governed by their local board of trustees, and all funds raised by the foundation will remain local, he said. As in the past, McLaren Thumb Region will make business decisions based on the needs of the community and, at the same time, will gain the support of a large, successful healthcare system.

"We are honored to welcome McLaren Thumb Region as the newest member of our growing health system," said Philip A. Incarnati, president and CEO of McLaren Health Care. "I want to personally thank the members of leadership and governance for the trust they have placed in McLaren. Together, we will con-

tinue to provide the level of patient care excellence that this region of the state has come to expect."

McLaren Thumb Region is a not-for-profit provider of integrated healthcare. Founded in 1906 as Hubbard Hospital, it is a full service acute care hospital.

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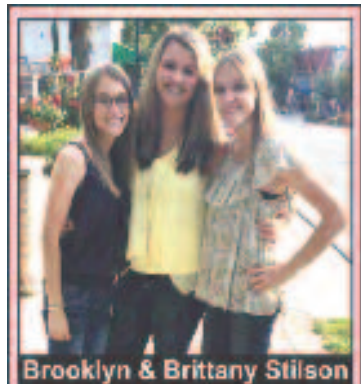


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Ubyly board hires coaches, addresses preschool work

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The main order of business during the last Ubyly Board of Education meeting focused on some coaching changes.

The board accepted "with regret" the resignations of Terry Messing, Dave Kaufman, Charles Wright, Bill Sweeney, and Charles Wright from their coaching positions.

The board then approved hiring Jim Becker as the head varsity football coach, and Jim Wencel as assistant varsity football coach.

Wencel is well known throughout the Thumb. He spent 37 years as a teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, business manager and superintendent at schools in the area. He was superintendent in the Owendale-Gagetown School District and principal in the Mayville School District. He also coached football at Owendale-Gagetown High School and wrestling at Mayville High School.

In other business, the board went into closed session to discuss a "letter of understanding" with the Ubyly Education Association, but took no action when it returned to open session.

Also, school officials noted plans are moving forward on renovation for a preschool building. The following contractors were selected: Booms Construction for general trades construction for \$79,000, Thumb Cooling and Heating for mechanical for \$25,756, and Wright Choice Electrical for the electrical work for \$44,000.

The total project cost will not exceed \$175,631, which includes a contingency fund of 10 percent, a management fee of three percent and general conditions of five percent.

In February, the district bought the Re-Store Shabby Chic store at 4454 N. Washington Street to convert into a preschool facility. When the remodeling is done, the plan is to offer a tuition-based preschool starting in the 2018-2019 school year.



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Monday, May 28 from 12 - 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 29 from 4 - 8 p.m.

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Worship Service 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Phil Burkett • www.casscitymc.org
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Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125,
Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe

Community Baptist Church
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4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4088
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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

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1392 N. Kingston Rd. | 872-4055
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Teen Club 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Christian Wright
Website: www.fbccc.us

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6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400
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Exercise Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.
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December 6th @ 3:30 p.m. Children ages 5-11
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3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
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989-872-4637
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Pastor: Jephtha Bryant

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
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4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 665-1027
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Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Priest: Fr. Christian Tabares

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Obituaries

Robert D. Alexander

Robert "Bob" Alexander, 84, of Ubyly, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2017 at the Chandler Regional Medical Center, AZ.

He was born in Grant Township on the family farm to Nicholas and Alice (Kretzschmer) Alexander.

He married his high school sweetheart Marilyn (Wagg) Alexander and the couple had three children.

Robert was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. After finishing his tour with the Navy he began working for Walbro Corporation, in Cass City, for the next 38 years and retired as Plant Superintendent. In 1995 Marilyn passed away, leaving a hole in his heart for the next two years. In 1997 Robert married Marvel (Fassett) Alexander and the two lived in joyful bliss on their farm near Ubyly and wintering in Casa Grande, Arizona until his recent passing.

Robert cared very much for his whole family and spoke with all of them on a weekly basis. Robert also enjoyed good conversation with his friends, watching farming operations of his neighbors, and watching the various judge's shows on TV. He also enjoyed watching sports, especially baseball. Many in Cass City mention during the fundamentals and love of baseball from Robert during the years he coached Little League ball.

Robert is survived by Marvel, his wife; children, Robert (Ellen) Alexander, of Houston, TX, Jeanne (David) Saddler of Mooresville, IN, Todd (Marge) Alexander of Lapeer, MI, Darin Greyerbiehl and Tami Rowan of San Francisco, CA and Lori Greyerbiehl of Saginaw, MI. Grandchildren, Brandon (Brianna) Fry, Drew (Whitney) Fry, Robert (Terry) Wagar, Jacqueline (Matt) Drake and Richard (Kathleen) Wagar; 7 great-grandchildren; brother and sisters-in-law, Dennis (Jackie) Hill, Nina Alexander, Edna Alexander, JoAnn Alexander, Roy Wagg; and many special nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, wife Marilyn, and siblings, Shirley, Jack, Janet, JD, Nancy, Mary Jane, Frank and Willard.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place at the Fraser Church at M-53 and Huron Line Rd, Cass City on Saturday, June 2, 2018 with visitation from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and the service at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Reverend Linda Graham. Burial will take place in the Novesta Township cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Cass City Little League.



Joan Merchant

Joan Merchant, 88, of Cass City, died Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City.

She was born October 28, 1929 in Cassopolis, the youngest of two children born to Joseph D. and Lucille Evelyn (Harmon) Sommers.

She married Stuart William Merchant June 26, 1949 in the former Trinity United Methodist Church in Cass City. He died June 12, 2011.

Joan graduated from Cass City High School in 1947. She attended NE Business School and then worked for the Nestles Plant for a short time. She worked for General Cable for five years. Joan, along with her husband Stu, owned and operated Sommers Bakery in Cass City for thirty years taking over from her parents who had also owned the bakery for 30 years. Early morning hours often found Joan "making the donuts" for locals to enjoy. Many village and world issues were talked about in their café (which was added in 1975) over a cup of coffee, a sandwich and a donut. Joan was a member of the former Trinity United Methodist Church, now Cass City United Methodist Church, singing in their choir for over 50 years. She was the church organist for 45 years. Joan also sang with the Tom Thumb Singers for many years.

Joan participated with the TACA Theatre group for four years, acting in: Sound of Music, Arsenic and Old Lace, Cinderella and On Golden Pond. She also performed in 3 productions of the Windy Hill Players of Cass City United Methodist Church. Joan was a life member and past Worthy Matron of the O.E.S. Joan traveled to West Berlin to visit Les, to Israel and Egypt in 1986 and many trips to Florida. Joan was an avid reader. She loved books, even continuing this love through books on tape in later years. Joan was crafty in many ways. She enjoyed crocheting and made all the family afghans. Crewel was her needlework of choice and she made many beautiful wall hangings. Joan was also a card warrior, remembering many birthdays, anniversaries and holiday events with a card. Most of all, Joan was proud of her children and grandchildren. Her whole family meant the world to her and she loved every one.

Joan is survived by her children: Dennis "Joe" Merchant of Cass City, Leslie (Marcia) Merchant of Cass City, Evelyn (Glen "Mic") Miracle of Merritt Island, FL and Lola (Bruce Miller) Flores of Cass City; daughter-in-law, Barb Merchant of Cass City; grandchildren: Christopher (Daniell) Osentoski, Whitney Osentoski, Brice (Melissa Biskner) Osentoski, Kristy (Scott) Merchant Hale, Lori (Ruben) Hernandez, Stephen (Alicia) Miracle, Rachel (Curtis) Duff and Sarah (Cristian) Aguirre; great-grandchildren: Seth, Cole, Kaitlyn, Austin, Caleb, Connor, Chris, Jamison, Donovan, Landynn, Allison, Annabelle and Olivia; sister-in-law, Janet Sommers; nieces: Johna and Alexis; nephew, Joe.

Joan was preceded in death by her brother, John Sommers.

A funeral service was held Monday, May 21, in Cass City United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jackie Roe officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association or Cass City United Methodist Church.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Merchant: Christopher Osentoski, Whitney Osentoski, Brice Osentoski, Kristy Merchant Hale, Rachel Duff, Austin Hale, Kaitlyn James, Cole Osentoski and Jamison Kruse.

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.



Rick Damm

Rick David Damm, 61, of Pinellas Park, FL, formerly of Cass City, died following a short illness Wednesday, April 25, 2018 in Suncoast Hospice Mid Pinellas Woodside, Pinellas Park, FL.

He was born September 21, 1956 in Cass City, the second of three children born to Dale and Mary (McClorey) Damm.

Rick was a 1975 graduate of Cass City High School. Soon after graduating he moved to Florida where he attended St. Petersburg College for a short time and then became manager of a Winn Dixie store in Pinellas Park. He was currently employed at EMMI. Rick enjoyed going to the Tampa Bay Rays' ball games. He was a great sports fan, watching any game or golf that was on TV. Rick also liked to cook and was quite a talented Chef.

Rick is survived by his daughter, Stacy Thornton of Pinellas Park, FL; grandson, Les Thornton; mother, Mary Damm of Cass City; brother, Randy (Carmen) Damm of Cass City; sister, Susan (Tim) Wooster of Flint; nephews: Jason (Liz) Damm of Columbus, IN, and Ethan Damm of Cass City; 2 great-nieces; aunt and uncle, Beverly (George) Frank of Cass City; several cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dale.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 26, in Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 26, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church.

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

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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Kenneth Titus

Kenneth James Titus, 58, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Saturday, April 28, 2018 in his home. He was born March 8, 1960 in Detroit to Arthur James and Katherine Grace (Antonoff) Titus, Jr.

Ken graduated from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods and studied at the Creative Arts Institute in Detroit. Ken was a talented artist, specializing in wild life paintings.

Ken is survived by his siblings: Timothy (Deborah) Titus of Ringoes, NJ, Daniel (Jodi) Titus of Northville, Mary Chris (Michael) Chapp of St. Clair Shores; aunt, Marilyn Antonoff; nephews: Matthew (Andrea) Titus and Alex Chapp; nieces: Dana (Joseph) Kopacz, Colette Chapp and Marissa Titus; cousins: John (Monica) Opincar and Chris (Trisha) Opincar. Ken is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Katherine Titus, and brother Ronald Titus.

Ken is being remembered in private family masses and dedications. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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Dorothy J. Green

Dorothy J. Green, 71, of Rochester Hills, died May 13, 2018 in Ascension Crittenton Hospital, Rochester Hills.

She was born May 15, 1946 in Cass City to Herbert and Ruth (Kirby) Wagner.

Dottie earned an Associate's Degree in business from Kent State University, Ohio. She worked for the John Rowling Real Estate Agency in Metamora. Dottie was secretary to the administrator of Utica Community Schools for four years. She was a community director and enjoyed training new people.

Dottie worked for various mortgage and real estate companies and retired from Wells Fargo as regional manager. Dottie kept active playing golf, tennis and jogging. She enjoyed reading fiction and non-fiction books, crocheting, cross stitching and knitting. Dottie was a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant for a time.

Dottie is survived by her son, Scott Abke of Grand Rapids; daughter, Shari (Kenneth) Kirk of Rochester Hills; grandchildren: Xandrea Kirk, Heather (John) Neville and Kandice (Michael) Sanchez; four great-grandchildren: Dakota Meier, Cody Boos, Jordan Pierce and Emma Sanchez; sisters: Beverly (Les) Auten, Jr. of Cass City, Aileen (Daryl) Wismer of Saranac, Jill (Bill) Haps of Grand Rapids, Vicki DeHaan of Georgetown, SC and Mary (Dale) Wagner Parsons of North Branch; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Jan Abke; brothers: Kurt Wagner and John "Jack" Wagner.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 19, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, Arthritis Foundation or Alzheimer's Association-Mid Michigan Region.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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Susan Gracey Truemner

Susan Kay Gracey Truemner, 59, of Cass City, died following a short illness, Sunday, May 20, 2018 in United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center, Marlette. She was born September 11, 1958 in Detroit to Garrison and Albina "Beanie" (Strahbitzhki) Gracey. She married Dana Truemner May 25, 2012 in Cass City.

Sue worked in food service for many years beginning with her family owned restaurant, Wildwood Farms on Van Dyke. Over the course of many years, Sue worked as General Manager of Woodland Hills, Ubyly Heights, Applebee's and Uno's.

Sue worked for Curtis Chrysler in Cass City for the last ten years. She was very crafty making wreaths, sleighs and other things that she would sell at area craft sales. Sue also enjoyed working in her flower gardens or giving Dana instructions of what to do in her flower gardens. Dana and Sue went on many trips on their Harleys, which she loved very much. But her greatest love was her grandchildren. Whether it was watching a hockey game or a baseball game she loved cheering on her grandchildren. She loved taking them to water parks with a possible visit to Culver's following.

Sue is survived by her husband, Dana; daughter: Andrea (Nicholas) Bowerman of Snover; step-children: Gary (Kathy) Truemner of Imlay City, Laura (Bobby Hampton) Sigler of Chicago, Keith Truemner of Owosso; grandchildren: Peyton, Blake, Morgan, Emily, Victoria, Austin, Lani, Kole; father, Garrison (Connie Grindstaff) Gracey of Ubyly; sisters: Carol Kulish of Ubyly, Donna (Brian Keller) Gracey of Ubyly; brother, Mark (Becky) Gracey of Ann Arbor; nieces and nephews: Zachary (Rachel) Kulish, Paige (Abe Camero) Kulish, Garrison Gracey, Madelynn Gracey, Eaton Gracey-Keller. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Ashley Walsh; mother, Albina "Beanie" (Jerry) Dickelman; brother-in-law, Donnie Kulish.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2018 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Funeral service held 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2018 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Rev. Jackie Roe of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Sue will be: Zack Kulish, Garrison Gracey, Morgan Truemner, Mark Gracey, Rick Shene, Gary Truemner, John Churchill and Scott Hartel. Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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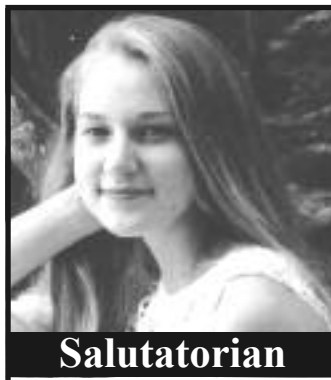
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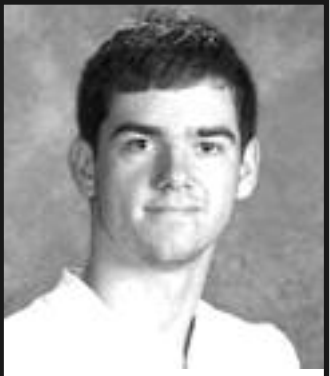
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