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Huron Co. drug bust turns up potent hallucinogenic powder

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

An illegal drug trafficking investigation in Huron County recently turned up a suspected drug not

typically seen in the Thumb. Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson issued a news release last Wednesday on the unusual find. "Our office with the assistance of other law enforcement agencies

served a drug search warrant at a residence on Bruce Street in Kinde. This search was the result of a two-week investigation into illegal drug activity in the area," Hanson noted.

"Seized were several, assorted in size, glass vials that were suspected of containing a powdery substance believed to be DMT (Dimethyltryptamine)," he said. "According to lab officials, this is a rare drug to mid-Michigan, even though research indicates it's been in existence across the world for decades," Hanson added. "Its history dates back to the 1930's and is the by-product of a foreign tree root. The effects are said to be very hallucinogenic, more so than LSD."

The suspected material was sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab for analysis.

Deputies also seized several pounds of processed marijuana in various forms, including butter, according to Hanson.

"This seizure resulted in one of the residents being arrested for felony possession with the intent to deliver marijuana. That (suspect), 34-year-old Brandon W. Richmond, was lodged in our jail and later posted a \$1,500 bond for release on that charge.

"Further court proceeding will follow, as well as other possible felony charges, depending on what the crime lab determines the suspected DMT to actually be."

Assisting deputies were the Kinde Police Department, the Bad Axe police, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department and a U.S. Postal inspector.



A RECENT Huron County Sheriff's Department investigation turned up a powdery substance, stored in glass vials, that investigators believe is DMT, a potent, hallucinogenic drug not typically seen in mid-Michigan, according to Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

County establishing a "land bank"

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Tuscola County Commissioners recently took the first step towards getting into the real estate business when they approved creation of a land bank for the county.

"Having a land bank will help the county market foreclosed, contaminated, blighted or abandoned properties," explained county Controller Mike Hoagland, noting the state is also considering turning over about 650 acres that include the former prison camps and some of the Caro Center property.

Some of the state land has been eyed for possible development of a hotel, and as a possible site for a recreation paintball facility.

However, forming a land bank isn't contingent on acquiring the state land.

"The state has changed its mind a couple of times on what they want to do with the (prison and other) property. Either way, having a land bank will benefit the county," said county board Chairman Thom Bardwell.

According to the county's attorney, John Axe, the county would be the titleholder of the property,

remediate the site, would work with perspective owners on development, and would work with the county's brownfield development authority. County Treasure Pat Donovan-Gray would have to agree to it and be part of the authority, and the land bank authority would be responsible for oversight.

When commissioners were reviewing the draft to create a land bank, Register of Deeds John Bishop, who was a practicing attorney before becoming a county employee, expressed concern re-

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Thumb's sobriety court now boasts 80-plus graduates

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A regional sobriety court's continuing success story in the Thumb returns to the spotlight this week with the "graduation" of another class of repeat offenders who are turning their lives around by facing addictions that have repeatedly landed them in court.

The Thumb Regional Sobriety Court (TRSC) will host its tenth graduation ceremony — acknowledging eight individuals who have successfully completed the intensive treatment court program — Friday, Nov. 9.

The ceremony will take place in the Tuscola County Circuit Courtroom, inside the courthouse in Caro, starting at 10 a.m., with a luncheon to follow. Judge Harvey J. Hoffman is the scheduled keynote speaker. The public is invited to attend.

Courts such as the TRSC are also known as a problem-solving courts — innovative programs designed to address an offender's underlying problem, in this case alcoholism. Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart was among those who spearheaded establishing the program in the Thumb a few years ago.

"The treatment court is focused on improving public safety in Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties through intensive intervention in the lives of repeat drunken or drugged driving offenders," explained Heather Walther, TRSC program coordinator/case manager.

"The court became operational in January of 2014 and has now successfully graduated 81 individuals," Walther added.

The TRSC was officially established in 2013 through a partnership of the trial court judges in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. The goal was to create a specialized central treatment court that could utilize tools outside of the traditional fines and jail time to encourage those repeatedly convicted of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol to turn over a new leaf.

The TRSC was one of four pilot programs launched by the State Court

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Woman pleads to lying in village stabbing probe

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The girlfriend of a man charged with assaulting another man with a knife in Cass City over the summer has pleaded no contest to two counts of lying to a peace officer conducting a violent crime investigation.

Ashley Elizabeth-Michelle Smith, 31, entered the pleas in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$25,000 and Smith was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Lying to a peace officer conducting a violent crime investigation is punishable by up to four years incarceration and/or a maximum fine of \$5,000.

The case stems from a late-night confrontation between two acquaintances that turned violent July 19 in Cass City, with Smith's boyfriend, Cal Bradley Richards, 31, Cass City, allegedly stabbing the other man multiple times. The victim, identified only as a 37-year-old Cass City resident, was transported to a hospital where he underwent surgery and was recovering.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese subsequently charged Richards with assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm, both felonies punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years, and up to 10 years in prison, respectively.

Richards also faces charges of tampering with evidence and lying to a peace officer involved in a violent crime investigation.

Richards' bond was set at \$500,000 cash. He is currently awaiting a jury trial, which has been scheduled to get underway Tuesday, Nov. 27, in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

The confrontation took place just after 11 p.m. in the area of Pine and Brooker streets. "It actually occurred out in the street," said Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes, who noted the assault was not a random act of violence. "They knew each other. They live a block apart."

Richards felt the victim had allegedly taken something that belonged to him months prior to the assault, according to Haynes, who reported alcohol was involved in the confrontation, which escalated to the point in which Richards pulled out a small folding knife with a three- to four-inch blade and stabbed the victim multiple times in the upper torso — in front and behind.

According to court records, the charged levied against Smith stemmed from "her knowledge of a knife in her residence that had the presence of human blood (on it) after being used in an assault and/or her knowledge of moving the same knife into or within the residence to hinder the investigation being conducted by the Cass City Police Department and Michigan State Police."

Remembering a hero as Veterans Day approaches

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although Tuscola County has some notable figures, their fame has been lost with the passage of time.

With Veterans Day approaching, Sunday, Nov. 11, it is fitting to dust off the history books and take

a look at Tuscola County's only Congressional Medal of Honor winner, the late Maynard H. Smith of Caro.

Smith was also known by such colorful nicknames as "Snuffy" and "Hokie" while some others mumbled the name "trouble" because of some of his youthful antics, including allegedly riding a

horse in one downtown Caro business and out of another.

Because of his escapades, Smith faced the possibility of going to jail, so he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

While Smith was known by some comical nicknames, his actions during combat were anything but comical; he was a hero.

More than 16 million people served in the American Armed Forces during World War II, but just 464 received the most prestigious award, the Medal of Honor. And, Smith was among them, earning the recognition "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty."

"I think it is very prestigious to have someone from Tuscola County awarded the Medal of Honor," commented Joe Merchant of Cass City, who was a Spec 4 Vietnam combat war veteran and currently serves as commander of

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SECRETARY OF War Henry Simpson, at right, presented the Medal of Honor to Maynard H. Smith of Caro. Smith received the honor for the same action that got him busted down to private, and he was in the middle of doing kitchen duty when Simpson arrived to honor him.



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CLAY DAILY was recently crowned homecoming king at Oklahoma State University's Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla. The son of Greg Daily and Linette Weston and grandson of Jim and Beverly Daily of Kingston and Marvin and Lorene Messing of Ubly, he is pictured above (second from left) with 2017 King Gage Calhoon (from left), 2018 Queen Rebecca Mohajerin and 2017 Queen Brittany Krehbiel.

Remembering a Tuscola County hero

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VFW Post 3644, Cass City. "He is the only one from our county that I know of that received that honor."

Merchant says he never met Smith, but he did have the opportunity to meet another Medal of Honor winner back when the military museum opened in Frankenmuth.

"It was a great honor to meet him," he said.

Smith, who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1945, was a turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber. During Smith's first combat mission on May 1, 1943, the B-17 bombers encountered enemy fighters. Out of the original bombers, only four were left and those were damaged by gunfire.

Smith's bomber not only sustained heavy damage, but also caught on fire. As a result, the pilot and crew were ordered to bail out, but Smith disobeyed the order, staying on board, putting the fire out, alternately manning both gun turrets, attending to the wounded when he could, and assisting in landing the plane, according to his profile.

Although the plane landed safely, Smith was demoted from staff ser-

geant to private and placed on KP (kitchen patrol) as punishment for disobeying orders.

In fact, Smith was reportedly in the middle of peeling some potatoes and cleaning up the kitchen when Secretary of War Henry Simpson came to award him the Medal of Honor.

"That is the way (the service) goes sometimes. Things like that happen in kind of a unique way," said Merchant.

Part of Smith's citation states: "This soldier's gallantry in action, undaunted bravery, and loyalty to his aircraft and fellow crew members, without regard for his own personal safety, is an inspiration to the U.S. Armed Forces."

Smith was the first enlisted airman in American military history to be awarded the Medal of Honor, and is one of about seven enlisted airmen to have earned that honor.

Smith was among 20 Medal of Honor recipients who were commemorated by the U.S. Postal Service in November 2014 on special commemorative stamps. He is listed inside a stamp booklet featuring "Medal of Honor" stamps, which also included information about the nation's highest award for valor during combat.

Merchant said it was a great

honor and a tribute to have Smith included in those stamps.

"I have some of those stamps. They are nice and a good way to honor them," he said.

Smith, who was born May 19, 1911 in Caro, died in 1984 at the age of 72. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C.

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Veterans Day still means something

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

—U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, proclaiming An Armistice Day (later to become known as Veterans Day) for Nov. 11, 1919.

The obligation we all have to honor those who have served and defended the United States of America hasn't diminished since President Wilson uttered those words.

Which is why we're pleased to see Cass City School officials continuing to instill in our young citizens the importance of demonstrating respect for our servicemen and women and their sacrifices for the greater good of this nation.

Students and staff will welcome area veterans during the district's 2018 Veterans Day Honorary Celebration Friday, starting at 8 a.m., at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

The morning will include a flag-raising ceremony with junior high students at 8:15 a.m., followed by breakfast with fellow veterans at 8:30 a.m., a program at 9:15 a.m. and a voluntary panel discussion at 10 a.m. in the gym.

That may not sound like much, but if you've ever taken the time to attend the program, held for many years, you would need only look into the eyes of the veterans who participate to understand the appreciation they have for the effort put forth by local students and staff alike.

Veterans Day is observed each year on Nov. 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I (major hostilities of the war were formally ended on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice).

After President Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day, Congress passed a concurrent resolution seven years later on June 4, 1926, requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue another proclamation to observe Nov. 11 with appropriate ceremonies.

In 1953, in Emporia, Kan., a man named Stephen Riod, the owner of a shoe repair shop, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died during World War I. Riod had been actively involved with the American War Dads during World War II, and he began a campaign to turn the federal holiday into "All Veterans Day."

The Emporia Chamber of Commerce took up the cause after determining that 90 percent of Emporia merchants as well as the local board of education supported closing their doors Nov. 11 to honor all veterans. With the help of U.S. Rep. John Salper, also from Emporia, a bill for the holiday was pushed through Congress, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into law May 26, 1954.

Congress amended the act June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans". The observance has been known as Veterans Day since then.

We're proud to say that in Cass City, that day still means something.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Trick-or-treat protest



All I can say is, @%&% are they thinking?! There is a petition circulating to change Halloween so the holiday always falls on the last Saturday of the month. As I write this, reports indicate the petition already has the signatures of 32,000 people in favor of asking the president to issue an executive order approving the date change.

If the petition garners 100,000 signatures in 30 days, the White House will issue a response within 60 days. I have my fingers crossed that it won't happen. Because Halloween is on Oct. 31, it falls on a different day each year...so what!

The main argument behind the petition for change is that most of the time, Halloween falls during the week when there is school and parents have to work.

Some seem to think that it would be easier on parents and more fun for the kids if it was always on a Saturday; parents wouldn't have to rush home to get their kids into costumes, etc.

And, supporters of the change point out that moving Halloween to the last Saturday would mean adults could celebrate without having to go to work the next day (good grief). Most taverns automatically move Halloween to the closest weekend anyway, and so what if some house party celebrations are held on the weekend instead of Oct. 31?

Another reason for the change, cited by the Halloween and Costume Association, which started the petition, is trick-or-treating could start earlier and go for longer period of time.

Like, excuse me, but every community in the Thumb sets hours for trick-or-treating, which are generally no more than 90 minutes to two hours. I seriously don't think communities are going to extend the hours beyond that no matter what day Halloween is on.

To me, the rushing, getting ready and the anticipation is half the fun of Halloween. Back when my kids would go trick-or-treating, they loved the extra thrill of walking around in the dark and running into scary-looking characters along the way.

News reports estimate more than 175 million Americans celebrated Halloween this year, and about \$9 billion was spent on candy, costumes and decorations.

Few realize the holiday started out more than 1,000 years ago as a Celtic pagan festival, and the word Halloween is an abbreviated version of the phrases All Hallows' Eve or All Hallows', which precedes all Saints Day Nov. 1 in some religions.

The Celts believed that Samhain (the end of summer) was a time when the dead could walk among the living. Ireland and Scotland immigrants brought the tradition of Halloween with them to the United States.

If you are going to mess with one holiday, why not change them all to be on the weekend when it is more convenient. My suggestion is to make Halloween a

national holiday.

P.S. Besides, with Halloween falling during the week, parents can raid the candy bowl while the kids are in school.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Cass City Schools will be hosting two VEX Robotics tournaments at the Jr/Sr High School for 12 elementary and 26 middle and high school robotics teams from several area schools.

Cass City Elementary students have been working with coach Ron Woloshen on their VEX IQ robot. This year's VEX IQ challenge is called Next Level. The IQ teams work in pairs to accumulate points by driving their robots to gather "hubs" and then stack them on each other to earn extra points. To finish each match, teams must get their robot to hang from a pull-up bar to earn even more points. VEX IQ is a springboard to VEX EDR which requires more complicated robot builds and programming.

Middle and high school students work with coaches Lyle Severance and Reed Keyser on the VEX EDR robots. They have been customizing their robot for the EDR challenge called Turning Point. This competition requires them to flip two-sided caps so that their team's color is facing up, then they place those caps on tall poles throughout the arena. Their robots also have to shoot balls at target flags. Before the match ends, teams essentially play King of the Hill for bonus points by vying to be the only robot on the parking platform when time expires.

The competitions this weekend will be held in the Cass City Jr/Sr High gym on Friday, November 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for VEX IQ, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for VEX EDR. The community is welcome to attend. There is no admission fee and concessions are available.

Did you know, Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day? This special Nov. 11 holiday was first celebrated in 1919 to recognize the men and women who died during World War I. In 1938, it became an official federal holiday. The name was changed to Veterans Day in the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War to commemorate veterans of all wars.

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Gov. Rick Snyder issued the following statement regarding the release of the new statewide unemployment numbers:

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On Sunday, Nov. 11, Lutheran bishops, presidents and pastors from around the world will be coming to the "Thumb Mission Rally" to be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City from 3-6 p.m.

Thumb residents are encouraged to come hear featured speaker, Rev. Slavik Horpynchuk. Rev. Horpynchuk is bishop (president) of the Ukrainian Lutheran Church and grew up under the Communist oppression of the Soviet Union. He will share what it was like for him, his parents and grandparents to secretly keep their Lutheran faith alive during this time of persecution.

In addition to Rev. Horpynchuk, there will also be Lutheran world leaders from places like Thailand, Latvia, Ghana, Ethiopia and Germany attending. You'll have the opportunity to meet them and ask questions about their churches and what life is like in their countries. While Rev. Horpynchuk is speaking, there will be a Missions VBS going on for the children (ages 4 and up; free childcare provided for children under 3) where the kids will learn about life in Ukraine, do crafts, play games and learn a bit of the Ukrainian language.

When the programs are concluded, we'll join together for a free dinner - smoked pork sandwiches, homemade applesauce, potatoes, corn, and more.

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•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 10

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

Monday, November 12

•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.
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Tuesday, November 13

•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
•Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
•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.
•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.

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.

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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.

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•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.

•Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 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.

Huron deputies arrest pair in marijuana business break-in

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies say the suspects in an early morning attempted break-in in Worth Township were after medical marijuana.

Officers were dispatched to the Blue Water Compassion Medical Marijuana Center on South Lakeshore Road after the owners called 911 to report they had detained two subjects who were trying to break in to the facility.

"Deputies arrived on scene and, after assessing the situation,

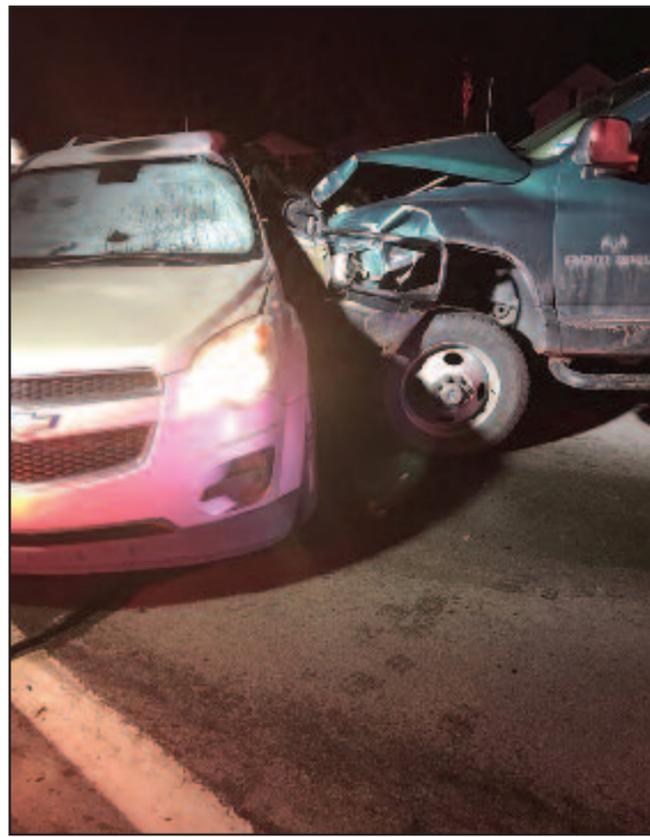
placed both subjects in custody without incident," Sgt. Matt Armstrong reported.

"The initial investigation determined that a 25-year-old male from Port Huron, who was accompanied by a 20-year-old male from Port Huron, forced their way inside of a privacy fence" at the facility, Armstrong said. "As they were attempting to make entry into the facility itself, a security guard from the premises was alerted to the attempted break-in and chased both subjects and eventually detained them until the deputies arrived.

"It is believed the suspects were offered a sum of money from additional subjects in the Port Huron area to break into this facility and steal marijuana," he continued. "It is also believed that a third subject accompanied (the apprehended suspects) for this break-in, but was able to get away without detection from the facility security guard."

Deputies transported the suspects in custody to the Sanilac County Jail, where they were being held pending arraignment on formal charges.

TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash Oct. 30, shortly after 5 a.m. on M-81 near Vassar Road in Denmark Township. Investigators found that a 25-year-old female from Vassar had pulled out of her driveway and her vehicle was struck by another vehicle driven by a 44-year-old male from Snover, who had been traveling westbound on M-81. The female driver was critically injured and pinned in. The other driver suffered minor injuries. Their names were not released. (Photo courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department)



Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Dennis R. Robstad, 27, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation following his plea of no contest to larceny in a building Nov. 16 in Denmark Township.

In separate cases, Robstad entered pleas of no contest to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny June 28 in Vassar, and to falsely reporting a felony (unlawfully driving away an automobile), driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and reckless driving Jan. 29 in Millington Township.

In addition to jail time and probation, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,744 plus restitution of \$652.31.

*George W. Willson Jr., 47, Vassar, was placed on probation for six months following his pleas of no contest to receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and unlawfully driving away an automobile May 28 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$926.

*Matthew C. Huston, 29, Fenton, pleaded guilty to attempted malicious destruction of police or fire department property and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor July 8 in Caro.

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

*Rachel M. Bierlein, 38, Reese, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following her pleas of no contest to charges of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer March 7 in Reese. She was also placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$394.

*Aaron W. Austin, 29, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with work release and worksite privi-

leges, following his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, March 7 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Kenneth C. Ender, 32, Cass City, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), subsequent offense, and possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, subsequent offense, July 13 in Denmark Township.

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

*Alison K. Schmidt, 44, Saginaw, was sentenced to two to 15 years in prison following her plea of guilty to criminal sexual conduct, third degree, involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between Jan. 10 and March 4 in Vassar. In a separate case, she pleaded no contest to three additional counts of criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but

under 16 years, and three counts of criminal sexual conduct involving victim in foster care, also between Jan. 10 and March 4 in Vassar.

In addition to prison time, she was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$298.

*Nicholas J. Stratton, 37, Clio, was sentenced to 210 days in jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of guilty to two counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years Feb. 18 in Millington.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,826.

*Jose G. Ramirez, 20, Mayville, pleaded no contest to a charge of criminal sexual conduct, second degree, March 1 in Vassar Township, and to charges of unlawfully driving away an automobile, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Aug. 13 in Vassar.

Pre-sentence investigations were ordered in the cases, bond was continued at a combined \$35,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Spaghetti Dinner Adults: \$10 Kids 2-12: \$5
Under 2 eat free

Fundraiser For **Tina Soldan**

November 10 from 3 to 8 p.m.
at Gilligan's Banquet Hall in Cass City

Recently, Tina has been diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer unexpectedly after a long struggle in the hospital, almost losing her life. Upon her recent diagnosis, Tina discovered black mold in her home and has not been able to return with her family. This fundraiser is to help with medical bills and transportation back and forth to treatment.



Silent Auction ~ To go dinners available

Reporter's notebook

No excuses on the road

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Maybe it's my way of dealing with a senseless tragedy, but I always find myself searching for some sort of life lesson when someone – especially a child – loses their life in an accident that simply did not have to happen.

Last week a nine-year-old Indiana girl and her twin six-year-old brothers were struck and killed by a pickup truck as they crossed a northern Indiana road to board a school bus before sunrise. A fourth child was critically injured and airlifted to a hospital.

State police reported the school bus had stopped and lowered its stop arm around 7 a.m. on the road near Rochester just before a northbound pickup truck slammed into the children as they crossed the southbound lane.

The pickup driver, identified as a 24-year-old Rochester woman, was arrested and charged with three counts of reckless homicide and one misdemeanor count of passing a school bus when arm signal device is extended, causing bodily injury.

Can you imagine the profound loss the victims' family is dealing with, and the questions they must be asking themselves over and over?

Investigators say the driver told them she saw flashing lights just prior to the crash, but didn't realize she was approaching a school bus.

And there have been other crashes involving school buses across the country over the past week.

I can't help but wonder how many of these drivers simply become distracted for just the second or two it takes to change the lives of so many, forever.

That's a sobering thought, because an accident like the one in Indiana could have occurred on any of the back roads in the expansive Cass City School District.

I mean, how many of us have caught ourselves being distracted behind the wheel – by wildlife, while changing the radio station, by a conversation with a passenger, by a cell phone? Ever been on a drive and suddenly realized you don't remember covering the last mile or two, because you were deep in thought about something that seemed so important at the time?

I recall being part of a training session presented some months ago by Michigan State Police Trooper Mark Swales, former community service trooper at the MSP post in Caro, who emphasized the importance of maintaining a certain level of alertness at all times when we're driving or otherwise out and about.

Sometimes that isn't easy, especially when you're trying to eat lunch on the road or you're tempted to glance at a cell phone that's enticing you with sounds indicating an incoming text or voicemail.

However, there are no excuses.

When you're on the road, prepare to stop when a slowing school bus has its overhead yellow lights flashing, stop at least 20 feet away for buses when red lights are flashing, slow down in or near school and residential areas, and keep an eye out for crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds that indicate children might be in the area.

Making a concentrated effort to stay alert when you're driving won't bring back the young victims already lost, but it might prevent another family from living the worst nightmare imaginable.

So please, put that phone away and keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. Nothing is so important that it can't wait.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

The 2013 Cass City eighth grade volleyball team finished with a perfect record of 12. The Lady Red Hawks are: Katie Autry, Baylee Ross, Baylee Murphy, Brooklyn Stilson, Katerina Halvorson, Sami Stern, Kelsey Priestley, Kate Stimpfel, Kelsey Bouverette, Konnar Warren, Brittany Stilson, Dakota Cook, Megan Graham, Katelyn Kuenzli, Riley Klein, Lauren Dickinson, Sayge Cuthrell, Lydia Monte, Brittany Swiderski and Coach Amy Cuthrell.

Schneeberger's congratulates Owen-Gage Bulldog Ben Good as their choice for "Athlete of the Week" award honors. Good has been a dominating force for the 9-1 Bulldogs all year long and his play will be critical for Owen-Gage to get past North Huron this Friday. "Ben turned in another dominant performance on both sides of the ball (against Akron-Fairgrove), opening big holes for the backs," said Coach Steve Hollocker. Good helped spring Quinn Smith, Adam Retford and David Binder for over 400 rushing yards in Owen-Gage's 51-12 victory Friday. Defensively, the Bulldog game changer recorded 13 tackles, 2 sacks, 2 tackles for losses and a forced fumble.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Private 1st Class Brad Hartel, United States Marine Corp, graduated Oct. 24, 2008 from MCRD in San Diego, CA. After a 10-day leave and 7-day Recruiter's Assistance, Hartel will report to Camp Pendleton in California to complete his Marine Combat Training (MCT). After MCT, he will report to 29 Palms, CA for his Marine Occupational Specialty (MOS) training in Radio Communications. Brad is the son of Jeff and Ann Hartel, Cass City. The grandson of Barbara Buchholz, Pigeon and Ronald Buchholz, Indiana and Lota Hartel, Caro, and Lee Hartel, Caro.

Army National Guard Private First Class Chris M. Wingett has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the 9 weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat and field maneuvers and tactics. Wingett, a 2008 graduate of Cass City High School, is the son of Johanna Haney and David Young of Cass City.

Diane Miscak of the Hospice Advantage office in Cass City was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Association. Miscak holds her patients' hands throughout her volunteer visits, often getting patients that won't discuss their feelings to share them with her. She talks about her own struggles with a life-threatening illness to inspire hope and quality of life as they live with their terminal illness.

The first students to receive the coveted Cass City Schools' Red Hawk Award of Excellence for 2008-09 are Lucas Schenk, eighth grade; Elise Nicol, junior; and Logan Schenk, fourth grade.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Air Force Airman Basic Jason D. Klein has graduated from Air Force training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. During the 6 weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Klein is the son of Marvin D. Klein and Leslie L. Klein of Cass City and is a 1993 graduate of Cass City High School.

John L. Agar and Barbara Anne Bayer, both of Canton, were married in a double ring ceremony

Saturday, Aug. 21, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Westland with Father John F. Hall and Father Jerry Eifler of Louisville, Ky., officiating.

The Euchre Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Copeland. High prizes were won by Mrs. Ronnie Gracey and Leonard Beulla. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Laming and Gaylord LaPeer. Leonard Beulla won the traveling prize. The group had supper at Charmont.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Long-time employees of Hills and Dales General Hospital and retirees during the past year were honored last Wednesday at the annual awards tea. Those who retired are Ila Seuryneck, Gagetown, who retired from the dietary department after 11 years; Marion Turner Comment, Gagetown, dietary department, 10 years, and Audry Cummins, Cass City, housekeeper, 10 years.

The Thumb Area Women's Bowling Association bowler of the week is Judy Muntz, who rolled a 619 series, 235-197-187, at Bad Axe Lanes. She bowls for Rooney Contracting in the 5 p.m. Tuesday Women's Classic League.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Comment of Gagetown celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Oct. 9. With friends and family at the Brentwood in Caro.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Roy Kitchin was honored at a hospice birthday party in his Mary Oct. 7, given by a friend, from Armstrong. Guests were Cass Yale, Peck, Carsonville and the City. A lunch was served by hostess.

A member of the 685-man task force from Fort Campbell, Ky., Corp. Edward W. Baer of Decker recently served in support of Reserve component annual training at Fort Drum, N.Y. The task force, containing infantry, artillery, engineer, aviation, supply, military police, and maintenance experts camped in the field with the Reserves. Basic squad and platoon maneuver tactics were on the training agenda as well as individual and crew weapon firing. Reserve readiness and skill in simulated combat conditions were evaluated. Baer, a platoon sergeant with the 11st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., entered the Army in March.

Honored last Wednesday for service as employees of Hills and Dales General Hospital were Helen Copeland, Cass City, 10 years; Evelyn Smith, Cass City, 15 years; Mary Ann Abbe, Gagetown, 10 years; Elsie Kelley, 10 years; and Florence Sweeney, 10 years.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Gladioli and chrysanthemums decorated the Methodist church for the wedding ceremony Saturday, Oct. 12, when Miss Carol Ann Cheek became the bride of Robert Allan McIntosh. The Rev. Donald Turbin officiated for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cheek Jr. of Fairgrove and the son of Mrs. Phyllis McIntosh of Cass City and the late Calvin McIntosh. Given in marriage by her father at the seven o'clock ceremony, the bride chose an Empire style gown of satin with a high lace collar, bell sleeves and a detachable train. Her veil was held by a big satin rose. Preceding the bride down the aisle were Mrs. John McIntosh, matron of honor, in green, and Miss Vera Ellen Cheek, bridesmaid, in pink. Both gowns were Empire styled covered with lace. Miss Robin Marie Cheek, flower girl, wore a white hooped gown trimmed with lace. All three girls carried chrysanthemums trimmed with netting and ribbon. Their veils were held by a crown of pearls.

Brent Gallaway, AA, USN, left for Norfolk, Va., Sunday after spending a two-week leave in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gallaway. He will be attending C school. His wife, Sharon, will join him later.

The War Department announced Monday that Capt. Frederick J. MacKay, 27, a native of Cass City, had been slightly injured in action in Vietnam, Saturday, Oct. 26. Mac Kay suffered flash burns on his face when his night defensive position was blasted by a hostile rocket. MacKay has been hospitalized in Vietnam and his injuries are considered not serious, according to the telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Evelyn MacKay of Cass City. Capt. MacKay is a career soldier. He enlisted immediately after graduation from Cass City High School in 1959. He earned his commission after graduating from officers' training school. His present tour in Vietnam is MacKay's third overseas in his nine-year service career. He was in Korea and served a previous hitch in Vietnam in 1966-67. He returned to the combat zone in June of this year.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Miss Joan Muntz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Muntz, and pianist at the Methodist Church for the past two years, left Tuesday to attend Mt. Pleasant Normal where she will specialize in physical education and piano. Miss Muntz was graduated from Cass City High School last June. Thursday evening, at the weekly choir practice, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Earl Geer, a surprise party was held for Miss Muntz and she was presented with an Eversharp pencil. Ice cream and cake were served. Miss Muntz will be greatly missed as her services to the church have been greatly appreciated by its member.

Wm. Ritter, who has completed his basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, spent last week and the first of this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ritter, west of town.

Ray Gruber, who is a gunner's pilot and who had spent a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gruber here, left Friday night for Port Huron and Tuesday morning left to return to his station at Lajunta, Colorado.

Pvt. Robert L. Profit, who has been stationed in Camp Claiborne, La., since Dec. 14, 1942, has been accepted as an aviation cadet. He is now at Sheppard Field, Texas, awaiting his call to college. Pvt. Profit was a member of the 103rd Div. Band at Camp Claiborne.

Lt. Leonard McDonald has finished his operational training at Miami, Florida, and is spending 16 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McDonald of Gagetown. Lt. McDonald leaves by plane Nov. 1 to join his squadron at San Diego, California. He is a fighter pilot. Lt. McDonald has a brother, Roy, stationed at San Diego, California. He hasn't seen Roy for nearly a year.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

A message received Wednesday by Miss Maude Finkle from her brother, John H. Finkle, Army Hospital, Ellis Island, New York, read: "Take down your service flag - for next stop is Michigan" John Finkle has been in service in France with the Medical Detachment, 126 Inf. of the 32rd. Division since February of this year.

Arthur Englehart has been threshing beans in the vicinity of the Crawford schoolhouse and the farmers report complete satisfaction in all respects. Warren Churchill reports a crop of 80 bushels from five acres, a good yield for this season.

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Support group set to meet

CASS CITY — The Human Development Commission (HDC) will host a Tender Loving Care (TLC) Kinship Support Group meeting Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Nick's Country Oven, 6209 Main St., Cass City.

The support group, which provides resources and education for those who are raising a child other than their own, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.

For more information, call (989) 672-1022 or (989) 673-4121.

Book fair, story time slated

KINGSTON — Opperman Memorial Library in Kingston will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Wednesday, Nov. 28 through Wednesday, Dec. 5. Online orders will be accepted Nov. 17-Dec. 6 by logging onto the library's website at OppermanMemorialLibrary.com and clicking on the "more" tab and then "fundraisers".

The library will also be hosting a Thanksgiving story time Saturday, Nov. 17, at 11 a.m. Crafts and treats will also be featured. More information is available by calling the library at (989) 683-2500.

Officials consider ordinance

OWENDALE — The Owendale Village Council recently approved looking whether they it should consider drafting a medical marijuana ordinance.

Also, the council discussed the possible need to create an ordinance that would authorize collection of a fee on rental properties in the community.

Follow-up reports on both of those issues are expected later this month. In addition, officials approved four asphalt patches on local streets by Yaroch Asphalt at a cost of \$1,950.

Free magic shows set in Caro

CARO — The American Legion, 110 W. Frank St., Caro, will host free animal magic shows Friday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. and 7:55 p.m.

Mark Rosenthal's "Animal Magic" show is dedicated to exotic wildlife conservation and life science education.

Shelter offering a new service

CARO — The Tuscola County Animal Shelter now offers deceased pet removal for a fee. The cost for the new service is \$35.

Phantom trip set in February

CASS CITY — The Friends of Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City are offering area residents the opportunity to see a presentation of the Phantom of the Opera Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Detroit Opera House.

The cost is \$144 per person and includes round-trip motor coach transportation, lunch and tickets to see the Cameron Mackintosh's new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera in conjunction with the show's North American tour.

The trip will leave Cass City at 9 a.m. and return at about 7:30 p.m. There is a limit of 56 tickets. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the library. More information is available by calling (989) 872-2856.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Sobriety court now boasts 80-plus grads

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Administrative Office (SCAO) in an effort to bring sobriety courts to rural parts of the state on a regional, multi-county basis.

The first offenders accepted as participants in the program began their journey to "graduation" in early 2014.

The program has since evolved in a number of ways.

Today, the TRSC is a 15- to 24-month-long program with four phases, during which participants must demonstrate improvements in the areas of behavior, attitudes and lifestyle changes. The program requires intensive court supervision, individual and group treatment, mandatory drug testing, and 12-step meeting attendance.

"This process aides in reducing recidivism while minimizing incarceration time, therefore reducing jail expenses to the communities," Walther said. "As a result, these individuals are provided with an opportunity to positively change their lives, improve personal relationships, and become law abiding, productive and substance-free citizens."

"TRSC follows the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Best Practices as a guide for all aspects of the treatment court, including how to change behaviors," Walther continued. "We use incentives for positive behavioral changes and sanctions for behavior modification when necessary."

Intensive court supervision includes weekly case management meetings and bi-weekly court review hearings with Tuscola County Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart.

Over the course of a year, participants will typically spend \$4,000 or \$5,000 for expenses ranging from substance abuse treatment/counseling, drug testing and gas along with program fees — an initial \$110 assessment charge and monthly \$50 participation fee.

Among the individuals participating in the TRSC in fiscal year 2018 (Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2018), 77 percent were discharged from the program successfully, according to Walther, who noted the statewide average is 76 percent.

The local participants spent a combined 537 days in the program, underwent a combined 260 drug/alcohol tests, and compiled a total of 457 sober days, Walther said, adding nearly 90 percent of the graduates were employed full- or part-time when they were discharged from the program, with 82 percent experiencing an im-

provement in their employment status.

"In total, we have discharged 101 participants (since the program started), 81 of them — 80.19 percent — successfully," she said. "We currently have 32 active participants in the program and 12 pending referrals (in the process of completing their assessments to determine eligibility, or waiting for their sentencing date)."

The statistics are proof that prob-

lem-solving courts work, and that the TRSC is changing lives in the Thumb, according to Walther.

"TRSC is in the process of becoming fully certified through the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) by demonstrating that the program follows the Standards and Best Practices established by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals," Walther said. "As a result, TRSC is proving to be a sustainable and effective program for this region."

County establishing land bank

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guarding how board members for the land bank will be appointed under the inter-local agreement, and how the chairman of that board would be appointed. He took issue with Tuscola County Economic Development Director Steve Erickson being automatically appointed as chairman.

Because of Bishop's concerns, naming a permanent chairperson was stricken from the inter-local agreement between the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority and the county treasurer in creating the Tuscola County Land Bank Authority.

The commissioners' unanimous approval was only a first step in creating a county land bank.

"There will be some initial cost to setting up the land bank that would come from the general fund, but after that it is expected to make money as properties are sold and be self-sustaining," explained Hoagland.

As part of the process, county officials will have to conduct public hearings before final formation of the land bank.

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NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP

OCTOBER 11, 2018- MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: D. Strasz, Treasurer; R. Haines, Clerk; J. Stockmeyer, Supervisor; A. Goss, Trustee; K. Houghtaling, Trustee. Order of agenda approved.

Public Comment: Darbee road paved today.

Election Commission Meeting: Called to order at 7:35 P.M., list of Election Inspectors presented along with Chairman and Receiving Board. Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to approve appointment of Election Inspectors as presented. Motion approved.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by A. Goss, second by J. Stockmeyer to approve minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion by K. Houghtaling, second by A. Goss to approve Treasurers Report. Motion approved.

Speakers: S. Erickson, EDC, and L. Davis from Quality Roasting presented plans for a soybean processing plant North of the Star of the West facility. Minimal water usage, odor is similar to peanuts roasting. 8 full time employees expected, rail connection would be in a later phase. 300-400 thousand bushels storage. DeLong Co. is a partner in this project. Would be seeking a tax abatement if the project becomes reality. Also, in the future would do a public presentation on the 10-12 million dollar facility.

Supervisor: DEQ permit to replace culvert at Gilford Drain. TC Road Commission request for 2019 paving, 2 miles of Bradford would be likely. Gilford Township road millage request in near future. R. Wagner Jr. parcel division (2.29 acres), motion by D. Strasz, second by K. Houghtaling to approve parcel division, motion approved. Fairgrove quote on new pumper has been reduced and Nextera has pledged monetary support. Discussion on possibility of Gilford TWP. along with Fairgrove TWP. loaning money to Juniata TWP. and Village of Fairgrove for Pumper truck, no decision. JAG new proposal, motion by D. Strasz, second by J. Stockmeyer to approve proposal, motion approved. Sidewalk proposal, will discuss at future meeting when another quote comes in. No Reese fire runs, no report on Fairgrove runs. Storage building nearly finished. Nextera has permits to construct roads and dig holes in Gilford TWP. AMAR review coming. Brickell Brothers quote for snow removal 2018-19.

Treasurer: Pegasus account report.

Clerk: Public Test scheduled for October 29 at 1:00 P.M. Resolution 2018-16 to amend the budget by adding \$25,000.00 to Hall from the General Fund. Resolution presented by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz. Roll call vote, 5 yea, 0 nay. Resolution declared adopted. Motion to pay bills by D. Strasz, second by A. Goss, motion approved.

Trustees: LandPlan review. Reese Parks meeting: toured park.

Ambulance Representative: 5 runs.

Fire Department Representative: Reese meeting: fire prevention, schools presentation, old turn out gear turned over to current members. Fairgrove meeting: New truck is being prepped for delivery, ordered shirts.

Zoning Administrator: 1 permit for porch (late fee), animals continue to be a problem, and junk vehicles continue to be a problem.

Public Comment: Is M-138 project done?

Motion by J. Stockmeyer, second by D. Strasz to adjourn at 10:05 P.M. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted:
Robert L. Haines,
Gilford Township Clerk

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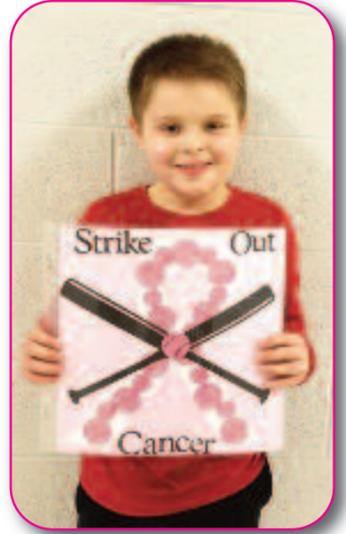
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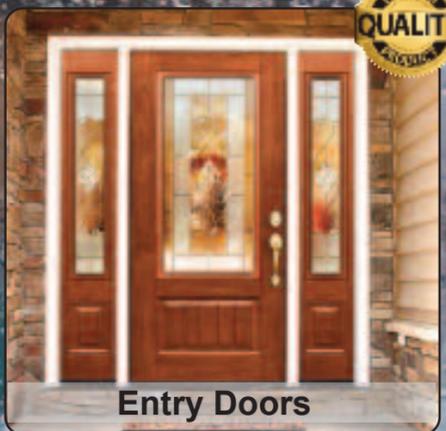
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Blek schooling kids

Deputy Robinson, canine partner get acquainted with local students

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Cass City Elementary students were recently the first youngsters to be introduced to Tuscola County's newest deputy.

Tuscola County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Robinson and his partner, Blek, a Dutch Shepherd, joined Michigan State Police Trooper Nicole Dooghe in a safety presentation to fourth-grade students.

"I piggybacked with Trooper Dooghe in doing a presentation. She was teaching safety, and I gave some safety tips also with the dog as well," said Robinson, who was selected as the sheriff department's canine handler.

"The presentations were on overall safety. She talked about not wandering off with a stranger, and

she talked about gun safety," said Robinson. "I talked to them about not touching a gun and how the dog could be used to find it."

Blek has been with the sheriff's department for about eight weeks. Robinson and his four-legged partner spent five weeks in training and have been on job for the last three weeks.

The two partners spent five weeks at Mid-Michigan Canine Center in Lansing, training and learning to work together.

The company has trained hundreds of working police dogs and provides the basic equipment such as leads, collars, tracking harnesses and line, as well as training both dog and handler.

Robinson received Blek in mid-September and they started training a couple days later.

"I only had a few days to bond when I first got him before we started training. There seemed to be an immediate bond," said Robinson. "When I'm home, he follows me from room to room. He's my shadow. I think we have bonded well, and he is doing good with my family. I have two young boys. He plays and interacts with them. He is a very lovable dog."

Because Blek just started his duties, he has not been called on yet to respond to an incident. His visit to the Cass City Schools was his first active duty assignment.

"Going to schools will get him socialized. As soon as the dog came in, you could see the excitement on the kids' faces. We don't want a dog that is going to be aggressive. He needs to be able to be around people," explained Robinson.

"Doing presentations like that helps to have kids look at police in a good light," he added. "This helps to show that we are just average people and we are good people there to help them. Seeing the dog helps with that. The kids like coming up and petting the dog."

"A big part of Blek's training is socialization of being around people."

Robinson is in the process of setting up more school presentations to show off his new partner and to continue socialization in a variety of settings.

Blek is about 14 months old, so he is still very much a puppy.

"That is why I'm pushing the socialization while he is young — to keep him from becoming aggressive," Robinson noted.

The canine deputy is a little smaller than a German Shepherd, but along the same general breeding lines. German Shepherds get to be about 100 pounds. Blek is expected to grow to an adult weight of about 60 or 70 pounds.

The canine officer wears a badge like the other deputies in the department. But because Blek is still growing, his handler wants to wait before getting the rest of the equipment for him.

"Dogs have to be at least 15 months old to get fitted for a vest to make sure they don't outgrow it. Because he is on the small side, I'm going to wait a few more months to measure him for a vest. He still might grow some, so I don't want to get a vest, then have him outgrow it," Robinson said. "The vests are not cheap. Some cost about \$1,200. Vests have ballistic panels...and some vests are stab proof."

Becoming a canine unit was a learning experience for both the handler and the dog. They both had to undergo special training.

"When we got him, he had already been imprinted, which means he knew the basic odors for explosives. When I went to training with him, I had to learn how to use him and how to read him when he gives cues detecting something," Robinson explained.

"When he detects something, his alert is sitting. He will sit right there until I give him a reward," he said. "The reward is a toy such as a Kong or a tug toy. We play tug of war as a reward when he finds something."

Because Blek had not been exposed to tracking training, he had to learn it along with his handler, and the partners also had to complete bite training.

"It is not an aggressive bite, where they are growling and angry — just a bite and hold. Canines are taught to bite and hold a subject until the handler takes over," Robinson said.

"There is a lot more mechanics that goes into training and handling a dog than I ever would have imagined," he continued. "Leash control — If it is too tight, I might be pulling him off scent; if it is too loose, he might wander away and lose focus. That is just for odor."

"Training was a learning experience for the both of us."

Aside from being trained to follow verbal commands, Blek will have to learn working with hand commands, because there will be situations in which they will have to work quietly.

"This is all a work in progress..."

basically for both of us," Robinson said. "The main part of his training is listening to his handler. The training I received stressed that, as Blek matures, he may try to move up with the pack mentality, so I have to keep him in check and in his place. That needs to be established."

"His training and my working with him will never end in order to keep our skills sharp."

The pair are learning to fine tune their skills working together, just like any law enforcement partners.

"He is no good without me and I cannot do my job without him. We need each other as a team," Robinson said.

There is a lot of training ahead for them both as they work on earning certificates in odor recognition, tracking and article searches, as well as aggression and control.

"It is my understanding Michigan doesn't have a requirement for certification, but obviously you want the dog certified, especially for court purposes that the dog has been trained," said Robinson. "He will earn national certification (signifying) that he meets all of those standards."

Blek is a dual purposed canine officer. He is trained in detecting explosives and general tracking of missing or lost persons or suspects.

By having its own canine unit now, Tuscola will no longer have to depend on Sanilac and Lapeer counties, or the Michigan State Police for a canine when one is needed.

Part of the funding for the new canine unit came from the 1.33-mill levy voters approved in August 2017. In addition to the money generated by the millage, the county was awarded \$23,500 in the form of a Homeland Security Grant to help finance the canine unit.

Robinson has been with the sheriff's department since 2006. He was selected from a field of a half-dozen deputies who interviewed for the handler position.



TUSCOLA County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Robinson and his canine partner, Blek, a Dutch Shepherd, participated in a safety presentation at Cass City Elementary School recently. While the students learned about safety, the canine worked on his socialization skills.

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UBLY quarterback Casey Sweeney hands the ball to Ethan Lemke during the Division 8 District Final in Harbor Beach.

Ubly, Cass City fall in finals

This one lived up to the hype. Billed appropriately as the backyard brawl, visiting Ubly battled Greater Thumb East co-champion Harbor Beach for four quarters and three overtimes Friday before the hosts survived the Division 8 District Final with an exciting 28-26 decision.

The contest was close throughout. Ubly struck first on the game's opening drive and marched 75 yards to take a 6-0 lead. Quarterback Casey Sweeney accounted for the marker with a 20 yard gallop, but the try for points after failed.

Harbor Beach responded after Evan Smaglinski blocked an Ubly punt to help even the score. Moments later Michael Anderson found pay dirt from seven yards out.

Harbor Beach grabbed a 12-6 edge to open the final half when Anderson connected with Parker Jahn for a 15-yard score in the third quarter.

Ubly would answer in the closing minutes of regulation as Ethan Lemke capped a 90 yard drive to draw even with Harbor Beach. But once again the try for points after failed and forced the extra sessions.

In the first overtime, Devin Finkel scored for the Pirates and Devin Pfaff added the points after, only to see Shane Osantowski score for the Bearcats, followed by Sweeney's run for points after. Neither team scored in the second overtime, but in the final overtime Finkel scored his second marker and Pfaff added the 2-point conversion.

Lemke, he led the Bearcats with 108 rushing yards, scored his second touchdown in the third OT, but Harbor Beach denied the points after run to prevail.

Ending their Ubly football careers on the night were Nick Wright, Ethan Lemke, William Spicer, Tyler Jones, Adam Weber, Nathan Particka, Preston Hallock,

and Colton Rosenthal.

NEW LOTHROP 44, CASS CITY 20

Host New Lothrop raced to a 44-0 advantage Friday to remove most doubt from the outcome of the Division 7 District Final against Cass City.

Touchdowns by Will Muron, Avery Moore and Julius Garza led a balanced attack for the winner early, while Cass City was limited to a Luke Stern 57-yard touchdown run in the closing seconds of the half that ended 44-6.

In the final half, Alex Perry scored a pair of meaningless tallies for Cass City. He found pay dirt from eight yards out in the third and then from five yards away in the fourth.

Stern rushed for 129 yards in his final Red Hawk contest. Also ending their Cass City football careers on the night are Jarod Naegele, Hank Janik, Dylan Crase and Zack Beecher.

Greater Thumb West airs volleyball stars

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

USA, Cass City and Caro each landed two players on the 2018 Greater Thumb West volleyball all-conference dream team, according to the vote of league coaches in the 7-school association.

Returning to the GTW all-conference first team for a third straight year are USA senior Rylee Zimmer and Reese senior Madison Thompson – both who will take their talents to Saginaw Valley State University next year.

Joining Zimmer – she's widely considered the best player in the

Thumb – from the GTW and district champion Patriots is sophomore Grace Williamson, while from Cass City seniors Kelly Ziegler and Kacey Haire were included among the conference's top performers.

"Kelly was a two year varsity player who led the team in digs and receptions this season as a Libero. She had a milestone of 1093 digs and received both 1st team all-conference and all-region. She was the best defensively in the area and I am hopeful that she is not yet done playing the game that she loves," said Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell, adding, "Kacey was a three year varsity

player and served as one of the captains to this year's team. She led the team in kills and was awarded first team all-conference and all-region for her hard work and commitment. Kacey finished second in digs and third in serve receptions. She was a key talent in all six slots on the court, something she worked very hard to achieve after last year's graduation (toll)."

Rounding out the GTW all-conference first team selections are Caro's Ashlin Murphy and Kaitlyn Arebalo.

The 2018 GTW all-conference second team choices are USA's Nichole Schember and Allyson Kemp, Reese's Savannah Comstock, Bad Axe's Paige McIntyre, Vassar's Lainey Zwerk, and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Abigail Schuette and Stephanie Bradley.

Highlighting the GTW honorable mention players in 2018 were Cass City's Brittany Hamilton, Jalene Krol and Abbey Salcido.

Cuthrell had nothing but praises for the Red Hawk trio.

"Brittany is a two year varsity setter who led the team in assists. She was impressively third on the

Caro claims state crown in Brooklyn

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

To say the Greater Thumb Conference was well-represented over the weekend at the MHSAA LP Division 3 Finals would be a huge understatement.

As expected, Greater Thumb West cross country champ Caro added a state title to an already impressive resume Saturday in Brooklyn, where Yami Albrecht recorded medalist honors for the third straight year while leading the Tigers to the team title. He was clocked in 15:40.

Caro posted a score of 61, while Pewamo-Westphalia was the runner-up with 100 and was followed by third place finisher Shepherd with 195.

Caro had three additional runners collect medals on the day with Top 30 showings and All-State showings. Caleb Cotton was the 12th runner to the tape, while Logan Brown was the 15th and Bryden Miller, the 28th. Their times were 16:38 and 16:42 and 16:54, respectively.

Other highlights from the GTW included strong runs from lone qualifiers David Knarian, Bad Axe, and Nick McArdle, Cass City. Knarian placed fourth overall with a time of 16:40, while McArdle narrowly missed earning an all-state medal awarded to the fastest 30 runners.

"Nick had a banner year capped

off with his finish in 45th place out of 246 finishers at the D3 Finals," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

"Nick entered the race seeded in 68th place based on his past performance, but he had a great race and moved up 23 places. He stepped up his race and finished the season as strong as any of us could have hoped for. His time at the wet and muddy course under sunny skies was a 17:11, setting the tone for his season next year as he finished so strong and will return next season ready to lead the team to the finals."

Turning to the women's race, Hart was the Division 3 team champion with 43, easily turning back Grandville, 143, and Pewamo-Westphalia, 152, for win, place and show honors.

Closer to home, Bad Axe's Jalena Prescott finished in 26th place with a time of 19:56.

In the Division 4 race, the Ubly girls finished in 8th place with two athletes named All-State performers. Bearcat sisters Haili Gusa came in 15th and Josie was 23rd. Also from the Greater Thumb East, Riley Ford, Marlette, finished in 5th place and Makara Kramer, Harbor Beach, finished in 29th.

"All in all, the Thumb was incredibly well represented, showing again that any runners that advance out of the Thumb will be very competitive in the State Finals," Zdrojewski said.



CASS CITY'S Nick McArdle, left, and David Knarian, Bad Axe, get set for the Division 3 Finals race.

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GTW releases all-conference spikers

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 team for blocking and first in service aces. Brittany is a strong mul-

tifaceted all-around athlete for the Hawks.”
 “Jalene is a two year varsity player who stepped into a starting

middle position last year. She led the team in blocking and finished second on the team with kills. She is a powerful player with a strong work ethic.”

“This was Abbey’s first year as a varsity player and was a pleasant surprise. Abbey played a key role in our strong defensive play. She worked well with our experienced players and was a key player to our successful season. She finished second on the team for serve receptions and third for digs. Abbey also was third in serving aces.”

Completing the honorable mention player list from USA is Megan Gross, Brynn Polega and Maci Montgomery; from Reese is Madilyn Osantowski, Jordynn Roberts, Delaney Peyok and Taylor Findlay; from Caro is Jenna Topham and Ellie Hornbacker; from Bad Axe is Lauren Howard and Olivia Britt; and from Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port is Katlin Kady and Tiffany White.



DANDY BUCKS. Christian Lee Ladnier, above, took this nice 9-point buck in Greenleaf Township hunting on the family farm. He is pictured with proud momma Tamra Hulburt. Below, George Williams – Christian’s 76-year-old uncle – poses with his 5-point buck taken from the Huron County property three days earlier.



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Alexis Wiltse	Brown City	Senior	S
Lauren Woods	Brown City	Junior	L
Amber Pleiness	Harbor Beach	Junior	MH
Haley Ross	Marlette	Senior	MH
Sadie Souva	Ubyly	Senior	M
Gabriella Gough	Sandusky	Senior	OH

SECOND TEAM

Grace Schlaud	Brown City	Sophomore	OH
Alyssa Guza	Harbor Beach	Senior	OH
Makayla Roberts	Harbor Beach	Junior	MH
Kathryn Ocomen	Harbor Beach	Junior	L/DS
Hannah Bennaryczk	Marlette	Senior	S
Mikaela Van Erp	Ubyly	Senior	S
Shelby Husovsky	Capac	Senior	DS

HONORABLE MENTION

Valyn Cutcher	Brown City	Junior	DS
Lexi Crenshaw	Brown City	Senior	MH
Grace Weber	Harbor Beach	Senior	S
Kirsten Stein	Harbor Beach	Junior	S
Livya Gadomski	Marlette	Senior	OH
Elizabeth Rohling	Marlette	Junior	MH
Josie Gusa	Ubyly	Senior	L/D
Lindsey Guza	Ubyly	Freshmen	R/S
Kelsey Knoblock	Ubyly	Senior	OH
Marissa Schiller	Sandusky	Senior	MH
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Kingston Alumnus pays it forward...

A KINGSTON High School graduate recently returned to his alma mater to pay forward on his good fortune. Aaron Rodenbo, a 2001 Kingston grad (top photo, at right) presented elementary school Principal Justin Diegel with a \$1,000 donation to the school. He also gave \$500 to varsity volleyball Coach Beth Hunter (bottom photo) for the district's volleyball program.

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A pair of recent suicides in Tuscola County have prompted mental health officials in the Thumb to remind individuals and families throughout the region that help is just a phone call away for anyone contemplating taking their own life. Officials also offer training to help members of the community recognize the symptoms of someone considering suicide and to assist in getting help for those individuals. "Each county has a suicide prevention coalition associated with the county mental health agency that can provide support for individuals, family members, and others who may be effected by suicide," Ruth Schwendinger, prevention specialist at Huron Behavioral Health in Huron County. "Each county also has an instructor in mental health first aid," she

added, noting the eight-hour training was designed for community members to recognize and respond appropriately to situations where people may be experiencing a mental health crisis. "Because of the national shortage of mental health workers and the delay of months to years before an individual with identified mental illness receives treatment, we must rely on the public to help fill that gap, or we will continue to lose people to suicide," Schwendinger said. In Huron County, that shortage is estimated at one worker for every 3,000 residents. "With a prevalence of diagnosable mental health condition of one in five adults and one in four adolescents, the National Council on Behavioral Health has been providing these nationally certified trainings across the U.S. since 2001," Schwendinger pointed out. "Shockingly," she said, "sixty percent of individuals who die by suicide have a mental illness, so we are not talking about the minority of our residents. Unfortunately, working age Caucasian

men are at the highest risk of dying by suicide. We are talking about the majority of our residents being at risk." Schwendinger said her office is offering an eight-hour training Wednesday, Nov. 7, for adults who interact with youth, and another for interacting with other adults, slated for Saturday, Dec. 8. "Information about that program is available at MentalHealth-FirstAid.org," she said. "Cost for training materials is supported by the Huron County commissioners, and so we at Huron Behavioral Health are able to offer the training at no cost to participants. Tuscola Behavioral Health also offers these classes - valued at \$170 - on a regular basis at limited cost." Schwendinger said there is a wealth of information online at the suicide prevention resource center (sprc.org). "There is video training you can take through texasuicideprevention.org, and healthymichigan.org has some webinars targeting specific populations. These are free public resources."

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Legal Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 15, 2018: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dallas M. Stoll and Faye C. Stoll, his wife

Original Mortgagee: Colonial Mortgage Corporation Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Reverse Mortgage Funding, LLC Date of Mortgage: October 17, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 15, 2007 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$109,101.39

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, commencing 550 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section, thence North 375 feet, thence East 575 feet, thence South 375 feet, thence West 575 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 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: October 17, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1364976

10-17-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2018: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gary Wilson, unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-2 Asset Backed Notes Date of Mortgage: February 22, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 3, 2006 Amount claimed due on

date of notice: \$96,493.05

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, thence North 0 degrees 08 minutes East 664.05 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning. Running thence West 330.0 feet, thence North 0 degrees 08 minutes East 664.04 feet; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 56 seconds East, 330.0 feet along an old existing fence line (apparent North line of South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4); thence South 0 degrees 08 minutes West 664.05 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 9 East

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

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This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: October 31, 2018 Trott Law, P.C. 1366314

10-31-4

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond H. Foshee, Jr, a single man aka Raymond Foshee to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated March 27, 2002, and recorded on April 16, 2002, in Liber 874, Page 347, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 21, 2017 and recorded May 01, 2017 in Liber 1373, Page 669, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen and 21/100 (\$61,816.21) including interest at the rate of 6.87500% 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 pub-

lic venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on November 29, 2018 Said premises are situated in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point that is North 230.1 feet from the Southeast corner of section 12, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 410.87 feet; thence North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West 169.77 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 410.7 feet; thence South 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds East 171.20 feet to the point of beginning.

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Dated: October 31, 2018 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Specialized Loan Servicing LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Case No. 18MI00628-1

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Obituaries

Kaye Greenwood

Kaye Donna Greenwood (McCarthy), 77, of Scottsdale, AZ, passed away peacefully following her long battle with Alzheimer's on August 5, 2018.

Kaye was born in Pontiac, to her parents Leo and Hazel McCarthy.

Kaye Donna grew up in Cass City, where she still has a lot of family and many great friends. While attending a dance in Caro, she met a boy that caught her eye. They danced, and the rest is history. Ken and Kaye married on August 12, 1961 and moved to California where they had 2 children. There were a lot of tragedies in her life. She lost her mother in 1966 in a tragic accident. In 1968, one and a half months before her daughter was born and with a 2-year-old son, Ken suffered an aneurysm which nearly took his life. She had to be the backbone of the family at age 27. With that, she never complained. She cared for her disabled husband and two very young children. She worked, bought a home and saved. There was never a feeling of going without. We felt rich. She taught us about commitment and strength.



Kaye worked for Pacific Bell for 30 plus years and retired in 2001. Kaye is survived by her husband Kenneth Greenwood of almost 57 years, son, Kirk (Christi) Greenwood of Corona, CA, daughter, Kim (Kurt) Seger of Scottsdale, AZ; her three treasured grandchildren, Austin, Brad and Myka; sister, Ellen Schmidt, of Cass City; sister-in-law Linda McCarthy of Portland, OR, sister-in-law Lanie (Lewie) Stier, of Cayucas, CA, brother-in-law Dan (Erika) Greenwood of Riverside, CA, and sister-in-law Eunice Greenwood of Caro; as well as many special nieces, nephews and cousins; and special friend Barbara (Paul) Burdon of Cass City. Her comfort cat, Angel and loyal dog, Sandy are also saddened by their loss.

Kaye preceded in death by her parents, oldest sister and her husband, Marilyn (Dennis) Bradley, brother, James McCarthy, brother-in-law, Joseph Schmidt, brother-in-law, Roy Greenwood, as well as her dear mother- and father-in-law, Harold and Clara Greenwood, many dear grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins.

The most important thing in Kaye's life was her family. She will always be in our hearts. She is missed dearly. A Graveside service will be held November 10 at 11 a.m. at Novesta Township Cemetery, Funeral Celebrant Sam Leppert will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Kaye's name. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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Kingston School officials recycle bit of history as facelift continues

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although the “great reveal” of a time capsule buried in the Kingston Elementary School’s cornerstone didn’t produce many memories, a familiar piece of history still plays a predominant role in the Tuscola County school district.

The keystone engraved with the words “Kingston School” – located above the entrance of the old section of the elementary school

constructed in 1930 — was saved and will be part of the new wall on the north side of the school where the old section was razed and then enclosed.

Demolition workers were able to save the keystone because it was not in a load-bearing wall.

LJ Construction demolished the oldest part of the elementary school, but they saved the 1930 cornerstone that housed the time capsule and the keystone. That work was part of a \$4.8 mil-

lion bond extension voters approved for major renovations and upgrades.

When the time capsule was opened during the Kingston Days Festival over the summer, about the only item that survived time was an Aug. 29, 1930, copy of the Kingston Enterprise newspaper. What appeared to be photographs were just crumbs.

The keystone is an important part of the school’s history and will continue to be for many years to come.



THE KEYSTONE that proudly proclaimed “Kingston School” over the main doorway of the old section of the structure built in 1930 (pictured below) will continue to remind the community of the district’s proud heritage, having been salvaged and integrated into the design of the revamped elementary school.



Palmateer honored for service to community

CASS CITY officials recently presented village President Carl Palmateer with a plaque in honor of his 11 years of service to the village at the head of the council table. He is pictured above with village Clerk-Treasurer Nan Walsh (left) and village Manager Debbie Powell.

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