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A COMMEMORATIVE plaque in front of the VFW Post 3644 Hall, Cass City, honoring those who served in the Vietnam War, was dedicated Saturday. VFW Commander Joe Merchant (top photo, right), a U.S. Army veteran of that war, stands in front looking at the monument. The master of ceremonies during the dedication and pinning ceremony was Tuscola County Veteran Affairs Director Mark Zmierski, pictured in the photo at left along with some members of the Cass City High School Band and Director Laura Curtis, whose father is a Vietnam veteran. At right, Michigan VFW Senior Vice Commander Mike Fineis, a Vietnam veteran who served with the U.S. Marine Corps, was among the guest speakers. See story, related photos, page 8.

## Greenleaf Township to consider a proposed drug treatment complex

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

A non-profit organization wants to develop a residential recovery center in Sanilac County.

The Greenleaf Township Planning Commission will host a hearing Friday, Aug. 31, starting at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Michigan House of Hope's request for a special land-use permit to build and operate a group home/residential recovery center. The plan is to develop a 30-acre site one-quarter mile east of Thomas Road on Spencer Road.

"We looked at several locations. We want to serve the Thumb, and where we would like to build is centrally located between the Thumb's three counties. It's a perfect spot," said Jeff Kramer, who moved to the Thumb from Arizona to develop the center.

"We are seeking to start a 12-month residential recovery community. We are faith-based and operate similar to Teen Challenge USA. We will use them as a model in our program," he explained.

Teen Challenge USA uses a holistic model of drug and alcohol recovery to treat addictions.

"The main difference with our

program is we are going to incorporate agriculture in our structure," he said. "We are looking at purchasing 30 acres where we will incorporate animal husbandry and greenhouses to teach work ethic and responsibility," Kramer said.

And, the Michigan House of Hope will focus primarily on those ages 18 and up.

"This is a free-will program for people who want to do it. If someone does come from court or prison, we will look at accepting them," he said.

"We want people who want to be here. It is hard to help someone who doesn't want help, so our program is one for people who want help," added Kramer. "We have a thorough screening process. We will not be taking sex offenders or people with violent crimes in their past. The safety of the community is keenly important to us."

"In our screening process, we want to take people who want to be here and who will not be a risk to the community. That is key."

Michigan House of Hope is non-profit and is in the process of becoming a 501-C3 organization.

"We are getting started with the backing of several churches in the Thumb. We want to create a solu-

tion (to the opioid crises) in the Thumb area," said Kramer. "Rural communities are dealing with the opioid crisis three times faster than urban communities, even

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## Cass City teacher gets hearing, but can't save his job

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A decision on a veteran teacher's future in the Cass City School District was delayed, but the outcome remained the same following a brief special school board meeting Thursday.

After granting teacher Ron McCollum and a union representative a due process hearing during last week's special session, the Cass City Board of Education unanimously laid off McCollum in conjunction with its decision last month to downsize the district's Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP).

School Supt. Jeff Hartel asked the board during its July regular meeting to lay off McCollum as a result of the need to reduce the number of sections in the GSRP program, which serves four-year-old students, for the 2018-19 school year.

"Currently, our number's at 26 (students), which doesn't give us enough to have two sections," Hartel told the board, adding the plan is to go from having two sections – one full day and two half days – to two sections, each of them half days. "That way we can accommodate everybody."

The alternative, he explained, would be to turn students away, because state law prohibits more than 18 students in a class.

Unfortunately, the action also required the district to eliminate one teaching position, and McCollum – a teacher in the Cass City Schools for 17 years — was selected based on job performance evaluations, again in accordance with state law, according to Hartel.

During last month's regular meeting, Burt Burleson, UniServe director, Michigan Education Association (MEA), requested that the board discuss the matter in closed session, and he asked that McCollum be granted a due process hearing before school officials take any action.

Board President Alice Zaleski indicated she would entertain the possibility of a due process hearing. However, she pointed out discussion of a lay-off is not an exemption for a closed meeting under the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

State law allows public bodies to meet behind closed doors to discuss a complaint targeting an employee, after that employee has been noti-

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## Kingston Days

### Summer festival will include the unveiling of a mystery this year

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

The annual Kingston Days Festival is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Aug. 24-26, this year.

The festival celebrates community and family fun. Ann Heron has been named the grand marshal for the 2018 parade.

"There will be a people's choice award this year for the car cruise, and there will be a golf cart decorating contest," said Daniel Copeland, who is helping to coordinate the festival. "The decorated golf cart must be in the parade to be judged at the park at 3 p.m."

"There will be a parade at noon down M-46," Copeland added. "Right now we are not sure where it will start and end. Normally, it is at the high school, but the parking lot is torn up."

The festival events will actually kick off Thursday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m., with a 5K run/walk at the Kingston Wesleyan Church.

Friday's activities will include a community picnic at the pavilion start-

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## Annual Gospel Convention on tap

The old wooden tabernacle at Bay Shore Camp will be ringing with harmony in traditional quartet style once again during the 21st annual Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music Convention, set for Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 23-26, at the Sebewaing campground.

Admission is free. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit the camp. Bay Shore Camp is located on the north-east edge of Saginaw Bay, one-half mile west of Michigan Sugar Company's Sebewaing plant.

The 2018 Convention begins Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with The Sound followed by the multi-award-winning group, 11th Hour.

The singing on Friday will also begin at 6:30 p.m. with a longtime favorite, Justified Quartet, and Keepers of the Faith from East Puyallup, Wash.

The music will resume at 10 a.m. Saturday and will run all day, with an intermission starting at about 1:45 p.m., until all groups have completed their concerts. The Saturday concert will conclude with a finale featuring the nationally-acclaimed southern gospel group, Tribute Quartet.

Gospel groups committed to the Saturday concert are: The Calvarymen Quartet, The Troy Burns Trio, Souls Harbor, The Hysongs, GloryWay Quartet, The Thursons, Justified Quartet and High Road. Each group will be making its recordings and other

merchandise available for purchase.

The weekend will be emceed by Harvest Baptist Church Senior Pastor Joe Atchinson in the tabernacle and Tim Herbert in the youth center.

For those staying in camp, or who are close enough to drive in, there will be a 10 a.m. worship service Sunday featuring The Foresters. Concluding the weekend will be a \$10 catered lunch starting at 11:30 a.m.

Food services, including lunch, will be available Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday lunch. A breakfast buffet begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the camp dining hall, serving until 9:30 a.m. The price is \$9

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**HURON COUNTY** resident Ann Miller (right) is pictured above with Amy Dumaw of the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council.

## Council honors Huron County woman

The Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council recently recognized Huron County resident Ann Miller, a resident of Bad Axe, for being a long time donor to the Sanilac County Baby Pantries and the Community Baby Shower.

Child abuse and prevention council officials described Miller as "an amazing seamstress that donates her time and materials to make matching sets of bibs, burp cloths, receiving blankets and

quilts for the Community Baby Shower. Ann's generosity provides each mom attending the shower a new set of handmade items to welcome their little one with. The Community Baby Shower is held annually in November."

In addition to the handmade items, Miller donates numerous bags of clothing and baby items she acquires at local garage sales for the Sanilac County Baby Pantries. She also donates her

handmade pillow cases to the county's child advocacy center.

Miller is known for her kindness and seamstress work throughout the Thumb, as she also donates to baby pantries in Bad Axe, The Huron County Health Department, the Huron County Safe House, Eva's Place Shelter of Sanilac County, In Better Hands of Bad Axe, Gianna House of East Pointe, and St Luke N.E.W. Life Center of Flint.

## 61 attend annual Clayton family reunion

The annual Clayton family reunion was held Sunday, August 5, at the Cass City Recreational Park. Sixty-one people attended the potluck dinner.

A brief remembrance service was held for Karen Schoonover of Harsens Island. Several members of the McComb family attended

the service for their cousin.

An auction was held with Deb McClorey doing the auctioneering. A silent auction was also held. A fun time was had by all.

There were 3 deaths recorded for the past year: Karen Schoonover, Joanne Crawford and Rick Damm.

The oldest person in attendance was Dan Crawford of Dryden, the youngest was Mason Frank, son of Grant and Sally Frank of Galesburg. There were no births recorded for the year.

The 2019 reunion is planned at the Cass City Recreational Park for the first Sunday in August.

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During the transition back into the school year, students and teachers alike can face a variety of mental health challenges, so knowing how to recognize and provide assistance tailored to the individual's needs is important. Is your child getting enough sleep, exercise, and nutritious food? These are important for your child's physical health; but self-esteem, friendship, and security are just as important for your child's mental health. Don't be afraid to start the conversation about your child's mental health.

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# In Our OPINION...

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## No substitute for water safety rules

*Thumb area residents are spoiled when it comes to enjoying close and easy access to some of the most beautiful Great Lakes access in the state.*

*But there's also a downside. Large bodies of water such as Saginaw Bay can transform from an idyllic recreational playground into a treacherous mix of waves and undertows in minutes, ready to take the life of anyone who doesn't fully respect the limits of their knowledge and equipment on the big lake.*

*Sometimes that means simply having the smarts to stay off the water until the weather improves.*

*Mother Nature can be even more unpredictable as summer transforms into fall.*

*Unfortunately, too many residents and visitors fail to heed that advice. Just ask the Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola County sheriff's departments, which devote a significant amount of time, money and manpower to rescuing swimmers, boaters and fisherman each year.*

*On average, more than ten people die each year because of dangerous currents in the Great Lakes.*

*While residents are encouraged to visit and enjoy Michigan beaches, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is urging everyone to learn about safe swimming and the signs of dangerous currents.*

*Dangerous currents develop when winds blow toward the shore, and waves are moderate to high (three feet or higher). The Great Lakes produce structural currents, rip currents, outlet currents, long shore currents, and channel currents – all of which can cause serious danger to swimmers.*

*The eastern shore of Lake Michigan has the most current-related incidents of all the Great Lakes, and out of the 514 current-related incidents (rescues and drownings) that occurred on the Great Lakes from 2002-2016, more than 71 percent were on Lake Michigan.*

*But don't overlook the sunrise side, where Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron have both taken their share of swimmers' lives, with rescuers credited with preventing many more deaths.*

*The good news for beachgoers is that currents and high wave activity can be forecasted, and with the right information, you can help to have a safe and enjoyable time in natural waters.*

*MDHHS encourages all residents to remember the following before planning a trip to the beach:*

*\*Everyone is encouraged to learn to swim and how to be safe in and around the water.*

*\*Watch for dangerous waves and signs of rip currents (water that is discolored and choppy, foamy, or filled with debris and moving in a channel away from shore).*

*\*It is never safe to swim near a structure such as a pier or break wall.*

*\*Never go swimming alone, and designate someone to watch people who are in the water.*

*\*Follow beach hazard statements and avoid the water when conditions are not safe for swimming.*

*While it is important to avoid currents altogether, it is equally important to know how to survive one.*

*If you find yourself in a rip current, flip on your back, float to conserve energy, and follow the safest path out of the water – which could be along the line of the current until it is less strong, or along the shoreline.*

*Before your next trip, be sure to check out Great Lakes beach hazards by visiting <http://www.weather.gov/greatlakes/beachhazards>.*

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# Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Aging = fodder for columns



The saying goes that you're only as old as you feel. Using that measure as a guide, there are days when I would be six feet under.

Back when I was a staff reporter, before retiring and doing freelance writing, the newspaper I worked for did a section each month on senior issues. I got saddled with the responsibility of having to write something for that section each month. I was perturbed about having that responsibility palmed off on me.

I tried to console myself — that I was given that assignment not because of my age (I was still rather young at the time), and the fact that I was the senior writer in the newsroom because I had worked there the longest.

However, that rationale didn't soothe my wounded ego because I still thought of myself as young and vibrant. That is until I realized the fact that I couldn't be considered middle aged anymore.

When I doubled my age back at that time, it put me in the age bracket of being over 90 years old. It was a sad, sad awakening when I realized the stark reality that I was edging towards old age.

The final straw that added insult to injury was when I flunked a quiz that asked if you remembered certain things. According to the test, if you remembered zero to five, you were a whipper snapper. If you remembered 6 to 15, you are getting older. If you remember 16 to 20, you are older than dirt!

The following are the 20 questions that asked if you remembered (along with my responses):

\*BlackJack Chewing gum. Yes. It turned my tongue black.

\*Wax-shaped pop bottles with colored sugar water inside. Yes. The sugar water didn't taste the best, but it was fun chewing the wax bottle.

\*Butch Wax. Yes. My brother used it.

\*Soda pop machines with glass bottles. Yes. I think pop tasted the best in glass bottles rather than plastic and tin cans nowadays.

\*Howdy Doody. Yes. I wanted so much to be in the peanut gallery and meet Buffalo Bob.

\*Restaurants with table-side jukeboxes. Yes. They were so romantic you could play your favorite song just for the person you were eating with.

\*Home milk delivery in glass bottles. Yes. Today's kids have no idea what the reference to someone's kid looking like the milkman means.

\*Party telephone lines. Yes. Everyone on the line could listen in on a conversation.

\*Newsreels before movies. Yes. They were considered as breaking news and documentaries of the day.

\*45 RPM records. Yes. I still have some from high school.

\*P.F. Flyers tennis shoes. Yes. It was so fashionable to have them. They were a must-have on the first day of school.

\*Carrying a metal lunchbox. Yes. It had to have a cartoon character on it.

\*Drive-in movie theaters. Yes. It was popular back in the day to put a bunch of kids in the trunk of a car to get them in so as not to have to pay full price. Then, later you would go to the drive-in to be able to go out for an evening with the kids in the backseat with their footie pajamas on. They would fall asleep before the movie started.

\*Telephone numbers with word prefixes. No.

\*The Andy Griffith Show. Yes. It was a must-watch for families.

\*Soda fountains. Yes. The Blue Line Dairy in Sebewaing was the best.

\*Roller skate keys. Yes. Skates were clamped on shoes using a key to lock them on.


\*S + H Green Stamps. Yes. When you had enough books, they were cashed in for gifts.

\*Blue flashbulbs. Yes. They helped take great pic-

tures.

Taking that test rubbed salt in my wounded ego, as I sadly realized I really was "older than dirt", having recognized 19 out of the 20 items in the survey.

I wonder what the test results would be of those who read this column.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

For those area residents who aren't aware, Tuscola County is operating its own independent animal shelter again following the retirement of Sanilac County's animal control director.

You can learn more about the facility by checking out its updated page on Facebook under the heading Tuscola County Animal Control and Adoptable Pets, according to new Director Leigh Nacy, or by calling (989) 672-3863.

That updated contact information was shared over the weekend by Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who noted his department has offered some support by providing an inmate crew to help clean up at the shelter.

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The Red Hawk PTO is bringing the Harlem Wizards to town on Nov. 28th, 2018. They are an upbeat, energetic group of basketball players with stunts and tricks up their sleeves, according to organizers.

The local group is looking for sponsors to help make this fundraising event a huge success. If you can help, contact Kati Ball by calling 989-551-3839 or emailing: [kbball@ibcp.com](mailto:kbball@ibcp.com)

The basketball group sounds similar to the Harlem Globetrotters, who played to a full house at Cass City High School when I was a young lad. When was that? I think it must have been in the late 1960s or early 1970s.

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The Cass City Band Boosters invites patrons to join them for a trip to the Detroit Fox Theatre on Dec. 16, 2018 for the "Mannheim Steamroller Christmas" by Chip Davis.

Tickets for the show are \$105 each and include a charter bus ride from the high school and dinner.

For registration information contact Red Hawk Band Director Laura Curtis at [lcurtis@casscityschools.org](mailto:lcurtis@casscityschools.org). Hurry, deadline to register is Oct. 16th.

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Chances are good that you may know Ray Maurer or at least have seen him driving his Thumb Office Supply van throughout the Thumb.

He been calling on the Chronicle so long that we offered him a job.

The 1974 Bad Axe graduate almost always talks sports when visiting and has been spotted at several area golf courses. So naturally, Maurer is the newest member of the "Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast" panel that can be seen on page 10. Take a peek at Maurer's photo and see if it rings a bell.

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Have you seen the basketball courts in the recreational park? On Monday, Yeager Asphalt was hard at work applying a new top layer that, well, was as smooth as a baby's bottom.

Safe, too, and there's still plenty of time to hone your skills before basketball starts in Nov. As my high school Coach Ron Nurnburger told me over 40 years ago: "Basketball teams are made in the winter and basketball players are made in the summer."

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OK2SAY is starting off the school year with a new and improved website offering a new streamlined look and easier viewing for Michigan residents looking to find out more about OK2SAY or to schedule a presentation in their community.

The Attorney General offers FREE programming for K-12th grade students, parents, guardians, and community leaders. To date, nearly two million Michigan citizens have attended a presentation to help prevent suicides, cyberbullying and self-harm.

Students in K-5th grade receive age-appropriate instruction from the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI), a national award-winning program and feeder program for OK2SAY. Students in 6th-12th grade receive dynamic OK2SAY student safety programming.

Adults can learn about our programs and how to host them by attending our Community Seminar or Program Overview. Scheduling is fast and easy on the OK2SAY website.

So far, presentations are scheduled in 162 schools in 26 counties for the 2018-2019 school year. But it's not too late, there is room for more presentations. If your school is interested in hosting an OK2SAY/CSI presentation, sign up today on the OK2SAY website.

### Have a concern? A complaint? Just want to voice your opinion?

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Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

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## Wednesday, August 22

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

## Thursday, August 23

- 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, August 25

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

## Monday, August 27

- 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.
- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
- Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

## Tuesday, August 28

- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

#### First Saturday:

- Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.

#### 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.

#### 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.

# Sanilac drug team seizes 700 pot plants, arrests one suspect

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Sanilac County man is in hot water for illegally growing marijuana and attempting to flee law enforcement officers serving a search warrant on his property earlier this month.

The incident unfolded as members of the Sanilac Drug Task Force were following up on several tips and complaints related to marijuana being grown in the 2000 block of West Frenchline Road in Sanilac County's Elmer Township.

"It was not known initially if it was a legal medical growing site or not. Investigators, upon checking, could clearly observe from the roadway violations of current medical marijuana laws for nu-

merous plants growing in an open field plot," said Jim Johnson, director of the Sanilac County Drug Task Force.

The drug team arrived at the suspect's residence just before noon Aug. 9 with a search warrant, Johnson noted.

"The 61-year-old male homeowner saw law enforcement and fled from his home out onto his pond, using a canoe to avoid contact. After a period of time and discussion, he came back to the shoreline and talked with officers," he said.

"The property owner indicated that he had initiated the marijuana grows on his property and had five separate grow locations. He did not have and never applied for any medical marijuana grow or caregiver card to possess any mar-

ijuana," Johnson said. "Investigators located more than 700 plants at the five discovered plots. This amount would have far exceeded any amount for a grower even if properly licensed to do so."

Drug team officers arrested the suspect, Hendrick Westers, who was later arraigned on felony charges stemming from the marijuana plants seized on his property, his attempt to flee from law enforcement, and several outstanding misdemeanor warrants and traffic warrants from outside of Sanilac County.

Johnson said the drug team was assisted at the scene by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, Sanilac County Animal Control and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Robert J. Bunnell, 55, Vassar, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 14 at Vassar Township.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

\*Cameron M. Smith, 37, Vassar, was sentenced to three days in jail following his plea of no contest to possession of ammunition by a felon Nov. 29 in Vassar. 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 \$1,008.

\*Carolyn A. Toth, 54, Bay City, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of no contest to home invasion, second degree, June 26, 2016, in Gilford Township.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus restitution of \$16,926.14.

\*Randy J. Aldridge, 43, Silverwood, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Feb. 25 and Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Kenneth D. Schultz, 56, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon Oct. 16, 2016, in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus restitution of \$250 and attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Damian G. Izydorek, 39, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no

contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and assault and battery Feb. 16 in Kingston Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,158.

\*Robyn S. Crump, 39, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following the defendant's pleas of guilty to three counts of welfare fraud - failure to inform the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) of her income (involving more than \$500) between November 2013 and July 2016 in Caro.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,194 plus restitution of \$14,991 to the state of Michigan, as well as attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Keyth M. Thompson, 24, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications, malicious destruction of property totaling \$200 to \$1,000, and domestic violence May 11 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

\*Evelyn M. Spencer, 31, Caro, pleaded guilty to assaulting or obstructing a public officer Sept. 20 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued

at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Raymond L. Brigham, 23, Vassar, pleaded guilty to falsely reporting a misdemeanor (failure to report an accident and/or failure to stop at a property damage accident to officers of the Cass City Police Department) Sept. 18 in Ellington Township.

He was immediately sentenced, with the court ordering him to pay costs and fines totaling \$375 plus restitution of \$500 to the Michigan State Police.

\*Gilbert H. Freeman, 51, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of falsely reporting a felony (criminal sexual conduct) between Feb. 20 and Feb. 22 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$8,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Zachary A. Bignell, 22, Snover, pleaded no contest to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and domestic violence Feb. 8 in Cass City.

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

\*Shelby M. Campbell, 26, Caro, pleaded no contest to two counts of falsely reporting a felony (criminal sexual conduct) Oct. 4 in Caro.

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

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## Reporter's notebook

I'm sorry, honey,  
what did you say?

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



The more things change, the more they stay the same, especially when it comes to being married for more than 36 years.

I'm guessing it's age, but both my wife, Deb, and I have a little trouble hearing each other clearly from time to time. Okay, most of the time. In fact, we probably spend more time saying "Huh?" and "What?" these days than we do saying "I love you." And in the home we moved to out in the 'burbs of Deford nearly four years ago, we can easily put more distance between us, making the challenge even greater.

We can be one room apart and I'll ask her, "Hey, where are the garbage bags?"

Her: "Garage rags? Maybe they're in the garage. Duh!"

Me: "No, those little black plastic receptacles in which we place trash, dork."

Her: "Plastic spectacles? What? We don't have a box labeled trash and forks."

She'll probably tell you my hearing is worse than her's. I'll tell you it's beyond me why she waits until she's at the other end of the house to ask me if I sprendiches der frompin gurlish?

Maybe it's the echo?

It can get pretty frustrating, which is why I sometimes can't resist tracking her down so I can repeat myself for the eighth time by demonstrating my own version of faux sign language. Then I exit. Quickly.

Actually, our communication gap is the source of plenty of laughter. I guess we don't take everything as seriously as we did when we moved into our previous house just outside Cass City. At the time we had been husband and wife for just five years.

Back then, when Deb asked my opinion about a color or placement of a piece of furniture, I thought she might really go with my suggestions. I was such an amateur.

Granted, I probably don't have great (or any) taste when it comes to window dressings or towel colors, but I don't understand why she still asks me for an opinion she'll probably dismiss before I even get it all out of my mouth.

Anytime Deb picks out some replacement towels or whatever, she usually wants my opinion about this color or that pattern. I can only guess she asks because she wants confirmation that I'm still the guy she married.

And I quickly prove it by asking things like, "Don't they have that in chartreuse?" Or, "Why don't you keep looking for curtain rods and I'll see if they have a disco ball for the den ceiling."

Hey, if she's not going to see how right I am (and why should she start now after all these years?), I might as well have some fun, right?

At least the pole barn is my domain, where I say what goes where.

She even tests the limit there, though, by mentioning she needs to store this and that and the other thing out there. No problem. I'm sure we'll go out there, I'll ask her where she wants everything located, I'll listen intently, and then I'll put her stuff where I want to put it.

What's more, I'll tell her that's just the way it's going to be. Well, once I'm sure she's back in the house.

A seasoned husband knows how -- and when -- to pick his battles.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Shirley Wells and Ronald Geiger were married Aug. 28, 1948 in Pigeon. They have made their home in Cass City ever since. Their attendants were Kenny Geiger (Ron's brother) and Dorothy Jackson (Shirley's sister). They have 4 children; Sandy (Marty) Hyzer of Cassville, Sally (Marc) Anderson of Lowell, Shari (Ken) Schott of Essexville and Scott Geiger of Ingleside, Ill. They have 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Ron was a Ford salesman most of his career, retiring from the Geiger Hunt Ford dealership. Shirley prepared income taxes for many years, retiring a few years ago.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8892 in Cass City recently awarded scholarships to Red Hawk 2013 graduates Justin Kerkau and Karley Peters. Making the presentation is Chris Pawlowski, scholarship program chairman.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Cass City's Jim Baker congratulates his son, Austin, on his advancement in the Boy Scouts during a recent court of honor. Baker was recently honored by the Lake Huron Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, with the coveted Silver Beaver Award for his years of leadership and dedication to scouting.

Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl. Jonathon L. Schwalm, son of Mary J. Schwalm of Dansville, and Robert Schwalm of Ubyly, and fellow Marines from 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, recently returned from a deployment to Latin America where they participated in Partnership for Americas (POA) 2008. More than 500 Marines from units throughout the United States deployed with Special Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) 24 for the month long deployment which included training operations in the Dominican Republic, subject matter expert exchanges in Uruguay, jungle training, and a community relations event in Brazil and Colombia. The biggest humanitarian mission for the SPMAGTF was in San Clemente, Peru, which just last year suffered an earthquake measuring 8.0 on the Richter Scale.

Army National Guard Pvt. Arlene C. Bozeman has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the 9 weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, underwent physical fitness training and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, the military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises. Bozeman is the daughter of Alicia Hoppe of Cass City. She is a 1999 graduate of Cass City High School.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bliss of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Alicia, to Gary Miller Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller Sr. of Caro. Alicia is a 1992 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University and is employed at the Tuscola County Central Dispatch and 911 Center. Gary is a 1988 graduate of Kirkland Community College and employed as a deputy with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department. An October wedding is planned.

The winning team at the annual Chamber Funday golf tournament, held Saturday at Rolling Hills Golf Course, are: Ernie Bellew, Fran Bellew, Jan Kritzman and Bill Kritzman.

The Red Hawk marching band was hard at it during a full week of band camp last week under the

direction of Mindy Nash and Drum Major Jennifer Vandecar.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Builder Tom Herron announced this week that he will test the possibility of building condominiums west of Hospital Drive near Northwood Estates in northwest Cass City. The new units will be for senior citizens and it is a plan that Herron has had in mind for several years.

Randy L. Kozan of West Street, Cass City, has been named to the dean's list for the winter semester at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. To be eligible, a student must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average for at least 14 credit hours of graded class work.

The Grand Trunk Western Railroad Co. filed a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission Friday to abandon its rail line that runs through Kingston, Cass City, Gagetown and Owendale.

Two stoplights were installed last Wednesday at the corner of Seeger and Rose Streets. The 2 new lights and timer cost the village a total of \$4,200.

Aimee Brown, 17, daughter of Greg and Mary Brown of Cass City, returned home July 12 after spending a year in Sweden as an exchange student.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Dorothea Quick, third grade teacher at Campbell Elementary School, was getting ready Monday for the start of classes Aug. 30. Her classroom is in the new addition at the school. Last year, she was teaching in what had been the library.

Mrs. Paul Craig and Mrs. Arthur Little accompanied their nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNeil of Colwood, to Fenton Saturday to attend a party to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Milner of Taylor. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chenoweth and sons. Rev. Milner is a brother of Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Little. Robert Milner and Miss Geraldine Bell were married Aug. 21, 1938, at the bride's parental home. They have two daughters, Mrs. Chenoweth and Mrs. Frank (Mary Jane) Waters of Grand Rapids, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lounsbury and son Jacob, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lounsbury and their guests, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ronald Bila and children, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Schad of Clio at the Schad cottage at Lake City. Other family members present were Mrs. Rosemary Boglarsky and son Ossie of Mackinaw City and Mr. and Mrs. James Schad, Jr. and son Peter of Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanby returned home Aug. 16 from Union Grove, Wis., where they had spent a week with their daughter, Miss Mary Hanby. She came back with them to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Edith Ward, and leaves Friday to return to Union Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Eskilsen announce the birth of their first grandchild, a five-pound, nine-ounce girl, Elizabeth Haley Egerer, born Aug. 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Egerer (Karen Eskilsen) of Midland. Other grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Egerer Sr. of Saginaw. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eskilsen are the great-grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Eskilsen visited them at Midland, Sunday.

Christina and Steven Tuckey, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tuckey, and Carolyn and Paul, children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey, spent last week with their aunt Eunice and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kaufman and sons at Edwardsburg.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1968)

David W. O'Dell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. O'Dell, at the end of an eight-week summer school session, was in the gradu-

ating class of Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska. He received a B.A. in Education. David and his wife Delores and children, Danny, David and Dawn, live in Central City, Nebraska. This past week David returned to his Junior High teaching position in the Fullerton Public Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelly of Gagetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Jean, to Frederick Charles Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith of Cass City. Wedding plans are being made for October 20.

In the State 4-H horse show held Thursday at East Lansing, two area entries were among the winners in the various divisions. Grant Gettel, 17, Kingston, was awarded champion fitting and showmanship for quarter horses and Robert Eubank, Cass City, won a similar award in the stock horse division for exhibitors 12 to 14 years old.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Carl Wright of Cass City was made happy by the receipt of a letter from Major J. H. Whitaker, regarding Carl's brother, Gaylord, who is in the Aleutians. The major writes under date of July 28 "During a recent engagement with the Japanese, your brother, Gaylord, earned the admiration and respect of the men. Repeatedly he went out under fire to care for the wounded without concern for his own safety. No doubt this prompt, efficient medical aid saved many a soldier's life. You can be proud of Gaylord and I sincerely hope to send him home soon."

Leonard James McDonald of Gagetown received his Wings of old on August 17 at "The Annapolis of the Air," Pensacola, Fla., Naval Air Base. Leonard enlisted on July 6, 1942, and spent three months in C.P.T. in Detroit and then went to Iowa City, Iowa, for three months of "toughening" training. He was sent to Bunker Hill, Indiana, for three months primary, then left for Pensacola, Florida, on April 30 where he finished his flying on Aug. 12. On Aug. 17, he received commission as lieutenant in the Marine Corps fliers. Lt. McDonald did not receive a furlough at this time, but has moved on to an operational base. Lt. McDonald's mother, Mrs. Richard McDonald, of Gagetown, attended his graduation at Pensacola, Florida.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1918)

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frost of Novesta township on Aug. 14, when their only daughter, Blanche Eva, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Elmer C. F. Chapman, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman of Evergreen township. Rev. J. Willerton performed the ceremony at high noon after which a bounteous wedding dinner was served. They were attended by Miss Edith Chapman, sister of the groom, and James E. Alchin of Bay City, cousin of the bride. Mr. Chapman is now serving in the U.S.N.A. and is stationed at Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas. Both young people are highly respected and their many friends and relatives wish them a long and happy life. Lt. D. D. Duncanson, who claims Cass City as his boyhood home, is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., and is the athletic officer of the Fourth Replacement Regiment. Under his guidance the athletic activities in his regiment have been moving along with smoothness and dispatch. "The Trench Arm Camp" gives accounts of base ball games and Dan's "Indians" are showing lots of pep and taking more than their share of the victories. Lt. Duncanson was a member of the University of Michigan football team for three years, the baseball team for two years and the track team the four years he was in Michigan. He won his letter in all three sports at the University.

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## DNR officials name Thumb CO Siemen "officer of year"

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently presented safety awards to a pair of law enforcement officers, including one in Sanilac County, for their part in protecting boaters.

The DNR recognized Sanilac County Conservation Officer Mark Siemen as the Michigan Boating Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2017, while Kent County Deputy Ted Albrecht was selected as the Boating Educator of the Year.

With 20 years of law enforcement experience in Sanilac County, Siemen has invested much effort into the 627 square miles of Lake Huron and connecting waters that he patrols to ensure the safety and enjoyment of boaters and other watersport enthusiasts.

"Siemen is leader within our DNR district who is consistent in all areas of law enforcement," said DNR Lt. Jeremy Payne. "He is embedded within the community and has created long-lasting relationships. We are very proud (of him)."

After issuing a citation to a kayaker for not wearing a lifejacket, Siemen continued marine patrol when he lost sight of the kayaker, who had tipped over when the kayak started taking on water. Siemen was able to locate the distressed kayaker and safely return him to shore. The kayaker expressed his gratitude to Siemen, along with a new understanding of why he needs to wear a lifejacket.

On another occasion, Siemen assisted an elderly woman and her grandson when the two became stranded on Lake Huron while using a trolling motor that was not appropriate for their paddle boat. Siemen requested assistance from Lexington Fire and Rescue and was able to get both individuals safely back to shore.

The DNR selects candidates for these awards among those who demonstrate an outstanding contribution to boating safety through education and enforcement. Both awards are recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

## Greenleaf Township asked to approve treatment center

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though some seem to think that problem doesn't exist in the Thumb.

"The Michigan House of Hope is a path to recovery for those who are looking for it."

Kramer and his wife, Judy, will live on site and manage the program. The first step is getting housing units built, according to Kramer, who noted the plan is to hire three to four others once the center is fully operational.

There is a five-year strategic plan for the Michigan House of Hope, which will start out working with eight men and eight women, and then eventually ramp up to a complex and program that can accommodate up to 16 men and 16 women.

"I'm just a guy who loves Jesus. My wife and I helped the homeless in Phoenix, Ariz. That is how we got started," he said. "We prayed about ways to get more involved helping others, and doing this was developed."

Kramer, whose background is in construction management, is in the process of getting his bachelor's degree in Christian addiction counseling, with plans to earn a master's degree.

The Michigan House of Hope is overseen by a nine-member board. They are working on creating a promotional website and video to explain who they are, and they will be asking communities to help with funding.

Residents who are unable to attend the upcoming township meeting can submit comments by mailing them to: Greenleaf Township Clerk, P.O. Box 135, Cass City, MI 48726.

## Obituaries

### George Mester

George Ray Mester, 56, of Deford, died following a lengthy illness August 13, 2018 in his home.

He was born May 5, 1962 in Cass City to Doris (Ray) Mester.

George attended Cass City High School and went to work as a roofer for Thomas Roofing. He was fond of throwing dice and playing cards, especially gin rummy. George dearly loved his kids and grandkids and spending time with them. He enjoyed throwing ball and had many words of wisdom and knowledge. George will be missed and never forgotten by many.

George is survived by his daughter, Jessica Mester of Cass City; his son, Jason (Amanda) Mester of Cass City; seven grandchildren; his brother, Jim Mester; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas "Tommy" Mester; his mother, Doris Mester; sister, Eileen Mester; and brothers: Richard Mester, William Mester and Charles Mester.

A private memorial service will be held at a future date and time. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfurneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



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## News briefs

### School picture day scheduled

CASS CITY — Picture day for Cass City Junior-Senior High School students will be the first day of school, Tuesday, August 28.

This is for grades 7-12 only. Picture re-take day is Nov. 6.

Lifetouch is encouraging parents to order photos online at mylifetouch.com. In doing that, there is a free eight-by-eight photo book coupon from Shutterfly. The coupon will be emailed once an order is placed. If ordering online is not an option, photo forms are available at the high school office during normal business hours.

Forms will be placed outside the guidance office or they can be picked up during a district-wide open house planned for today (Wednesday) from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

### More council changes in Ubyly

UBLY — Once again there have been changes on the Ubyly Village Council.

During a recent meeting, President Susan Schrader and Treasurer Kelly Pearce resigned. Jennifer Roestel was appointed to the council, while Denise Gornowicz was appointed as treasurer until the November elections, and, Jason Nicol was named the new village president.

Schrader was appointed president in May when Lola Brown stepped down from that position to resume being a trustee.

There have been several other resignations and appointments in the community's local government since the first of the year.

### Adopt a pet at TSC this month

CARO — TSC on M-81 in Caro will host an adoption event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

Proceeds from the adoption will go towards Cass River PetFriendZ to help with the local organization's spay-neuter program.

### New medical director appointed

THUMB AREA — Dr. Mustafa Mark Hamed, M.D., M.P.H., was recently appointed as the medical director for the Associated County Health Departments in the Thumb.

### Street work request forwarded

CASS CITY — The Tuscola County Road Commission has forward a request from the village of Cass City to move the North Seeger Street project to the year 2021 on to the Local Rural Task Force Committee.

### Road closure set for celebration

GAGETOWN — The Tuscola County Road Commission recently approved closing Richie Road, between Bay City-Forestville Road and Huron Line Road, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9.

The closure is for the annual Fall Family Days festival at the Thumb Octagon Barn and Agricultural Museum located just east of Gagetown.

The road commission will provide standard traffic control signs for the closure.

### Pumpkin Fest coming in October

CARO — Tuscola County Board of Commissioners has approved an annual resolution allowing use of use of the courthouse lawn from Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 3-7, for the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

## Kingston Days fest set this weekend

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ing at 6 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a dish to pass.

The meal will be followed by the long-awaited opening of the 1930s time capsule that was found in the cornerstone of the old elementary building during demolition last month (see related story). Officials expected to unveil the contents at about 6:30 p.m.

Also Friday, at dusk, there will be a showing of the movie, "I Can Only Imagine." Drinks and popcorn will be available for purchase.

### Annual Gospel convention set this weekend

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for adults and \$5 for children ages five to 11 (kids under four eat free).

An outdoor barbecue dinner will be available throughout the day Saturday. A buffet lunch also will be available from 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon — the cost is \$8 for everyone. Concessions will also be available all weekend, and an ice cream social is planned for Thursday through Saturday nights following the concerts.

Based on the overwhelming success of the first 20 Gospel conventions, camp officials are preparing for an estimated 3,000 people to be on hand for this weekend's event. Those planning to sit outside should bring portable lawn chairs.

Bible study, a craft time and a movie are being planned. A Biblically-based miniature golf course will be available, and the pool will be open on Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries Office at (989) 883-2501 or log on to the website [www.thumbgospelmusic.org](http://www.thumbgospelmusic.org).

There is a full slate of events Saturday. The day starts with a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m., hosted by the Kingston AM Vets Post 1072, and there will be a horse shoe tournament at 11 a.m. (call 586-260-8082 for more information).

Also planned are inflatables in the park along with other activities, including mud volleyball. Call (989) 551-1920 for more information. There will be a pizza eating contest at 1 p.m. at Beagio's, and an ice cream social at the Kingston United Methodist Church.

Bingo will get underway at the park at 3 p.m., and there will be a street dance on River Street or, in case of rain, at the pavilion. There will be a fireworks display at

dusk.

On Sunday, a church service will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the park.

Remembering and honoring loved ones will be part of the Kingston Days Celebration. There will be a memorial walk down Main Street starting at 12:30 p.m., with a balloon release and a prayer in front of Beagio's. For a \$3 donation, participants can decorate a memory bag and get a balloon to release. Proceeds will go to benefit the village park.

Kingston Days T-shirts are on sale now for \$15. The shirts are available at the Kingston Corner Store, the village hall, Tri-County Bank and Kimberly's Styles. The proceeds will be used to help support the festival.

### School officials poised to open time capsule Friday

Those on hand for the Kingston Days festival activities this weekend will have an opportunity to watch a mystery unveiled at the park.

Officials plan to open a time capsule in conjunction with a planned community picnic slated to start at 6 p.m. Friday. The time capsule was discovered inside the 1930 cornerstone of the old Kingston Elementary School building during demolition work earlier this summer.

In the early 1930s, more than 15 million Americans — roughly one-quarter of all wage-earning workers — were unemployed, and yet the Kingston community supported construction of the then-new school building.

At the time, people were still reeling from the Oct. 29, 1929, stock market crash, which was followed by the Great Depression. And, between 1930 and 1933, more than 9,000 banks closed, including some in the Thumb.

It was an era marked by a philosophy of "Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without."

A frugal life style was necessary. With the Thumb being a farming area, families had it a little easier than those in the city, because they knew how to grow gardens and preserve produce, and they were able to raise chickens, sheep and cows.

The main pastime back then was listening to the radio broadcasts of big band music, comedies and news. Getting together to play cards and board games was typical of the entertainment fare during the era.

Monopoly and Scrabble came about in the 1930s. It was the decade in which Mickey Mouse first appeared in a comic strip, and the "Lone Ranger" aired on the radio for the first time. And, the "Betty Boop" character made her debut. The character was originally designed by Grim Natwick, who would go on to become a lead animator in the production of other successful characters such as Mickey Mouse, Felix the Cat, and Popeye.

Notable citizens born in 1930 included Neil Armstrong (Aug. 5), Sean Connery (Aug. 25), Warren Buffett (Aug. 30), Steve McQueen (March 24), Buzz Aldrin (Jan. 20), the Big Bopper (Oct. 24), Ray Charles (Sept. 23), Clint Eastwood (May 31) and Gene Hackman (Jan. 30).

## TAKING BIDS ON REAL ESTATE

Biddinger & Bitzer, PLLC, as attorneys for the owners of the "Dunn Farm," being William Dunn, Ruth Dunn and Laura Sweeney, are accepting offers to purchase the following described parcels of property  
Approximately 158.84 acres located in the Township of Elmwood, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, and more particularly described as:

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If you wish to make an offer on the above parcels, your offer should be submitted to the Law Offices of Biddinger & Bitzer, PLLC, 4415 S. Seeger Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726, Attn: Barbara E. Doerr. The offer must be in writing, subject to the following:

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  - ii. The allocation of property taxes between the parties;
  - iii. The Party responsible for the cost of title insurance, transfer taxes, and deed recordation
- D. All bids must include a Financial Statement from the Purchaser.
- E. The successful bidder will be required to tender a non-refundable good faith deposit equal to ten (10%) percent of the purchase price within two business days after receiving notice of Seller's intent to accept the bid submitted by the successful bidder.
- F. The successful bidder will accept the premises in their present condition, "AS IS" and with all faults, without warranties or representations as to condition or state of repair.
- G. Seller reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and/or the right to accept less than the highest bid submitted.
- H. All bids will be opened on October 19, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of Biddinger & Bitzer, PLLC, and bidders are welcome to attend. However, no bids will be accepted that day.
- I. The successful purchaser will be required to tender payment in full by certified check or bank money order at the time of closing.
- J. Closing shall be accomplished on or before December 31st, 2018, at a location to be designated by Seller.
- K. The successful purchaser will be entitled to take possession of the property at closing.

\*Please note that land is being rented for the 2018 crop year. However, this lease ends after the 2018 crop year. The rental amount for the 2018 crop year will be paid to and retained by the Sellers regardless of the closing date.

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# Community honors local Vietnam veterans Saturday

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Local Vietnam War veterans received some long overdue recognition Saturday in Cass City during the dedication of a memorial and the presentation of pins to them in honor of their service.

Tuscola County Veteran Affairs Director Mark Zmierski and members of VFW Post #3644, Cass City, coordinated the 50th anniversary celebration honoring those who served this nation in Vietnam.

An estimated 200 people attended the dedication of the mon-

ument at the VFW hall.

"It was America's longest running war," said Zmierski, noting it spanned the years from 1955 to 1975.

"During that time, 7.2 million veterans served," said State Rep. Dr. Edward "Ned" Canfield (R-Sebewaing), who was a guest speaker. "There were 58,272 killed — one out of every 10 were injured or killed. The average age was 21."

Canfield, a Vietnam veteran who served five years in the U.S. Navy, is vice chair of the Military and Veterans Affairs appropriations subcommittee. He also serves on

appropriations subcommittees for Medicaid, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Education.

"Michigan has 600,000 veterans, and of that number, 200,000 are Vietnam veterans," he said. "It was a national shame and disgrace the way (Vietnam) veterans were treated when they came home."

Canfield went on to quote from former president Obama's 2012 speech commemorating the Viet-

nam War:

"One of the most painful chapters in our history was Vietnam — most particularly, how we treated our troops who served there. You were often blamed for a war you didn't start, when you should have been commended for serving your country with valor."

"You were sometimes blamed for misdeeds of a few, when the honorable service of the many should have been praised. You came

home and sometimes were denigrated, when you should have been celebrated. It was a national shame, a disgrace that should have never happened."

Both Zmierski and Canfield agreed the debt to those who served can never be repaid, but they expressed hope that Saturday's dedication and appreciation ceremonies would in some way help Vietnam veterans heal.



**THE EVENTS** honoring surviving Vietnam veterans, held Saturday in Cass City, also honored the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Among the symbols remembering that sacrifice was a "White Table" — also called "The Missing Man Table" or "The fallen Comrade Table" — which honors prisoners of war (POWs) and those listed as missing in action (MIAs).

## White Table honors veterans who made ultimate sacrifice

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

At various veterans events, a special table is set up to honor prisoners of war (POWs) or those listed as missing in action (MIAs), but most do not realize the true meaning of the table and the objects on it.

The so-called "White Table" is also known as "The Missing Man Table" or "The Fallen Comrade Table." It is a semi-official place of honor recognizing the sacrifice of POWs and MIAs from the various wars.

No one is able to trace the history of the white table to its beginning. It is believed to have originated from the "River Rats" during the Vietnam War, which is a term for those in the Navy who patrolled the 3,000 nautical miles of rivers, and canals of the Mekong Delta south of Saigon.

Once the war was over, it is believed the tradition continued stateside as a commemorative to the fallen comrades as well as the men who were still missing in action. It wasn't long before the tradition became a part of each military branch, according to information from the Armed Forces History Museum.

The White Table is set for one. The tablecloth is white. There is a ribbon, a slice of lemon, salt, a Bible, a candle, an inverted glass, a red rose, a plate and an empty chair. Each item has a specific meaning:

\*The table is round to show everlasting concern for the POWs and MIAs.

\*The tablecloth is white to show the purity of motives of those who answered the call to serve their county.

\*The single red rose is a reminder of their lives, their loved ones, and friends who keep the faith as they wait for answers.

\*The round plate is a reminder of the circle of freedom we enjoy in the United States of America.

\*The red ribbon symbolizes the determination to account for them.

\*The slice of lemon is a reminder of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land.

\*The salt symbolizes tears of the missing and of their families.

\*The candle reflects the hope for their return — alive or dead.

\*The Bible represents the strength gained through faith and is the oath every soldier takes to the allegiance to the United States.

\*The glass is inverted to symbolize the inability to share a toast, and

\*The chair is empty because they are missing.

There is one Tuscola County man, Michael Frederick May of Vassar, who is an MIA from the Vietnam War.



STATE REP. Dr. Edward "Ned" Canfield (far left), presents a special pin to a veteran, noting the recipient is a Vietnam veteran, while his wife, Dr. Cheryl Canfield, greets veterans. Canfield, who was the keynote speaker, is a Vietnam veteran who served five years in the U.S. Navy.

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**THE 2018 CASS CITY Red Hawk football team members are: (front row, l-r) Gary Janik, Dylan Crase, Collen Wrubel, Hunter Caister, Brayden Wilson, Hank Janik (middle) Coach Scott Cuthrell, Matt Mihalic, Hadyn Horne, Noah Zaleski, Alex Perry, Austin Hatcher, Coach Tavis Osentoski (back) Luke Stern, Logan Boynton, Brent Lord, Zack Beecher, Sandyn Cuthrell and Jarod Naegele.**



**THE 2018 Owen-Gage Bulldog football team members are: (front row, l-r) Brett Watson, Andrew Partaka, Cord Clarkson, Levi Wendland, Shane Elliot (back) Asst. Coach Steve Forster, Branden Fritz, Jesse Robinson, Matthew Fritz, Boyd Evans, Brandon Binder, Clay Evans and Coach Nick Gibbard. (See story page 10.)**



**THE 2018 CASS CITY Red Hawk volleyball team members are: (back row, l-r) Hailey Schmotzer, Kacey Haire, Jalene Krol, Madilyn Tschirhart, Tiara Anthony (front row) Hailey Beckrow, Abbey Salcido, Kelly Ziegler, Taylor Cumper, Brittany Hamilton. Missing is Morgan Russell.**

## Hawks will be tested in new opener

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

The Cass City Red Hawk football team will seek their fifth consecutive appearance in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 7 playoffs in 2018.

Coach Scott Cuthrell welcomes back a half dozen key returnees from last year's team that posted a 9-2 record while establishing a bench mark for most wins in a season at the school.

However, when Cass City travels to Montrose – the Rams have made the Division 6 playoffs for the last eight years in a row - Thursday for their new season opening test, sure to be missed from a year ago are a long list of graduates including Nick Perry, Brendan Hamilton, Mike Ziegler, Hunter Vaughan, Wyatt Dickson, Ethon Fetterhoff, Eric Peters, Connor Sines, Dalton Powell, Garrett Deitering and Seth Roggenbuck.

Perry, Hamilton and Vaughan were all Greater Thumb West (GTW) all-conference first team picks in their final seasons. In fact, Perry was named the Bay City Times Golden Helmet Award Player of the Year as a senior. He helped Cass City to four straight playoff appearances and ended his stellar varsity career with 30 wins and 13 losses. In his final season, Perry rushed for 1048 yards and eight touchdowns and led the team in tackles with 73.

Hamilton had a breakout season in 2017 and will now take his talents to Alma College in the fall. Hamilton, who made the switch from end to halfback in his senior

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## Cass City girls ready

by Clarke Haire  
 Publisher

Amy Cuthrell is back for her third year as leader of the Cass City volleyball program and faces a mixed bag entering Saturday's Bad Axe Invitational, the Red Hawks' first action of the year.

Despite the loss of seven players from 2017, this year's squad has five returning letter winners that saw plenty of playing time a year ago.

Still, gone are Sayge Cuthrell, Lauren Dickinson, Baylee Murphy, Bailee Ross, Konnar Warren, Riley Klein and Kelsey Bouverette.

Filling the shoes of Cuthrell will be a top priority for the 2018 team to excel. She was a four year varsity volleyball athlete and one of two players that played all around in the 2017 season. Cuthrell led the team in kills, assists and blocks on her way to all-state and Greater Thumb West all-conference first team honors.

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# Rebuild or reload for Cass City Red Hawk football?

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year, also was a Golden Helmet weekly award winner. He gained 1,218 yards, scored 22 touchdowns and added a dozen two-point conversions to cap a stellar season.

Vaughan was named to the GTW all-conference first team on defense.

"Hunter had a great year punishing teams that tried to get around him, was a key factor on a great defensive team," Cuthrell said following last year's campaign.

Although Cass City lost half of its starting backfield in the team's graduation toll, the Red Hawk running game once again will be counted on to move the sideline markers in 2018. The return of junior quarterback Sandyn Cuthrell and senior running back Luke Stern should help ease life without the dynamic duo of Perry and Hamilton. Cuthrell was named to the GTW all-conference second team and Stern was an honorable mention selection last year. Also expected to see time in the backfield for Cass City are returnees Jarod Naegele, Hadyn Horn and Alex Perry. When Cass

City goes to the air, look for senior end Zack Beecher to be Cuthrell's favorite target.

Anchoring the line in 2018 is senior Hank Janik. He returns after earning first team all-conference honors and is known as a tough, strong pulling guard.

Turning to the Red Hawk defense, Cuthrell was a first team all-conference back as a sophomore. But missing from 12-months ago are second team all-conference picks Wyatt Dickson and Dalton Powell. Hard hitting sophomore returnee Noah Zaleski should be much improved with a season of varsity action under his belt.

Cass City had 17 players dressed for pictures. Athletic director Don Markel calls Cass City's numbers good - considering the time.

"Back when I was coaching, those numbers wouldn't be very good. But today those numbers are better than most," he said, adding, "It looks like 99.9 percent that Sandusky, Bad Axe and Capac won't have junior varsity teams and USA, Vassar and Memphis junior varsity teams are week-to-week."

# Cass City spikers set

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Lauren Dickinson and Baylee Murphy also will need to be replaced from last year's lineup. Dickinson was honored as a GTW all-conference second team outside hitter, while Murphy was picked as the second team Libero.

Dickinson was a three year varsity player and a six rotational player. She was a strong outside hitter and also a defensive specialist. She finished second statistically for the team in digs, serve receives and serves. Dickinson finished third in kills.

Murphy also was a three year varsity volleyball player for Cass City. In the 2017 season she was first on the team in digs and serves.

Add the names of Bailee Ross - she was a GTW all-conference honorable mention setter - Konnar Warren, Riley Klein and Kelsey Bouverette to the list of grads and it appears Cuthrell has her work cut out for her.

Ready to take control for the Red Hawks are returning seniors Kacey Haire, Kelly Ziegler, Brittany Hamilton, Jalene Krol and

Hailey Schmotzer.

Haire, a 3-year varsity player, has been named the team's captain. She is a 2-time Greater Thumb West all-conference second team performer. Cuthrell calls her one of the hardest working players on the team. Haire finished second in kills for the team last year. Known for a very competitive nature, the outside hitter was a playmaker in the 2017 season.

Joining Haire on the front row will be returnees Hailey Schmotzer and Jalene Krol at the middle hitter position, while newcomers Hailey Beckrow and Madi Tschirhart should see playing time on the outside.

The team's setter is senior returnee Brittany Hamilton and the Red Hawk Libero is senior Kelly Ziegler. Hamilton is making the switch from a primary front row player to run the team's 6-1 offense in her final season. Ziegler proved to be a defensive specialist for last year's team.

Rounding out the Cass City roster are newcomers Abbey Salcido, Morgan Russell, Taylor Cumper and Tiara Anthony.

# Owen-Gage claims opener, road test at Genesee next

Rookie Coach Nick Gibbard will have to wait another week to see his Owen-Gage Bulldogs take the gridiron field. But the former long-time Bad Axe assistant coach, turned head coach of an 8-man program, doesn't mind as he collected his first varsity win Friday, albeit a forfeit by Madison Academy.

Gibbard knows there are plenty of tests down the road in the North Central Thumb League despite the return of seven letter winners from 2017. Owen-Gage, which went 2-7 last year, also won't have the services of grads Luke Retford, Aaron Fahrner and Michael Ray at their disposal.

"We are a little bang up from the scrimmage against North Huron and can use the extra time to heal," Gibbard said.

The Bulldogs travel to take on Genesee Thursday. There, look for another strong showing from senior Matthew Fritz.

"Matt's our quarterback and he'll play both ways. He's a leader," says Gibbard who labels Fritz as one of the team's hardest hitters and notes Cord Clarkston has been impressive with his nose for the ball in early season workouts.

In the Bulldog backfield, returning sophomore Andrew Partaka is hard to bring down, while in the trenches, junior Branden Fritz is a hand full.

Rounding out the Bulldog roster are Brett Watson, Levi Wendland, Shane Elloit, Jesse Robinson, Brandon Binder, Clay Evans and Boyd Evans.

## OWEN-GAGE 2018 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
<b>8/24</b>	<b>Madison Academy</b>
8/30	Genesee
9/7	Peck
<b>9/14</b>	<b>All Saints</b>
<b>9/21</b>	<b>Merritt Academy</b>
9/28	CPS
10/6	Onokama
<b>10/12</b>	<b>Akron-Fairgrove</b>
10/19	Caseville

*Home games in bold*

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2018 Football Season



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Marlette at Reese	Reese	Reese	Marlette	Reese
Birch Run at Caro	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run
Hemlock at Vassar	Hemlock	Vassar	Vassar	Hemlock
EPBP at Hudson	Hudson	Hudson	Hudson	Hudson

(8-man contests)

Kingston at BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	Kingston	Kingston
Deckerville at Flint Int.	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Madison Academy at O-G	O-G	O-G	O-G	O-G

(college games)

Utah State at MSU (8/31)	MSU	MSU	MSU	MSU
U of M at Notre Dame (9/1)	Michigan	Notre Dame	Michigan	Michigan

LAST WEEK	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
SEASON RESULTS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

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# Cass City Jr./Sr. High School 2018 Fall Sports Schedule

*Support your favorite teams all season long with this guide to Cass City High School's big games!*

## VARSIITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
8/23	Montrose
8/30	USA
9/7	Marlette (Service Night)
9/14	EPB Lakers (YFB Night)
9/21	Vassar
9/28	Bad Axe (Homecoming)
10/5	Caro
10/12	Reese
10/19	Ubly

All Varsity Games begin at 7 p.m.

## JV FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
8/22	Montrose
8/29	USA
9/6	Marlette
9/13	EPB Lakers
9/20	Vassar
9/27	Bad Axe
10/4	Caro
10/11	Reese
10/18	Ubly

All JV Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

## CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/20	USA Invite	
8/23	Birch Run Invite	4:15 p.m.
8/30	Brown City Invite	9:00 a.m.
9/8	Bad Axe Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/15	Holly Invite	7:40 a.m.
9/20	Frankenmuth Invite	TBD
9/22	EPB Laker Invite	10:00 a.m.
9/29	Wagener Park Invite (Harbor Beach)	7:30 a.m.
10/6	<b>Cass City Invite</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
10/8	Mayville JH Inv.	3:45 p.m.
10/10	Ubly Invite	4:30 p.m.
10/16	GTC League @ Marlette	4:30 p.m.
10/20	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10:00 a.m.
10/27	Reginals @ Shepherd	TBA
11/3	State Finals @ Brooklyn	TBA

## VOLLEYBALL (JV & VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/24	Bad Axe Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m.
8/25	Bad Axe Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/6	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/8	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/11	<b>Bad Axe (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/13	<b>Vassar (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/15	Caro (V)	6:00 p.m.
9/15	Caro (JV)	9:00 a.m.
9/18	USA (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/22	Frankenmuth Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/22	BC Central Invite (JV)	8:00 a.m.
9/25	Caro (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/27	<b>Reese (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/2	<b>EPB Lakers (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/4	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/6	USA Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.
10/9	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/11	<b>USA (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/13	Mt. Morris Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
10/18	<b>Caro (JV &amp; V)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/20	Marysville Invite (V)	TBD
10/20	Cros-Lex Invite (JV)	TBD
10/23	Reese (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/29	Districts (V)	TBA

Home games in bold.

Admissions:

High School - \$5.00

Jr. High - \$4.00

Season Sport Passes:

Family - \$125.00

Individual - \$80.00

Seniors 65 or older - Free with pass



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Students FREE

## FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	Bad Axe Invite	9 a.m.
9/6	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
9/11	<b>Bad Axe</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
9/15	BC Central	8 a.m.
9/18	USA	6 p.m.
9/22	USA Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/25	Caro	6 p.m.
9/27	<b>Reese</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
9/29	Reese Invite	8:30 a.m.
10/2	<b>EPB Lakers</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
10/4	Bad Axe	6 p.m.
10/11	USA	6 p.m.
10/18	<b>Caro</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
10/20	Caro Invite	8:30 a.m.
10/23	Reese	6 p.m.

## JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/11	<b>Capac (no kick)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
9/18	Memphis (no kick)	6:00 p.m.
9/25	<b>Harbor Beach (no kick)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/2	Ubly (kick)	6:00 p.m.
10/9	<b>Caro (kick)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
10/16	Bad Axe (kick)	6:00 p.m.

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# Welcome students to the 2018-2019 school year!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Cass City Public Schools will open

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018.**

All students are to report to their respective buildings. School safety has been and will continue to be a major point of emphasis in our schools. Our district has a safety communication plan which includes the evacuation of all buildings, if ever the need arises. The safety and education of our children are our major priorities.

School offices are open and ready to register new students. Considerable waiting time may be saved if appointments to register the students are made.

### KINDERGARTEN

All day every day kindergarten classes will begin on **Tuesday, August 28, 2018**. Kindergarten parents will be notified by letter when to come for parent conferences.

Parents should present the child's birth certificate, health record, and enrollment sheet before school starts if they have not already done so.

### SCHOOL START TIMES - Schedules/Buildings

Starting Time	Dismissal
G.S.R.P. (A.M.)	
8:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
G.S.R.P. (P.M.)	
11:55 a.m.	3:08 p.m.
Cass City Elementary	
8:00 a.m.	3:08 p.m.
Cass City Jr./Sr. High School	
8:00 a.m.	2:56 p.m.

### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The CCPS coordinated Health Team will be sponsoring, "National Walk to School" for all students to be held in October. Incentives will be given to students that participate.

### TRANSPORTATION

Parents are asked to call 872-5618 to inform the transportation department if students will not be riding busses due to extended illnesses or to make special requests regarding carry on items. Additionally, inflated balloons are prohibited from all busses due to safety consideration.

Changes in enrollment and a geographical shift in student population within the Cass City Public School District has facilitated the need to restructure several of our bus routes. However, we need your help to ensure a smooth and safe transition. Parents are encouraged to have students ready to board buses early for the first few days of the school year.

Also students are allowed one (1) pickup address and one (1) take home address. Adjustments to balance the bus loads will be made as soon as possible. The following bus policies have been adopted by the Board of Education.

### STUDENT BUS RESPONSIBILITIES

- Students and parents must understand that the school day does not end until the student is dropped off at the take home location. Therefore, students are expected to observe classroom conduct with the utmost respect for the bus driver and the rules that pertain to riding the bus.
- To occupy the seat assigned by the driver and remain seated in an erect position with both feet on the floor while the bus is in motion.
- To be at the pickup place designated at the scheduled time.
- To wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to get on or off.
- To keep all parts of your body inside the bus at all times.
- To cross a traveled highway, if necessary after leaving the bus, by walking in front of the bus.
- To leave or board the bus only with the consent of the driver and only through the proper door.
- To immediately report to the driver any damage to the bus.
- To help keep the bus clean, sanitary and orderly and the aisles free of any obstructions.
- To obey the driver cheerfully and to refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is moving.

### PARENT BUS RESPONSIBILITIES

- To take all precautions necessary for the protection of their children while going to and from the bus stop. 2. To work in a cooperative manner with those responsible for pupil transportation.

### BUS DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

- First violation** - The driver submitting the violation report will deliver it personally to the Principal of the building the student attends. The Principal will arrange a conference at which the student, driver and Principal will be in attendance. A written communication regarding the violation and disciplinary action taken will be sent to the parents.
- Second violation** - The same procedure as in the first violation. The minimum disciplinary action will be a three (3) day suspension from riding the bus.
- Third violation** - The same procedure as above with a five (5) day minimum suspension.
- Fourth violation** - The same procedures as above with a ten (10) day minimum suspension.

### CAFETERIA

A computerized debit system for the breakfast and lunch program has been ongoing for several years. This program operates with the student's pin number, which then generates a picture of the student on the computer screen while it accesses that student's account. One of the best features about this program is the security it provides. No one will be able to access another student's account.

Envelopes for this program will be provided to the students. Please fill out the information on the front of the envelope so the money is put in the right account. Checks or money must be sealed in the provided envelopes and put in a drop box in the principal's office of each school before 9:30 A.M. Money received after this time will not go on the student's account until the next entry date. A \$25.00 charge limit will be placed on all accounts. Once a student is over the limit, an alternative lunch will be served until the account is settled. This policy will be strictly enforced. Parents have the ability to login to the school's website and put money in and check on their student's lunch balance. For more information, visit [www.casscityschools.org](http://www.casscityschools.org) and click Skyward Family Access.

Elementary and high school cafeterias will open on Tuesday, September 5th. The price for lunches are grades K-4 \$2.50 and grades 5-12 \$2.75. Adult Lunch is \$3.50. Milk is

# Cass City Public Schools

## "Red Hawk Pride"

Caring, Collaborative and Productive Students

### POINTS OF PRIDE

- **Dedicated to the emotional, academic and social well-being of all students.**
- **Dual Enrollment – college credits while in high school.**
- **Many Advanced Placement courses offered.**
- **CCPS's has consistently outperformed other area schools on state assessments.**
- **Full Day Young 5's program.**
- **Great Start Readiness Program.**
- **Partner with Hills and Dales Hospital to offer a full time nurse available daily.**
- **K – 12 Title I programs available to all students.**
- **Expanded course offerings focused on STEM curriculum.**
- **District is in very sound financial condition.**
- **Innovative technology department.**
- **HS agricultural science program.**
- **Skyward Family Access 24 hours a day.**
- **Strong instrumental band program**
- **Response to Intervention (RTI) program embedded in each grade level.**
- **Full array of athletic teams including football, basketball, gymnastics, volleyball, track, baseball, golf and wrestling.**
- **Full time social worker at elementary level.**
- **Day Care offered from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm.**
- **Competitive Robotics team.**
- **Back Pack program providing weekly food to qualified families.**
- **Free summer lunch program for all children under age 19.**
- **Nutritious and Balanced daily breakfast and lunch offerings.**
- **Open Houses & Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- **Active PTO, Band and Athletic Booster Club**

available for all students who carry their own lunch at a cost of .50 cents a carton.

The school breakfast program will begin in all schools on Tuesday, August 28, 2018.

The Elementary students & Jr/Sr High students is \$1.50. Students who wish to participate in the breakfast program will be allowed in each building's cafeteria approximately 15 to 20 minutes prior to the beginning school time.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Alice Zaleski, President
- Janie Meeker, Vice President
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Trustees: Stacey Bliss, George Batty & Janet Richards

### ADMINISTRATION

- Jeffrey Hartel, Superintendent
- Chad Daniels, Jr./Sr. High School Principal
- Donald Markel, Assistant Principal/AD Director
- Aaron Fernald, Cass City Elementary School Principal

### GUIDANCE

Christin Hempton -Dean of Student Services Tracey Robinson -Elementary Social Worker Beth Howard-Jr./Sr. Social Worker (Part-time)

### DAY CARE - PRESCHOOL CENTER

- Wendy Guinther - Director
- Vicki Tordai - Preschool lead teacher
- Emily Mason - Infant lead teacher
- Brooke Lloyd - Toddler lead teacher
- Aides - Donna Hartwick, Brooklyn Stilson, Meagan Whisenant, Lori Riddle, Claudia Riddle

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

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- Tammy Scheffa, Young 5's
- Tracey Jaworski, Kindergarten
- Terri Maurer, Kindergarten
- Susan Stoutenburg, Kindergarten
- Jenifer Green, First Grade
- Paula LeValley, First Grade
- Deb Peruski, First Grade
- Kathy Dorland, Second Grade
- Karen Sweeney, Second Grade
- Steve Hollock, Second Grade
- Robyn Murdoch, Third Grade
- Kristine Milligan, Third Grade
- Linda Stec, Fourth Grade
- Lisa Green, Fourth Grade
- Robin Beckrow, Fourth Grade
- Cori Cottin, Fourth Grade
- Julie Bitzer, Fifth Grade
- Marnie Hacker, Fifth Grade
- Andrea Ross, Fifth Grade
- Linda Bailey, Sixth Grade
- Josh Stern, Sixth Grade
- Ronald Woloshen, Sixth Grade
- Tana Shrader, Special Education
- Laura Schinnerer, Special Education
- Janelle Anderson, Title & Interventions & Testing

Adam Dorland, Physical Education Ashley Copeland, Library/Technology Rebecca Walker, Creative Arts

### JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

- Chris Collins.....Spanish I, II & III
- Scott Cuthrell.....Physical Education
- Susanne Forster.....Algebra I & II

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Barbara Graff.....9th/10th Grade English

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William Hartzell.....Technology 7, Civics/Econ, History Movies

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Chris Kimble.....Anatomy, Forensics, Biology & Astronomy

Danielle Laming.....Art I, Advanced Art, Publications, Art 7/8

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Leigh Osentoski.....Animal Science, Ag Science 7/8, Vet Science, Botany/Zoology, Online Technology

Jane Reif.....11th Grade English, AP Literature, S.A.T Prep

Christina Swiderski.....7th/8th Grade English

Amy Tamlyn.....Pre-Calculus, Algebra II, College Algebra, Advanced Math Support, Algebra II Support

Kurt Tuckey.....Industrial Ed., Adv. Woods, Geometry, Geometry Support, Technology 7

Ryan Walker.....Senior Seminar, 7th/8th/9th English Support

Kathy Wright.....Special Education

Sean Zawilinski.....World History, U.S. History

Jon Zdrojewski.....7th/8th Grade Science

### MULTI-BUILDING PERSONNEL

Laura Curtis.....Instrumental Music, Online Acad. (Jr/Sr High)

Adam Dorland - Elem. PE & Health (Jr/Sr High)

**SCHOOL NURSE**.....Kathy LaPonsie

**PREP**.....TBD (PM - P.R.E.P. TISD)

### TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Lyle Severance, & IT Technician-Reed Keyser

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**GSRP** - Katie Gainforth & Michelle Whittaker

**ELEMENTARY** - Carmen Damm, Cathy Meck, Amanda Mester, Shelly Miller, Dede Pawloski, Elizabeth Phillips, Jane Phillips, Jamie Reinke, Connie Ross, Deb Ross & Joan Sattelberg

**JR/SR HIGH** - JoEllen Bukoski, Brenda Blackmer & Sandy Taylor

### BUILDING SERVICE PERSONNEL

- John Carlson, Building Maintenance Supervisor
- Dave Sanders, Bus Mechanic/Grounds Supervisor

### CAFETERIA STAFF

**Supervisor:** Shari Bock

**Cooks:** Jill Leeson, Brenda Stover & Tena Rabideau. **Cooks Helpers:** Sue Wynn, Kim Michalski, Shannon Horning, Ashley Silva, Connie Westbrook.

### IMMUNIZATIONS

Act 299, Public Acts of 1975, authorized the Director of the Michigan Department of Public Health to specify, by regulation, the immunizations and tests required of all children enrolling in Michigan schools for the first time. This year the following immunizations are required: *Diphtheria, Tetanus, Rubella, Pertussis, Poliomyelitis, Chicken Pox (Varicella), Hepatitis B and Meningitis.* In addition, each new school entry must have had a vision screening test.

The parent or guardian who, because of religious or other conviction, does not want his/her child protected from these diseases must, submit a signed statement to that effect. Waivers are available at your county Health Department. Please call for an appointment. The Health Department is the only place a waiver can be obtained.

As part of our school admission procedure for your child, we must enforce the law stated above. We must have the health record or similar statement in order to admit your child officially to school.

If you have questions about this, please contact your local school, your doctor, or the Thumb District Health Department.

### DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITION & STUDENT INFORMATION

It is the policy of the Cass City Public Schools to not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, handicap, or other prohibited matters in employment, or in educational programs. This also includes bullying and other aggressive behavior as listed under #5517.01 in the school policy handbook and on the school website. Anyone who feels that a violation of rights has occurred should notify:

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On occasion the Cass City Public Schools does release the names, photographs, video recordings of individual students and directory information such as grade level, honors and awards. *If any parent or adult student wishes not to have such information released, notification, in writing, must be sent to building principals:*

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**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY:**

Student accident insurance is available for parents to purchase through the Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company. This low cost insurance plan can provide coverage for students at both school and home. Forms for participation will be given to all students to take home during the first week of school. Please review the information carefully and contact your child's principal if you have any questions.

### GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING:

The school guidance program is designed to assist students who have personal and social concerns, and to help students design academic programs to meet their individual needs and abilities. College admission and financial aid assistance is provided for the students interested in continuing their schooling after graduation. One of the programs designed to benefit both the student and the community is the co-operative educational program. Under this program, some students are placed in on-the-job-work situations for part of each school day. Students and parents desiring more information are encouraged to contact the guidance office.

### FREE & REDUCED - PRICES STUDENT MEALS

The Cass City Public School's policy for free and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price for meals served under the National School Lunch, School Breakfast or Commodity School Programs uses the following household size and income criteria to determine eligibility.

### Federal Eligibility Income Chart for School Year 2018-2019

Family Size	Free		Reduced	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$15,782	\$1,316	\$22,459	\$1,872
2	\$21,398	\$1,784	\$30,451	\$2,538
3	\$27,014	\$2,252	\$38,443	\$3,204
4	\$32,630	\$2,720	\$46,435	\$3,870
5	\$38,246	\$3,188	\$54,427	\$4,536
6	\$43,862	\$3,656	\$62,419	\$5,202
7	\$49,478	\$4,124	\$70,411	\$5,868
8	\$55,094	\$4,592	\$78,403	\$6,534

For each additional family member add:

\$5,616 \$468 \$7,992 \$666

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced price meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the form and return it to the school. Additional copies of the applica-

tion form are available at the principal's office in each school. Households should answer all questions on the form.

### NON FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS:

An application which does not contain all of the following information cannot be processed by the school: (1) the total income by source for each household member (such as wages, child support, etc.); (2) names of all household members; (3) social security number of the adult household member who signs the application; and (4) the signature of an adult household member.

### FOOD STAMP/FIP HOUSEHOLDS:

If you currently receive Food Stamps or Family Independence Program (FIP) for your child, you only have to list your child's name and Food Stamp or FIP case number and sign the application.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility, verifying data, or qualifying children for other federal and state programs, as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture. Applications may be verified by the school or other officials at any time during the school year.

If children are approved for free or reduced price meal benefits, the household must report to the school increases in household income over \$50 per month (\$600 per year) and decreases in household size. Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible but has a decrease in household income, an increase in household size or if a household member becomes unemployed, the household should fill out an application at that time.

In most cases, **FOSTER CHILDREN** are eligible for these benefits regardless of the household's income. If a household has foster children living with them and they wish to apply for free or reduced price meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

Under the provisions of the policy the building principal will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. The household also has the right to a fair hearing.

This can be done by calling or writing the following official:

**Jeffrey L. Hartel, Superintendent**  
4868 N. Seeger Street  
Cass City, MI 48726  
(989) 872-2200

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Ave, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 Fax: (202) 690-7442; or Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov) This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Special announcements concerning school closing will be made through the following public service facilities: Radio WLEM-Bad Axe, TV-5-Bay City, TV-12-Flint and TV-25. Announcements will be made as soon as a decision is reached.

### ATHLETIC FAMILY PASSES

Athletic Family Passes are available at the following prices from the middle school principal's office. Full Family \$125.00 - Individual \$ 80.00 Senior Citizen (Age 65 & over) Free with pass  
**Cass City Students Free**

### DIPLOMAS FOR VETERANS

To provide special recognition for the service and sacrifice of military veterans of WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam era, Public Act 181 of 2001 and Public Act 55 of 2014 authorizes the board of a Michigan school district to award high school diplomas to WWII, Korean Conflict and Vietnam veterans. The law permits WWII veterans who left high school between December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 for immediate military service and did not subsequently receive a high school degree to now apply for a diploma. Korean War veterans who left high school between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 may also apply. Family members may apply on the behalf of a living or deceased veteran. Veterans of the Vietnam era must have been drafted or enlisted between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 to qualify for this diploma. The application requires a copy of the veteran's discharge from military service indicating honorable service between the dates of December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 or June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 or February 28, 1961 and

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday Morning, August 28, 2018

May 7, 1975. Also, the Vietnam era veteran must apply to the school district where he/she was enrolled during high school. The applicant's signature certifies the remaining information. Cass City Public Schools is pleased to be able to award high school diplomas to veterans who meet Public Act 181 or Public Act 55 criteria. For more information, please contact Jeff Hartel at 989-912-1821.

### TENTATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Teacher Professional Development August 22 & 23, 2018
First Day For Students August 28, 2018 (Full Day)
Labor Day Weekend August 31 - September 3, 2018
Half Day Students September 28, 2018 (PM Teacher Records)
Half Day Students October 26, 2018 (PM Teacher Records)
End of First Term (1/2 Student Day AM) November 2, 2018 (1/2 Teacher Records Day PM)
Parent/Teacher Conferences November 15, 2018 (No Students)
Thanksgiving Vacation November 21-23, 2018
Winter Break (Begins at the end of the day) December 20, 2018 (Students/Staff)
School Resumes: January 2, 2019
End of First Semester January 18, 2019 (½ Student Day-A.M.) (½ Teacher Records Day-P.M.)
Half Day Students February 15, 2019 (PM Teacher Records)
No Students February 18, 2019



# Legal Notices

Case No. 17-30064-CH CIRCUIT COURT SALE In pursuance and by virtue of the Judgments of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 29th day of May, A.D., 2018, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, a limited liability corporation, was the Plaintiff and RUSSELL D. HERRINGTON, an individual, was the Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the Tuscola County Circuit Court (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 13th day of September, A.D., 2018 at 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Tuscola, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, described as follows: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4, NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN,

DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 34; THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 34 A DISTANCE OF 165.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEG. 29' 30" EAST 250.00 FEET, THENCE WEST 165.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 34; THENCE NORTH 1 DEG. 29' 30" WEST 250.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THAT PART NOW USED AS ORMES AND SLAFTER ROADS SO-CALLED. AND A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST,

DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 34 WHICH IS EAST 165.0 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 34, THENCE CONTINUING EAST 145.0 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEG. 29' 30" EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 34, A DISTANCE OF 250.0 FEET, THENCE WEST 145.0 FEET, THEN NORTH 01 DEG. 29' 30" WEST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE TWO TRACTS WERE COMBINED FOR TAX PURPOSES AND ARE KNOWN AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, THENCE EAST 310 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 250 FEET; THENCE WEST 310 FEET; THENCE NORTH 250 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 8485 Ormes Road, Vassar, MI 48768 This property may be redeemed during the 6 months following the sale. Dated: 07/25/2018 Michael Urban, Deputy Sheriff POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff By: Anthony DeClercq (P79103) 251 Diversion Street Rochester, MI 48307 Phone: 248-853-4400 P&A File No. 108593 (JFCL)

7-25-8

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 30, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Trevor Perry and Jasmine Perry, husband and wife as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Oak Street Mortgage LLC its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Raymond James Bank, National Association successor in interest to Raymond James FSB Date of Mortgage: April 5, 2006 Date of Mortgage Recording: April 19, 2006 Amount claimed due on date of

notice: \$87,480.35

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 32; thence along the East line of said Section 32, South 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 250.00 feet; thence West 150.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West, 250.00 feet to the North line of said Section 32; thence along said North line, East 150.00 feet to the beginning.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: August 1, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1357736

8-1-4

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael F. Withey, Dawn M. Withey, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2013 and recorded April 3, 2013 in Liber 1275, Page 1287 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five and 24/100 Dollars (\$53,375.24), including interest at 3.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on AUGUST 30, 2018.

Said premises are located in the Township of Novesta, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 528 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 4, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, running West 660 feet, thence North 462 feet, thence East 660 feet, and thence South 462 feet to the point of beginning, except railroad right of way, Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: August 1, 2018 File No. 18-010266 Firm Name: Orland PC

8-1-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola

County, at 10:00 AM, on September 6, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Edward P. Gerber, a married man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, NA Date of Mortgage: April 28, 2005 Date of Mortgage Recording: April 29, 2005 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$57,160.67

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The South 50 feet of Lot 6 in Block 1 of Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro in Tuscola County, also beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, running thence North 50 feet, thence East 80 feet, thence South 50 feet, thence West 80 feet to the place of beginning, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 18A.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: August 8, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1358691

8-8-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 6, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Linda Lou Streeter, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, A Subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB Foreclosing Assignee (if any): CIT Bank, N.A. Date of Mortgage: June 25, 2004 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 22, 2004 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$85,054.34

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 93 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 21 Township 13 North, Range 8 East, Thence South 89 feet, East 12 Rods, North 89 feet West 12 Rods to the place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: August 8, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1358825

8-8-4

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by NICHOLAS SPRINGSTEEN, a single man and ALYSSA BECK-

MAN, a single woman, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated APRIL 6, 2012, and recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on APRIL 27, 2012, in LIBER 1247 on PAGE 1177 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of

THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWENTY SEVEN AND 25/100THS (\$37,027.25) DOLLARS at 4.500% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on SEPTEMBER 13, 2018, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Court-house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

VILLAGE OF MILLINGTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: COMMENCING 381.48 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 8, BLOCK 3, VILLAGE OF MILLINGTON, RUNNING THENCE EAST 132 FEET, THENCE NORTH 66 FEET, THENCE WEST 132 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

JOHN W. BUTLER (P 33908) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 8-15-18

8-15-4

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE -David M. Nicholson, A single man, granted a mortgage to Republic Banc Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 1, 2000, and recorded on June 27, 2000, in Liber 804, on Page 839, and modified on November 23, 2001, recorded February 7, 2002, in Liber 862, on Page 1361, and assigned by said mortgagee to Ditech Financial LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$66,858.67). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Court-house Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on September 20, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 4, Town 13

North, Range 8 East, Fairgrove Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 51 seconds East 987.51 feet along the South section line to the point of beginning. Running thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes 29 seconds West 435.60 feet, thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 51 seconds East 100.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes 29 seconds East, 435.60 feet, thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 51 seconds West 100.0 feet along the South section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 13 North, Range 8 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Ditech Financial LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 1360113

8-22-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 20, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Walter Schenk and Donna Schenk, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Flagstar Bank, FSB Foreclosing Assignee (if any): ARCPE 1, LLC Date of Mortgage: July 31, 2003 Date of Mortgage Recording: March 8, 2004 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$21,575.98

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of a parcel described as: All that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, lying between the Pere Marquette Railway right-of-way on the North and the center line of Michigan Public Highway Number M-38 on the South, except the East 14 acres thereof and also except the West 15 acres thereof and also subject to the right-of-way for State highway on the South; thence North along the West line of said parcel to the South line of said railroad right-of-way; thence Southeasterly along said railroad right-of-way 523 feet; thence South to the center line of said Michigan Highway M-38; thence Northwesterly along said center line 523 feet to the point of beginning The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a.

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

Date of notice: August 22, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1359497

8-22-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment

NOTICE is hereby given pur-

suant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 20, 2018: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dwight D Thabet and Elizabeth A Thabet, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Ameriquet Mortgage Company

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

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 13, 2005 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$51,473.52

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: August 22, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1359661

8-22-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisment

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 20, 2018: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kyle M. Piechowiak, single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation Date of Mortgage: November 14, 2016 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 21, 2016 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$48,840.56

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wisner, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 404 feet North of the East 1/4 Post of Section 29, Township 14 North, Range 7 East, thence West 257.7 feet, thence North 157 feet, thence East 257.7 feet, thence South 157 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Township 14 North, Range 7 East. Except the North 1 rod for road purposes.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: August 22, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1359665

8-22-4



# CLASSIFIEDS

**Transit (nonbusiness) rates, 10 words or less, \$5.00 each insertion; additional words 15 cents each. Three weeks for the price of 2-cash rate. Save money by enclosing cash with mail orders. Rates for display want ads on application.**

**General Merchandise**  
**POLEGA'S PRODUCE** - Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, with home grown local produce & fruit. Sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, cukes, red potatoes, musk melon, blueberries, red seeded and seedless water melon, peaches and much more. We accept Project Fresh & Senior Fresh coupons. Located 6480 Bay City Forrestville Rd. by the corner of M-53. 872-3348 or 989-670-2836. 2-8-8-3

**FOR SALE** - AMANA up right refrigerator, bottom freezer, \$225; Maytag Electric Stove, \$200. Call 989-670-3431. 2-8-22-1

**EHRlich'S FLAGS AMERICAN MADE**  
 US - STATE - WORLD MILITARY - POW  
 Bill Ehrlich, Jr. 989-977-1231  
 2-1-24-1f

**Household Sales**  
**MOVING SALE** - 4705 Seeger St., Thursday, August 23 and Friday, August 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Furniture, household items, tools, stroller and misc. items. 14-8-22-1

**GARAGE SALE** - 4180 Hurds Corner Rd. Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 14-8-22-1

**GARAGE SALE** - Thursday, August 23, Friday, August 24, and Saturday, August 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1950's baby bouncer chair, scrapbooks, puzzles, toys, and much more. M-53 between Severance and Shabbona Rd. 14-8-22-1

**GINNY'S GARAGE SALE** - Wed. & Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. men's tools, leather couch, wet suit, motor cycle helmets, antiques, clothes, flat screen TVs and much much more. Garfield Ave. at Maple. 14-8-22-1

**Real Estate For Rent**  
**FOR RENT** - Cass City Apartments, an elderly community (elderly being defined as 62 years of age or disabled of any age) located in Cass City, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 bedroom Apartments. Units of barrier free design may also be available. Rent based on income, starting at \$511. For affordable housing call (989) 872-2009. Free Heat & Water! Pet Friendly! "This institution is an equal opportunity provider" TDD/TTY #711" 4-2-21-1f

**FOR RENT** - 2 bedroom apartment above Kelly & Co Realty with laundry room & separate storage/sewing room, nice kitchen including appliances. No Pets and No Smoking apply please, \$450 1 person or \$550 2 people per month. Taking applications at Kelly & Co Realty or call 989-872-8825 or 989-872-2248. 4-8-15-1f

**APARTMENT FOR RENT** - 2 bedroom, 1 bath in Owendale. \$375 mo. plus first and security deposit. Call 810-837-0884. 4-8-22-2

**Facilities For Rent**  
**VFW HALL** - weddings, parties, funeral, dinners. 989-872-4933. 4-2-22-1f

**Cass City Mini Storage**  
 All Sizes 5' x 10' to 12' x 40'  
 Need a seasonal place to store your recreational vehicle?  
**872-3917**

**Notices**  
**The wait is over! We now have corn on the wagon!**  
**Les's Super Sweet Sweet Corn**  
 2 1/2 miles north of Cass City, 1/4 mile west on Merchant Rd.  
**872-4563**  
*"Les corn is the best corn!"* 5-8-1f

**Notices**  
**Annual 5K Run & Mile Walk & 1/2 mile Kid's Fun Run**  
 To benefit Local Food Pantries  
 When: Sept. 15, 2018 at 9 a.m.  
 Where: Our Lady Consolata Parish Cass City (St. Pancratius)  
 Cost: 5K - \$21; Kid's Fun Run - \$13  
 To register or sponsor call or text (989) 415-5636 or email centralthumbkofc@gmail.com www.runsignup.com/kofc5krunwalk  
 Event sponsored by Our Lady Consolata Parish & K of C Council #8892

**Services**  
**YOU KNOW YOUR** wife likes and wants the Kirby. Why not get her something practical. My name is Daniel Messing. Many used Kirby vacuums on sale now. Sold with a 1-year warranty. Kirby Co. of Bad Axe, located across from the Franklin Inn on the east end of Bad Axe. Carry genuine Kirby factory parts. Call me to set up a private deal on lay away. Quality, reliability and performance. Don't wait, call 989-269-7562, 989-551-7562 or 989-479-6543. 8-12-17-1f

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 The storage units listed below, located at 6080 Cass City Rd, Cass City, Michigan, will be cleaned out as of Aug. 22, 2018:  
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**ARE YOU** ready for some football? The Kingston Community School District is. Football practice started Aug. 7, and the first varsity home game is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. against International Academy of Flint. The finishing touches are being put on the home-side bleachers. Cross country is also underway, and junior high athletes started practicing Monday.

## Local teacher laid off following hearing

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fied that a complaint exists, Zaleski noted, "(But) this is not a discipline issue. They can't request a closed session just for a lay-off," Zaleski said. "There is a difference between a lay-off and termination."

Ray Davis, an attorney with the Thrun Law Firm, which represents the Cass City Schools, agreed with that assessment Thursday when Burleson again asked for a closed session to discuss McCollum's case.

Burleson went on to note McCol-

lum was rated as an "effective" educator last year, and he questioned the motivation behind a reduced rating this year, alleging that the district may have manipulated data in order to justify laying off a teacher based on an anticipated reduction in enrollment in the coming year.

Burleson also contends McCollum presented his signed, written evaluation paperwork to school officials, as required, but that administrators seemed to have disregarded the information.

In fact, according to elementary school Principal Aaron Fernald, the proper procedure was not fol-

lowed. Fernald said McCollum contacted him to say he could find the paperwork in his (McCollum's) office, instead of scheduling a face-to-face meeting with administration to discuss his evaluation.

Following about 25 minutes of discussion, the board approved a motion laying off McCollum based on the recommendation Hartel made last month.

Hartel indicated the decision was neither arbitrary nor mean-spirited. "It's nothing vindictive," he commented. "Our (student) numbers are down."

# Facelift at Kingston Schools shaping up, few projects delayed

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

With only a matter of days before the start of the 2018-19 school year, a flurry of activity is going on at Kingston Schools to wrap up renovations.

"About two-thirds of the parking lot work was asphalted, so that will make a big mess go away in a hurry. The sidewalks around the high school are done. The new library flooring at the high school and elementary media center is done. The gym floor at the elementary school is done. It was sanded down and refinished. It looks beautiful," said school Supt. Matt Drake.

"New roofs have been put on the elementary and high school. New stadium lights are up on the football field and operating, (and) the bleachers on both the home and visitors' side are ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant with wheelchair accessibility."

Football practice started Aug. 7, with the first varsity home game slated for Friday, Sept. 7, against International Academy of Flint.

School officials have completed or are in the process of completing a host of other projects, all funded by a \$4.8 million bond extension voters approved last year.

The district's 50-year-old, 1,000 gallon water heater, for example, was replaced with three 100-gallon heaters. They will operate in a tiered system rather than all at once. Making that change is expected to add up to a 66-percent energy savings.

Another major upgrade was security. Internet Protocol (IP) security cameras have been installed at elementary and high school.

"We had cameras that were self-contained ones on an analog system. The new cameras are high definition and over the Internet. I can pull up images on my cellphone on any of the 16 cameras in the high school to watch in real time what is going on at any point in time," Drake explained. "With them, we could also share that IP address with law enforcement emergency service providers. They could also pull up any camera in the building as well to see what is going on if there is a situation."

Those allowed access to the cameras can also do so on a laptop computer or Chrome Book.

"I know other schools have security cameras, but I'm not sure if we are the only ones that have the capability of connecting with law enforcement and first responders," he said. "I know some others school systems where they can watch security cameras on cellphones and iPads, but I'm not sure if they can share that with law enforcement."

Although much has been accomplished, there are some scheduled capital improvement projects that have been delayed because contractors ran into unexpected issues.

"The area where the old section of the 1930 (elementary) school that was razed this summer has a shared foundation with the newer section of the school that remains. When the contractor got down to the dirt below to where the addition was put on, that was found. The dirt has to be pulled back and a new foundation built beside what is left so they can put the brick on," explained Drake.

"We are not positive if that will be able to be done by the first day of school. That is our goal, but it is kind of hanging out there, too, along with getting a new brick face on the part of the building we tore down."

The first day of classes for students will be Tuesday, Aug. 28.

"There was another hiccup that we ran into. It seems like everyone in the world must be replacing their hardwood floors in their gyms. So, the company who was hired to put the new floors in the high school gym cannot get the three-quarter inch tongue-and-groove maple flooring right now," said Drake. "It is supposed to be delivered Aug. 27, but that is backed up."

"The sub-floor is down and the gym has been painted, so we are ready to roll when the flooring comes in."

Because the gym floor won't be ready for the start of the volleyball season, the game schedules had to be changed.

"Our athletic director is working with our opponents to have all away games the first part of the year, contrary to what the schedule is showing right now," Drake noted.

School officials hope the gym will be completed by Oct. 4 with new bleachers as well as acoustical panels.

"This is no reflection on the construction crews or architects. They have all been amazing to work with," Drake said.

Even though a lot has been accomplished over the last few months, more upgrades will be done next year.

Among the projects is renovation of the science lab at the high school. The bathrooms at the elementary and high school are scheduled for a facelift to make them ADA compliant, and the rest of the parking lots will be asphalted.


In addition, the old bus garage north of the elementary school will be renovated with steel siding along with new windows and doors to seal it up for storage use, and a new digital sign will be installed in front of the high school.

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