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CASS CITY Village Clerk-Treasurer Nan Walsh swore in new village officials prior to a committee of the whole meeting last Wednesday. They are (from left) village President Dan Delamarter and trustees Don Ball, Joe Leeson and Rob Piaskowski.

Stranger danger close calls have schools on alert

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Recent close calls involving “stranger danger” – both in national news headlines and in the Thumb – have Tuscola County school officials taking a proactive approach by outlining ways they’re working to keep students safe – and ways parents can do the same.

“Last Friday (Nov. 9), as a student from a neighboring school got off the bus, she was approached by a man driving a dark colored Buick. The man claimed that her parents had called him, asking him to pick her up and take her to a nearby church,” Kingston Elementary School Principal Justin Diegel stated in a letter sent home to parents in the district.

“Thankfully, the student’s grandfather was there and informed the man that no such call was made to him. He then drove away,” Diegel said.

The incident Diegel referred to took place in the Mayville Community School District. The man who tried to pick up the student in Fostoria was described as being older, with white hair, and witnesses reported there were three children in the back of the vehicle he was driving.

Mayville Elementary School Principal Kimberly Morden said school officials alerted the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department regarding the incident.

“These situations are very scary and make us think about how we can help,” Diegel said. “It is extremely important to talk to our children about strangers and being aware of their surroundings.

“Many experts advise adopting a family password for emergencies (when) sending another adult to pick the kids up from school,” he added. “Keeping our kids safe is priority one. The family ‘safe word’ or ‘code word’ is a great idea for safety of students of all ages.

“And if you ever see something that looks suspicious or out of the ordinary, please call 911.”

“If I was the parent of a young child, I would have a ‘code’ word,” agreed Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel, referring to the practice of parents giving their children a special word to use if they’re ever ap-

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Retirement breakfast planned for Green

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

again this year due to term limits. Green previously served in the

Veteran Tuscola County lawmaker Mike Green (R-Mayville) is scheduled to be honored at a retirement breakfast planned for early next month.

The event is slated for Saturday, Dec. 1, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Brentwood, 178 Park Dr., Caro. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Mitch Davies via email at tuscolacountygop@gmail.com, or by calling (989) 671-7366.

Green, 70, currently serves as the 31st District senator, representing citizens in Tuscola, Bay and Lapeer counties. First elected to the chamber in 2010, he was unable to run for election



Mike Green

Michigan House of Representatives, representing District 84 – comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties — from 1995 to 2001.

Before serving in the legislature, Green worked as a tool and die maker at General Motors, retiring with 30 years in the skilled trades. While working at GM, he also operated the family farm for 17 years and served as a Tuscola County commissioner for eight 8 years.

He and his wife, Paula, have five adult children and 20 grandchildren.

As a senator, Green has served as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and chairs three subcommittees for the departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Environmental Quality, and Natural Resources. He is also vice-chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and serves as a member of the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism committee.

He has been elected by his peers as a leader of legislative caucus groups dedicated to protecting the rights of Michigan

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Public’s help sought in pipe bomb scares

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department investigators are asking for the public’s help in determining the culprits responsible for placing multiple explosive devices near an Arbela Township residence.

Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 7000 Block of Lewis Road Nov. 9, according to Sheriff Glen Skrent, who reported a resident near there was splitting logs and located a pipe bomb inside one of the logs.

The Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department K-9 Unit, Michigan State Police (MSP) K-9 Unit, an MSP bomb squad and ATF 9 (Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) agents responded to the scene and confirmed the device was a real pipe bomb capable of exploding, Skrent

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STOP!

Some motorists are flirting with tragedy at area school bus stops

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although school has been back in session for weeks now, some drivers seem to have forgotten the rules of the road.

And when it comes to school bus safety, children’s lives are at risk. Because the arrival of winter means it gets darker earlier, the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department and area school district officials are schooling drivers on rules related to school buses.

“We are seeing an increase of vehicles running the red school bus lights. This is a dangerous situation for our students, and we all want them to be safe getting to and from school,” said Cass City Superintendent Jeff Hartel.

“I’ve had some of our bus drivers say they’ve seen an increase of drivers running the red light. We want to keep our kids safe,” he added. “I posted a reminder on Facebook that it is against the law to run red lights on a bus.”

School buses are equipped with a variety of lights to alert drivers, and each colored light has a meaning.

“If you see yellow flashing lights, it means that the bus is preparing to stop. Once the bus has stopped and opened the door, the red lights come on and it is illegal for any vehicle to pass or drive through these lights,” explained Hartel.

Some buses are even equipped with a stop sign that swings out to signal drivers to stop.

“Students are generally let out door side, but in some rare cases the student has to cross the road, and if a vehicle is disobeying the law and not stopping for the red school bus lights, it puts our students in a very dangerous situation,” Hartel said. “Obey the bus lights. Nothing is so important to get to that a child’s life is put in danger.”

The potential for tragedy around school buses was in the national spotlight last month near Rochester, Ind., where three children from the same family were killed and a fourth child was seriously injured when they were struck by a pickup truck as they were about to board a school bus. The driver of the pickup was taken into custody and has been

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Small businesses in the spotlight Saturday

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The many contributions small businesses and their owners make to local economies across the nation take the spotlight this weekend.

Small Business Saturday is celebrated on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. First observed in the United States in November 2010, it is a counterpart to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, which feature big box retail and e-commerce stores, respectively. In contrast, Small Business Saturday encourages holiday shoppers to patronize brick and mortar businesses that are small and local.

There are many small businesses scattered throughout the Thumb area, and Jenness Farms, 5901 Ritter Rd., Cass City, is one of them. Joe Jenness and his family have their own pure maple syrup and raw apple cider vinegar operation on a 20-acre farm.

Making apple cider vinegar is a tradition that has been handed down from one generation to another in the Jenness family.

“I learned how to do that from my grandfather. I’ve been making vinegar for about 40 years.”

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JENNESS FARMS, 5901 Ritter Rd., Cass City, processes pure maple sugar and produces apple cider vinegar using knowledge passed down from one generation to another. It’s the sort of operation that is taking the spotlight this weekend, observed as Small Business Saturday nationwide.

Ubly announces honor roll students

Ubly Jr./Sr. School officials recently announced their 1st marking period honor students, they are:

Grade 12

Isaac Booms*, Joshua Brandel, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming*, Amber Essenmacher, Rebekka Foster, Katelyn Garner, Bethany Gornowicz, Anna Greyerbiehl*, Haili Gusa*, Dylan Hagen*, Payten Heleski, Cassie Holdwick, Cheyenne Janik, Tyler Jones, Kelsey Knoblock*, Ethan Lemke, Parker Lipskey, Jaleesa Mattox, Mikayla McNeil, Anna Messing*, Nolan Murray*, Kylie Ogryski*, Arisa Osentoski*, Natalie Pallas, Nathan Particka, Rebecca Particka, Madelyn Peplinski, Alexis Pionk, Cheyenne Porzondek*, Ashley Puvalowski*, Brooke Ritter, Rych Roggenbuck*, Sabrina Schumacher, Jason Smalley, Sadie Souva*, McKenzie Stomack*, Mackenzie Uhl, Mikaela Van Erp*, Mikkayla Verellen, Amanda Weaver, Carson Woolner, Nicholas Wright*

Grade 11

Olivia Brown*, Grace Conley*, Austin Cregeur*, Kali Dutcher, Grant Geiger*, Andrea Grifka*, Amanda Halifax, Rachel Leppke, Caitlyn Maurer, Claire Melnik, Hannah Melnik, Ellie Peruski, Caleb Powers*, Isle Roggenbuck*, Ethan Sabins, Hannah

Schroeder, Jaiden Schulte*, Ethan Smalley, Abigail Sorenson, Casey Sweeney, Katelyn Sweeney*, Jacyln Toth*, Danielle Tschirhart, Danielle Umbreit, Alexia Vogel, Kylie Vogel, Sierra Walker*, Jazmyn Warchuck*, Isaac Warczinsky, Emily Winkel-Fritz, Zachary Ziehm

Grade 10

Alyson Benson, Alivia Bischer*, Kylee Brandt, Austin Burk, Kendra Glaza, Josephine Gusa*, Katie Heilig*, Carson Heleski, Amanda Hill, Kalli House, Markus Howard, Haley Klama*, Haley Krueger*, Shelby Kuntze*, Allison Lautner, Dajnae Leipprandt, Erin McCarty*, Reese McLellan*, Cole Messing, Shelby Messing*, Sarah Peplinski*, Samantha Souva*, Gabriel Sweeney, Nolan Van Erp*, Elizabeth Weber*, Hally Ziehm

Grade 9

Jenna Arntz, Matthew Brandel, Bryce Essenmacher, Alexander Foote, Nora Franzel*, Trinity Franzel*, Ethan Gillig, Katelyn Grifka*, Tess Grifka*, Alexis Guigar, Lindsey Guza*, Theron Harris*, Reece Heleski, Ryan Hill, Carter Hughes, Lily Kieliszewski*, Kylie Maurer, Hailey Mausolf, Logan Mueller*, Colin Oberski, Erick Schmidt, Myah Schulte*, Emma Smalley*, Annisa Smith, Leah Stringer*, Alexander Susalla, Kyle Sweeney, Hunter Walker*, Emma Widge*

Grade 8

Haylee Arlitt, Joy Auman, Elizabeth Bellis, Jeanna Bischer*, Gabrielle Bukoski, Michael Cook, Cameron Ferris, Elizabeth Glentz, Christopher Godzinski, Maze Gusa*, Abigail Guza*, Carly Guza, Mark Heilig, Brady Klee, Jalyn Kolar*, Anthony McCarty*, Abigail Michalski, Jarrett Nast, DeLaney Peruski, Taylor Peruski, Alexis Schmidt, Jace Susalla, Seth Sweeney, Andrew Vogel, Logan Volmering, Samantha Warczinsky, Mercedes Wolschleger

Grade 7

Christopher Arlitt, Jocelyn Bambach, Brianna Beaver*, Nicole Benson, Rose Brilinski, Jadyn Brown, Makaila Cantrell, Landon Dekoski, Mitchell Foote*, Austin Franzel, Austin Gentner, Emily Greyerbiehl*, Colin Grifka, Utah Gusa*, Addison Hagen*, Aran Harris*, Mason Hughes, Eathan Jackson, Erica Klee*, Sophie Klemmer, Madeline Langenburg*, Ryan Learman*, Julia Maurer*, Seth Maurer, Jacob Messing*, Wade Messing, Brett Mueller, Caiden Parker, Jenna Particka, Candan Peruski, Evan Peruski*, Courtney Puvalowski, Leah Schumacher, Kelcie Shaltonis, Miranda Smigelski, Jaxson Susalla*, Aaron Weber
*Denotes all A's

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3								7
1				7		5	2	
		9	3	7	1			
		6	5				4	

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
Publisher **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Prepare now for Old Man Winter

Fall's brilliant colors are now just a memory, which can only mean the imminent arrival of another Michigan winter. In fact, area residents have already been exposed to a small taste of the cold and snow to come.

That's why Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) officials are encouraging all Michiganders to make winter emergency preparedness a priority.

"Winter is well on its way here in Michigan and now is the time to prepare," said Capt. Emmitt McGowan, deputy state director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD. "By taking a few extra steps, you will ensure that you and your family are ready before winter weather strikes."

Severe winter weather poses health and safety concerns related to extremely cold temperatures, freezing pipes, potential propane shortages and power outages.

Residents across the state, including those of us in the Thumb, are encouraged to take the following actions to be prepared for the upcoming winter months:

**Weatherproof your home by installing weather-stripping and caulking and insulating walls, doors and windows.*

**Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so pipes are less likely to freeze.*

**Lock in a propane rate now and have a backup heating plan, such as a generator, wood stove or fireplace.*

**Have gas or oil furnaces inspected by a qualified professional and change the air filter.*

**Have your fireplace and chimney cleaned and inspected. Contact your local fire department for a referral or look for a local inspector online.*

**Install battery-operated carbon monoxide (CO) detectors near every sleeping area. CO poisoning is most prevalent when furnaces are turned on to fight cold winter temperatures, but commonly occurs after winter storms and accompanying power outages, when people tend to rely on portable generators for electricity.*

**Clean gutters to prevent ice dams from forming. Roof ice dams can cause water to build-up, leading to interior damage.*

**Clear storm drains along the curb to enable water to drain. If plugged, water has the potential to go into low-lying areas and flood basements.*

**Have an emergency preparedness kit stored safely in your house that includes: bottled water, non-perishable food, a first aid kit, extra batteries, a battery or hand-crank powered radio, emergency lighting or flashlights, extra blankets and warm clothing.*

**Have your vehicle's radiator system serviced before winter and make sure to replace windshield wipers and wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture that will not freeze.*

**Replace any worn tires and check air pressure regularly.*


**Have your brakes, brake fluid, oil, car battery, heater and exhaust checked to make sure everything is running efficiently.*

**Keep an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle stocked with batteries, battery powered or hand-crank radio, flashlight, windshield scraper, jumper cables, mobile phone charger, shovel, blankets, first-aid kit, non-perishable food and bottled water in the event you get stranded or stuck.*

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Taking time to be thankful



The English language is always changing and evolving to keep pace with changing times. Before the internet — which by the way has only been around about 26 years — the words Internet and Facebook were unfamiliar, and the only tweets were done by birds.

The word and concept of being "universal" has also expanded into other areas.

The term "universal" generally used to refer to remote controls. One remote can control the local television channels, the satellite channels, the DVD, music and even bring photographs as well as the Internet up on a television screen all with one device.

It seems holidays are also becoming universal. Memorial Day sales start in April, back-to-school and Labor Day sales start in July, Fourth of July sales start in May, Halloween starts in August, etc.

Before Halloween ended this year, I was already sick of Christmas music and commercials about gift-giving ideas.

I really hate how Thanksgiving gets bypassed. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It is a simple day of family getting together, and of giving thanks for what a person has.

The only commercial aspect of Thanksgiving is selling turkeys and a few other food items. It's not a big money-maker, so Thanksgiving basically gets ignored.

Instead of reflecting and celebrating what a person is thankful for and spending time with family and friends, it has turned into just a day to go shopping in pursuit of bargains to get more stuff that no one takes the time to be thankful for.

With the holidays hype coming on top of each other, I predict one day there will be one generic holiday that lasts for a couple of months. "Happy – Merry – Hallow – Thanking – Freedom" could be the name for the inclusive holiday.

It would have a heavy-set man wearing a wild design red, white, and blue costume riding on the back of a turkey with bats harnessed to help pull him along as he distributes flags, candy, sparklers, Valentines and gifts to all of the good little boys and girls.

Anyway, that is my take on what holidays are becoming — one celebration running into another just for the sake of the all-mighty dollar.

Letters to the Editor

Child abuse council appreciates support

Although we make being grateful part of our everyday life, the celebration of Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to pause, reflect and acknowledge the support and financial commitment the Child Abuse Prevention Council received from the community this year.


We are especially filled with gratitude as county residents supported our renewal millage. These critical funds will be used over the next four years to provide much needed services to child victims of sexual and physical abuse and their non-offending caregivers and also provide personal body safety education and prevention programs to students in grades K-4 in all seven of our school districts.

I appreciate the meaningful work done by the Child Abuse Prevention Council and the Child Advocacy Center; our creative, committed, hard-working and fun staff strive to keep our children safe from harm. Our staff and board of directors are compassionate and truly care about kids and families. And it is/was obvious that the community also cares about the safety and well-being of children in Sanilac County, or else you would not have supported the millage renewal.

All these things working together give our work a sense of meaning and purpose. We are fortunate to live and work in a community that cares about kids and are so very grateful for the continued support that we continue to receive to carry out our mission. May your Thanksgiving be filled with blessings.

Dianna L. Schafer,
executive director,
Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council/CAC

I hope everyone's Thanksgiving is enjoyable. Take time to stop and smell the turkey, be thankful, and enjoy family.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Every year Cass City recognizes an outstanding citizen in our community during the chamber of commerce's annual community dinner. The next annual dinner is scheduled for Feb. 2.

These citizens have contributed many things to our community, including their willingness to make Cass City a better place to live and work. They have motivation, dedication and an outstanding desire to get involved. These individuals are true role models and we want to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions.

Cass City educators, community members and businesses, as well as representatives of non-profit organizations, are encouraged to submit nominations. Please consider nominating a deserving citizen.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday, Dec. 15. You can send your nomination to the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, 6506 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726, or via e-mail to ccc@casscitychamber.com.

The tally of classic Turkey Day foods — enough to feed 10 people, plus leftovers — is \$48.90 on average, down 22 cents from last year's average, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation's 33rd annual survey.

The star of the Thanksgiving feast is the turkey, and the average cost this year for a 16-pounder is \$21.71 or about \$1.36 a pound, down from \$22.38 in 2017. The Farm Bureau found that Thanksgiving retail turkey prices are the lowest since 2014.

"Since 2015, the average cost of Thanksgiving dinner has declined steadily and is now at the lowest level since 2010," said John Newton, the organization's chief economist. "Thanks to an ample supply, turkey remains affordable for consumers, which helps keep the overall cost of the dinner reasonably priced as well."

- Other foods in the feast survey are:
- * Stuffing: 14-ounce package, \$2.87 (up from \$2.81 in 2017)
 - * Sweet potatoes: 3-pound bag, \$3.39 (down from \$3.52)
 - * Rolls: A dozen, \$2.25 (down from \$2.26)
 - * Green peas: 1-pound bag, \$1.47 (down from \$1.53)
 - * Fresh cranberries: 12-ounce bag, \$2.65 (up from \$2.43)
 - * Pumpkin pie: 30-ounce can of mix, \$3.33 (up from \$3.21); two 9-inch pie shells, \$2.47 (up from \$2.45); whipped cream, \$2.08 (unchanged)
 - * Coffee and ingredients needed for recipes, such as butter, evaporated milk, onions, eggs, sugar and flour: \$3.01 (up from \$2.72)

Thanksgiving by the numbers according to Travelandleisure.com

41,900,000: The number of travelers packing up their cars and hitting the road this Thanksgiving, according to AAA. This is thanks, in part, to low gas prices—down \$0.72 per gallon from last year. The average is now \$2.26.

36,100,000: How many people will be pouring into, and out of, airports around the world. AAA predicts that air travel will account for 8 percent of Thanksgiving holiday travel this year.

1,720,000: The number of airplane seats, according to Planestats.com, scheduled to fly on Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving, believe it or not, isn't the busiest travel day in the U.S. Halloween has already won out as a busier travel holiday, when 2.06 million seats were booked on October 31.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

All offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, Friday, Nov. 23, and SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The Secretary of State's Office mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following business day without penalty.

Most people renewing license plates, driver's licenses and ID cards can do business online at www.ExpressSOS.com or by mail. Online users renewing their tabs, driver's license or ID card will find the system's "Print 'N Go feature" beneficial.

License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available around the clock. Visit the Branch Office Locator at www.michigan.gov/sos to find a Self-Service Station near you.

At the Chronicle, we'll be closed on Thanksgiving day, but it's back to business as usual on Friday. Safe travels.

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Wednesday, November 21

•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.
•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.

Thursday, November 22

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Saturday, November 24

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

Monday, November 26

•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 Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, November 27

•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.

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 Gageton.
•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.

•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:

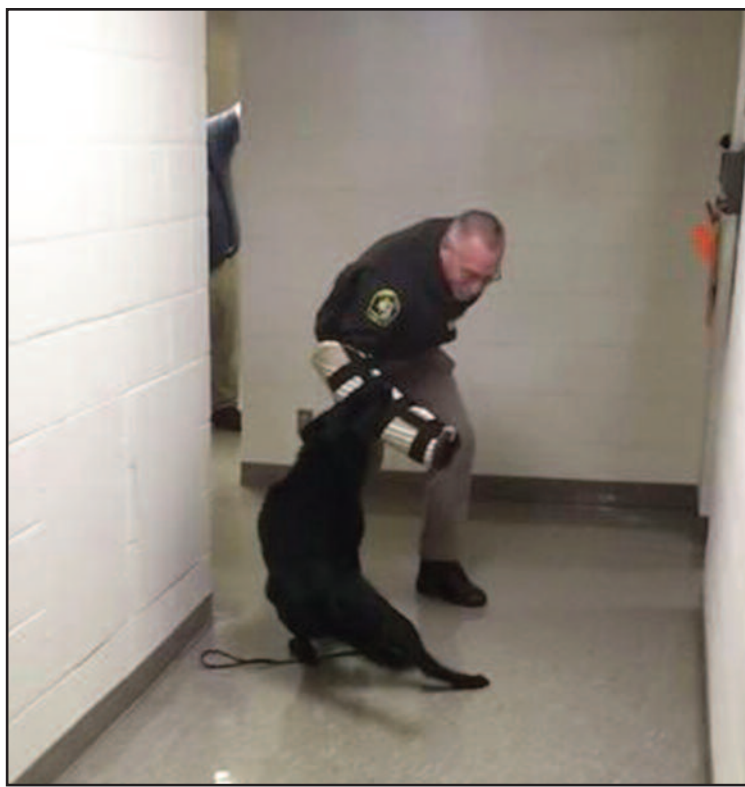
•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

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AMONG THE duties assigned to Blek, the Tuscola County's Sheriff's Department's new K-9 officer, is to protect his handler, Deputy Ryan Robinson. Above, Sheriff Glen Skrent wears a bite guard on his arm while Blek is given a command to hold. Blek was also recently deployed in the recent pipe bomb complaint in the Millington area and has been visiting schools. His other missions include searching for missing children and vulnerable adults. (Photo courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department)

Pipe bombs

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said, adding the device was disarmed.

According to Detective Jim Hook, a second pipe bomb was discovered Nov. 9, and another was discovered the following Monday, each of them placed inside a log that had been hollowed out enough to accommodate the explosive devices. Deputies also located a fourth log that had been partially hollowed out, but no pipe bomb.

The discoveries have residents and law enforcement officials alike scratching their heads.

"That's the sort of response I've been getting; this is something that no one has ever seen before," said Hook, who said it appears those responsible were targeting specific individuals.

"From what I'm gathering, this is not a random thing," he added. "These were meant for this family."

Hook said no other details are being released because the investigation remains active and will continue as officers work to identify and arrest those responsible for the crime.

Anyone who has any information related to the investigation is asked to contact Hook at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2234).

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Michelle L. Perez, 36, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted embezzlement of \$1,000 to \$20,000 while employed at the Admiral Gas Station in Caro Oct. 8, 2017.

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

*Dion L. Richardson Jr., 26, Flint, pleaded guilty to charges of retail fraud, first degree (involving merchandise valued at \$1,000 or more) and organized retail crime July 14, 2017, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was

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

*Christopher C. Satterwhite, 30, Saginaw, was sentenced to 24 months to 240 months in prison following his pleas of guilty to home invasion, first degree, larceny of firearms, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Between Feb. 5 and Feb. 28 in Reese.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$962 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Christopher A. Raymond Jr., 21, Caro, pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 5 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued

at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Amber M. Partin, 30, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of weapons/ammunition by a felon April 23 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 \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Chelsea E. Childers, 23, Kingston, pleaded no contest to attempted maintaining a drug house and delivery/manufacture of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent Dec. 2 in Koylton Township.

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

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Reporter's notebook

Overlooked rituals of Thanksgiving

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



If you've been blessed, you're looking forward to an amazing turkey dinner tomorrow, surrounded by family.

So, do your family's Thanksgiving Day rituals have you playing chief cook and bottle washer? Are you the go-to person who is always asked to say grace? Maybe you're just looking forward to an afternoon of football and the blissful intoxication that always seems to come after eating all of that tryptophan-laced white meat.

Actually, while tryptophan helps the body produce important chemicals (hormones), including melatonin — which at high levels tells your brain it's time to go to sleep — some doctors believe it's all the stuffing, mashed potatoes, rolls and pie you eat that are to blame because they're full of sugars, and the chemicals used to digest them make it easier for other chemicals to get to your brain. The result? The tryptophan flows a bit more freely, triggering that irresistible urge to take a nap.

I suppose. I'm no scientist, but I would have guessed the alcohol served at some family gatherings might have something to do with it. But I digress (one of my own traditions).

Anyway, I couldn't help but notice that the Thanksgiving Day nap, prayer and football were all left out in an article on the website mentalfloss.com, entitled "Seven overlooked Thanksgiving rituals, according to sociologists".

Those rituals, documented by Melanie Wallendorf and Eric J. Arnould in the first major sociological study of Thanksgiving, which appeared in the Journal of Consumer Research back in the early 1990s, are:

*Giving job advice — Teenagers are given a ritual status shift to the adult part of the family, not only through the move from the kids' table to the grownup table, but also through the career counseling spontaneously offered by aunts, uncles and anyone else with wisdom to share, the authors observed.

*Forgetting an ingredient — Oh, No! Someone forgot to put the evaporated milk in the pumpkin pie! In the ritual pattern, the forgetting is followed by lamentation, reassurance, acceptance, and the restoration of comfortable stability, according to the study, which notes that said forgetting reinforces the themes of abundance (we've got plenty even if not everything works out) and family togetherness (we can overcome obstacles).

*Telling disaster stories of Thanksgiving past — As in, remember that time we fried a turkey and burned the house down?

*The re-appropriation of store-bought items — Transfer a store-bought pie crust to a bigger pan, filling out the extra space with pieces of another store-bought pie crust, and it's not quite so pre-manufactured anymore. Put pineapple chunks in the Jello, and it becomes something done "our way."

*The pet's meal — The pet is fed special food while everyone looks on and takes photos.

*Putting away the leftovers — In some cultures, feasts are followed by a ritual destruction of the surplus. At Thanksgiving, the Puritan value of frugality is embodied in the wrapping and packing up of all the leftovers. Even in households in which cooking from scratch is rare, the turkey carcass may be saved for soup.

*Taking a walk — After the eating and the groaning and the belly patting, someone will suggest a walk and a group will form to take a stroll (really?). Sometimes the walkers will simply do laps around the house, but they often head out into the world to get some air.

There is usually no destination involved, just a desire to move and feel the satisfied quietness of abundance — and to make some room for dessert.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Jaxon Matthew Aman was born to Lauren (Brzuchowski) and Justin Aman of Midland on Nov. 7. He weighed 7 lbs. and 7 oz. and was 19" long. Lauren is the daughter of Ron and Sue Brzuchowski of Cass City. She is a 2006 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2012 graduate of Ferris State University. Justin is the son of Michael and Karin Aman of Gladwin. He is a 2008 graduate of Skeels Christian High School and a 2013 graduate of Ferris State University.

Special recognition goes to Amaris Janos, named the Owen-Gage Senior Student of the Month. Janos has been a member of the Owen-Gage Band throughout high school and currently serves as one of its officers. She has also been on the honor roll and a member of the school's 3.0 Honors Club each year. In her sophomore year, she was inducted into the Owen-Gage chapter of the National Honor Society. As a junior, she served as the chapter's historian and is currently chapter president. Janos served as her class vice president as a sophomore and as class secretary last year. She has been the school's website editor for the past two years along with being a member of the yearbook staff, serving as co-editor and editor, respectively. Janos was nominated as a homecoming queen candidate this year. Her other activities have included volunteering for National Honor Society blood drives, the committee of fundraising for "Pops for Progeria", and the prom committee. She is also taking dual-enrollment classes at the Huron Area Tech Center through Mid Michigan Community College. Janos' future plans include attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, to study engineering.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Earl E. Grigg celebrated his 105th birthday Sunday at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. Born in Munger Nov. 14, 1903, he married Delia Miellens Oct. 5, 1927. She is deceased. There are 4 children, Betty Fuller of Caro and Neal Grigg of Munger. Two sons, Lyle Grigg and Eldon Grigg, are deceased. Earl is a retired farmer who enjoys cards and socializing with his family and friends.

There have been memorable twosomes over the decades in Cass City sports history. On the gridiron field, one duo was quarterback Curt Strickland connecting with end Paul Bliss en route to an undefeated football season. On the basketball court, another was guard Steve Muska feeding center

Paul Ulfig as the pair led Coach Jeff Hartel's cagers to league, district and regional championships. Another Red Hawk duet that will be recalled in years to come is Lady Red Hawk standouts Carly Howard and Amanda Langenburg. Howard, who will play next at Oakland University, and Langenburg helped put Cass City volleyball on the radar with brilliant 4-year careers that included 2 district titles. The two-some highlighted a number of Red Hawk selections to the 2008 Greater Thumb West All-Conference volleyball teams.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Cass City placed 2 players on the Blue Bay League all conference team as selected by coaches last week. Leading the selection list was Jodi Schember, who is the team captain after being voted number one selection by all voting coaches. Also named was Jodi LaRoche. Both girls are seniors. A sophomore, Nicole Ruggles of Marlette, was a close second to Schember in the voting. Ruggles was one of 3 Red Raiders selected. She joins senior Christal Dudek and senior Tami Schubach on the squad. Also placing a pair on the team was the Lakers. Carolyn Bollenbacher, fine shooting junior guard capable of carrying her team by herself, and Kim Sturm, who anchored the middle, earned spots on the team.

First buck - Frank Horning downed a 9-point, 225-pound trophy while hunting east of Cass City Tuesday morning. The Cass City resident is 14 years of age.

Navy Seaman Recruit Bron E. Bastian, a 1993 graduate of Kingston High School, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields. Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

OFF THEY GO — The crew of the Columbia-Spacelab 1 shuttle flight, scheduled for launch Nov. 28, is, from left, Owen K. Garriott, mission specialist; Bryon K. Lichtenberg, payload specialist; Cass City native Brewster H. Shaw Jr., pilot; John W. Young, mission commander; Ulf Merbold, payload specialist, and Robert A.R. Parker, mission specialist.

Cross Country honors were presented at the boys and girls teams' banquet last Thursday. Named most improved were Randy Nicholas and Denise Anker, Renae Stimpfel and Greg Bliss, most valuable.

Woman of the year of the Cass City Business and Professional Women's Club was Martha Putnam, who received the honor from Nina Davis, Gerry Fisher and Marilyn Ertman, who formed the committee to determine who would be honored.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Mrs. Leslie Lounsbury, Mrs. Alfred Goodall, Mrs. Tom Lounsbury and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury, accompanied by Mrs. Rosemary Boglarsky of Mt. Clemens, went Saturday to Clio to attend a cradle shower for Mrs. Larry Schad of Milton, Fla., at the home of Mrs. James Schad. The guest of honor was not present; the gifts were mailed to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanby, Mrs. Vera King and Mrs. Edith Ward were guests from Friday until Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward at Coral. Miss Mary Hanby of Union Grove, Wis., who was en route to Vicksburg to speak at a church banquet, visited them Saturday. Joining the relatives Saturday for a Thanksgiving dinner were the three children of the Fred Wards and their families and Mrs. Dick Hanby and two daughters of Grand Haven. En route home Sunday, the Hanbys, Mrs. King and Mrs. Ward visited Mrs. Ward's sister, Mrs. Mary Fader, who is 96 and is a patient in a nursing home in Westgate Manor, St. Louis, Mich.

Born Nov. 15 in Hills and Dales Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Talaski of Cass City, a seven-pound daughter, Stephanie Beth. Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton of Unionville and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Talaski of Ubyly. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hobart of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Hamilton of Flint and Wilbur Conley of Bad Axe.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

There is one Army badge that only combat infantrymen can wear - the Combat Infantryman Badge. It was awarded to Specialist Four Grant L. Merchant, 20, near Due Co., Vietnam, Oct. 28. Spec. Merchant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Merchant of Cass City, is assigned to the 4th Infantry Division as a team leader. The CIB has been awarded since late in World War II for sustained ground contact against an enemy. It is not awarded to members of other combat arms, such as artillery, armor or engineers. In honor of its singular meaning, the badge is worn above all other awards and decorations, over the left breast. It is a blue rectangle with a silver rifle mounted on it and a curved wreath at the top. Subsequent awards are represented by stars in the center of the wreath. Spec. Merchant completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and was then stationed at Camp Polk in Louisiana. A graduate of Allied Institute of Technology, Chicago, he is a 1966 Cass City High School graduate.

Jim Knoblet of Cass City, a bulwark on defense all year for Albion College, was honored last week when he was named by the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association football coaches to the All-Conference team. An offensive and defensive all-MIAA honor squad was selected. Knoblet and Rick Bensinger of Birmingham were the two Albion representatives on the defensive team. Knoblet is a Senior and played linebacker. He is 6-foot, one inch and weighs 195 pounds. He recently was named MIAA lineman of the week for his work in stopping the league's leading rusher.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Forty-two fat hogs totalling 8,410 pounds were exhibited and sold for a gross of \$1,424.50 by 4-H Club members at their Jail hog show and sale at the Caro Auction Yards Tuesday, Oct. 26. Marjorie Karr, 4-H Club girl from Cass City, took top honors away from 12 boys by showing the grand champion fat hog at the 4-H Club show and sale. Reserve champion was shown by Jack Desimpelare, Unionville, who also showed the champion pen at the show. Don Keinath, Reese club member, showed the reserve champion pen.

Calvin J. Striffler was named township treasurer of Elkland to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Alex Henry. The appointment was made at a session of the township board Wednesday evening.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Nelson Karr, who has been working for some time at the pool room of his father, Wm. Karr, has secured employment in Detroit and expects to remain there indefinitely. Mr. Karr was an honored member of the Home Guards, having served as Sergeant for several months.

Alec Miller, son of Mrs. Robt. Miller, came Monday to visit at his home here for a few days. His many friends are glad to learn of his advancement. He was for sometime Corporal at San Benito, Texas, after which he entered and concluded the course in the Mounted Service School of Hippology at Fort Riley, Kansas. Before entering this school he was obliged to become a first class private, dropping his title of Corporal, as no officers are allowed entrance to this institution. He passed second in his class with a standing of 99 per cent, and the rank of Sergeant 1st class prefixed to his name. In this capacity, at the end of his ten day furlough here he goes to Texas, his former location.



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

All of the letters will be published in December - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

But get started now because the deadline is:

Thursday, Dec. 13.

News briefs

“Move over” law expanded

LANSING — Drivers will now be required to slow down and move over when passing emergency, maintenance, and utility vehicles on the road under legislation signed last week by Gov. Rick Snyder. “This legislation will better protect those responding to emergencies as well as workers on busy roadways,” Snyder said. “My hope by signing this bill is that more Michiganders will slow down and give a lane.” Senate Bill 477, sponsored by state Sen. Dale Zorn, will require drivers to slow to 10 mph below the posted speed limit as well as yield their lane, if possible, when passing police or emergency vehicles on the side of the road. The bill also includes roadside tow trucks, garbage trucks, maintenance, and utility vehicles that have amber lights flashing. Violations would be a civil offense subject to a \$400 fine. The bill is now Public Act 349 of 2018.

Holiday lighting set Dec. 1

SANDUSKY — The 25th annual lighted farm implement Christmas Parade in Sandusky will take place Saturday, Dec. 1. The lineup for the parade is at 4:30 p.m. at Sandusky High School, and the parade will start promptly at 7 p.m. There is no cost to be in the parade, but registration is requested. The forms are available at the Sandusky City Hall or by calling the chamber of commerce at (810) 648-4445.

P.J.s and the Classics on tap

CASS CITY — Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host its next P.J.s and the Classics event Monday, Dec. 3, with a selected Christmas movie slated to get underway at 6 p.m. Patrons are urged to bring a blanket, pillow and slippers, too. All ages are welcome to participate in this free program. More information is available by calling the library at (989) 872-2856.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Stranger danger has schools on alert

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proached by someone offering them a ride. The idea is for the child to ask them to recite the code word, and if the adult can't, the child knows to seek help immediately.

Law enforcement officials say using a code word probably prevented a tragedy earlier this month at a park in Arizona, where a 10-year-old girl told authorities that a man in a white SUV approached her and told her that her brother had been in a serious accident. He told the girl she needed to come with him.

News outlets reported the girl's parents had recently established a code word system to use for when their kids are approached by strangers, and when the girl asked the man for the code word, he fled.

Much closer to home, an incident in Millington underscored the importance of parents talking to their kids about the possibility of being confronted by a stranger. In that village, four girls, ages 11 to 14, fought off a man who allegedly assaulted them as they left a gas station/convenience store last August.

Millington police reported the suspect followed the girls and at one point grabbed one of them around the head and told her she was going with him.

“The other three girls kicked, hit, and threw their hot coffee on him,” the department said in a statement. “The suspect let the young girl go and grabbed another one of the girls by her hair. The suspect was again kicked and hit by the girls until he let her go and fled on foot.”

The girls, who were not injured, escaped to a nearby hotel and called for help. Police subsequently apprehended the 22-year-old suspect, who now faces multiple felony charges.

While school officials can't protect students 24/7, they do have safety measures in place to ensure youngsters who ride buses are delivered safely to family members or trusted friends.

“Our school policy states the bus

driver must make visual contact with caretakers for (students in grades) K-three before they will be allowed off the bus. If the caretaker cannot be seen by the bus driver, the student will be brought back to school and will need to be picked up by the caretaker,” Diegel said.

Officials in the Thumb's other districts, including Cass City, follow similar policies.

In Cass City, children in the third grade and younger will be dropped off only if the driver can see and identify a parent or other

authorized individual at the drop-off location.

“We don't just let them off. They don't get out until we see an adult,” said Hartel, who noted that when a driver doesn't see the adult, he or she will notify the school, which then attempts to call the home. There are times, of course, when a parent is running late or is otherwise temporarily unavailable, and the drivers can work with them by stopping back while completing their route.

“Our bus drivers get to know the families pretty well. So, we try to work with them,” Hartel added.

Retirement breakfast on tap for veteran area lawmaker

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gun owners, hunters, anglers and trappers. He serves as chairman of the Senate Second Amendment Caucus, Senate chair of the Michigan Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, and as an elected member of the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses Executive Council.

In his years in the Senate, Green has been credited with providing legislative leadership and helping to achieve success on a wide range of issues, including the state budget, the federal balanced budget amendment, pro-2nd Amendment and sportsmen legislation, crime victims' rights, agriculture and agri-business, welfare reform, veterans issues, government reforms, autism insurance, health care quality, sales and property tax reform, conservation efforts, environmental cleanup and wetlands regulatory reform, and local and state transportation infrastructure.

As a legislator, he has been consistently recognized by various groups, earning Legislator of the Year accolades from the Michigan Agri-Business Association (2014), Michigan Pharmacists Association (2014), Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners (2013), Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists (2012), Michigan Credit Union League (2012), Michigan United Conservation Club (2001), Michigan Farm Bureau (2000 and 2001).

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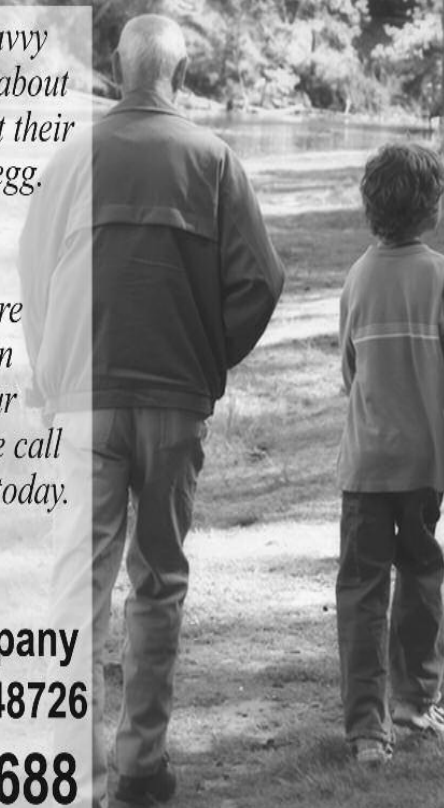
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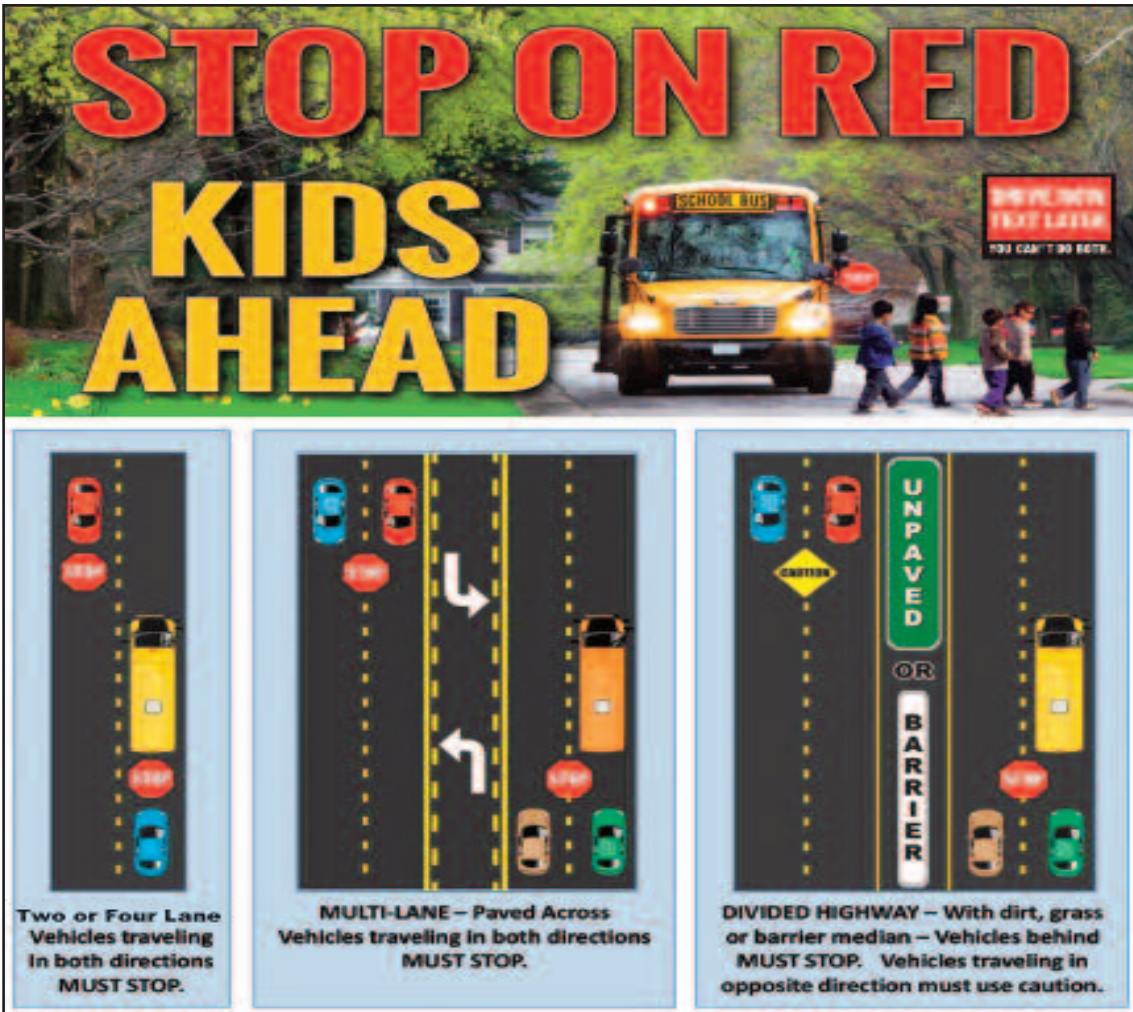


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Some motorists flirting with tragedy

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charged with three counts of reckless homicide and one misdemeanor count of disregarding a stop sign and causing injury.

Fortunately, there have been no recent injury accidents involving school buses in the Cass City area, but “we are seeing people who are not following the law,” Hartel said.

The Cass City School District has eight buses out on the roads in the morning and in the afternoon. The district covers more than 200 square miles.

In the Kingston School District, drivers not obeying the bus laws haven’t been a major issue so far this school year, according Superintendent Matt Drake, who indicated that may be due to a school policy change involving bus routes.

“About two years ago, we used to have four or five different buses that were out on M-46. We had community members saying they had to stop four different times because of the bus stops that were being made going down M-46 going from Kingston on the way in to Caro,” said Drake. “We made changes so now there is only one bus on M-46. I think that has helped with driver frustration.

“So, drivers passing on red lights hasn’t (fortunately) been an issue for us. And, most of our buses are out on rural roads. We don’t have high traffic areas like some of the suburban schools.”

Kingston Community Schools has seven buses out in the morning and also in the afternoon.

School bus rules are similar to obeying traffic signals.

The rules are: when overhead lights are flashing yellow, prepare to stop. When overhead lights are flashing red, stop. When hazard warning lights are flashing, proceed with caution.

The fine for passing a stopped school bus in Michigan is anywhere from \$100 to \$500, and that doesn’t include court costs. Under current law, motorists must come to a complete stop at least 20 feet from a school bus whenever a bus is stopped and employing the use of its red flashing signals.

The only exception to this law is if a school bus has stopped on the other side of a divided highway with a barrier between travel directions. In this case, motorists are not required to stop.

Maintenance of county buildings big business

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Keeping up maintenance on one building is a never-ending job — taking care of 16 buildings is a monumental effort that requires careful coordination of work and resources.

It’s a chore Tuscola County officials know well.

“The county has maintained a capital improvements plan for many years. It is an important financial planning document because it shows maintenance needs and cost estimates over a multi-year period to maintain the 16 county buildings and grounds,” said Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland, who is in the process of developing the county’s 2019 budget. “Understanding of these costs helps prepare financially to meet these critical maintenance needs.”

In order to stay on top of that

many buildings, the county maintains a comprehensive 10-year draft plan of building needs and maintenance, but the plan is subject to change if a need arises.

Reviewing and prioritizing needs is part of the process as the county starts to prepare a new budget. Most of the building and grounds maintenance costs are paid from the county capital improvements fund.

“The average annual costs just to maintain the 16 buildings and grounds is over \$300,000,” Hoagland said, noting the expense will increase over 10 years because of inflation. “Also, it is important to realize there are other capital costs and unanticipated emergency needs that are also paid from the capital improvements fund.”

Back in December 2017, when this year’s budget was being developed, the capital improvement fund balance totaled roughly \$1.56 million. The jail capital im-

provement fund balance at the end of 2017 was approximately \$968,000.

Attentive outline of work for each building and approximate cost was outlined. Over the next 10 years, about \$3,059,000 is expected to be spent on maintaining the county’s combined facilities.

“Those numbers represent the replacement of items due to normal wear and tear,” said Hoagland. “Any future jail expansion, or storage expansion are not included.

The county facilities include the annex, courthouse, MSU Cooperative Extension Office, animal control, health department, Department of Health and Human Services, dispatch, recycling, state police post (which the county owns and rents to the state), Grant Street pole building, maintenance building, the Purdy Building, the Luder Road pole building, Vanderbilt Park, and the jail.



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CASS CITY seventh grade student Ellie Perkins was recently named the first "student of the month" under a new student recognition program that has replaced the Red Hawk Award of Excellence. A student from the elementary school will also be honored each month.

Red Hawk award now "student of the month"

In an effort to keep its district-wide student recognition program fresh, Cass City School officials have decided to replace the Red Hawk Award of Excellence with "student of the month" honors to be awarded to an outstanding student from both the elementary and junior-senior high school buildings.

One of the first students named a

student of the month is junior-senior high seventh grade student Ellie Perkins.

"I nominated Ellie Perkins...because of her high academic performance, her character in class, and her willingness to go above and beyond to be successful," explained teacher Garrett Gordon.

"Ellie is carrying a solid 95.95 percent for first marking period, which is the highest in all three seventh grade math classes," he said. "She has no missing assignments and aced our first test."

"She is extremely conscientious in class and does what is expected at all times. She asks for help when it is needed, and accepts the help she is given," Gordon added. "Ellie was the only student to turn in an extra credit assignment that was offered to the entire class. This proves she is willing to go beyond the rest to give herself an edge academically. These traits will serve Ellie well as she progresses through her education, and are why she deserves to be the student of the month."

Cass City Elementary School officials haven't yet named the first elementary student of the month.

According to junior-senior high school Principal Chad Daniels, Perkins' selection for the honor was the decision of the building's MTSS (multi-tiered support system) team.

"The team looks at nominated students from the teaching staff and collectively decides on a 'student of the month' based on academic achievement and the displaying of our five pillars of character: personal responsibility, respect, integrity, discipline and enthusiasm (P.R.I.D.E.)," Daniels explained.

"Each student of the month is a shining example of the great kids we have at Cass City junior-Senior High School."

Although not all of the details have been finalized, Daniels noted students selected for the honor will continue to be honored by the Cass City Board of Education, which in the past met personally with Red Hawk Award of Excellence winners on a quarterly basis during regular monthly meetings.

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Kingston trio highlight all-league selections

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

North Central Thumb League, district and regional champ Kingston dominated the Stars Division all-league volleyball selections with a trio of dream team performers.

Cardinals Camryn MacGuire, Carley Smith and Lily Lyons all landed on the all-league first team – determined by the vote of coaches in the 6-school association – to highlight several honorees from the undefeated North Central Thumb League – Stars Division (NCTL-Stars) champions.

MacGuire's season totals included 503 assists, 220 service points with 63 aces, and 32 kills, while Smith recorded 176 kills, 245 service points with 48 aces, 88 digs, and 28 blocks and Lyons had 104 kills, 130 service points with 40 aces.

"We finished the season with a 20-1 record, NCTL Stars Division, district and regional champions. It was the first time in school history for an undefeated regular season as well as its first regional championship in volleyball," said Kingston Coach Beth Hunter.

Rounding out the NCTL-Stars all-league first team choices are Addison Williams, Deckerville,

Clair Watson, Deckerville, Erin Boettcher, Dryden and Ally Sobek, Dryden.

Kingston's Payton Kolacz and Jillyan Dinsmore are NCYL-Stars

Huron and Natalie Poirier, Dryden.

Kolacz turned in 158 kills, 93 service points with 23 aces, and 26 blocks on the campaign and Dinsmore added 61 kills and 90 service points.

"Our senior class has continued their record setting and title winning ways this Fall. I have been blessed to have this group, some have been with me all 4 years. They have changed the culture and raised the bar for Kingston Volleyball and I could not be more proud of this group of young ladies."

**Coach
 Beth
 Hunter**

all-league second team picks, along with Ella Watson, Deckerville, Alexandria Minnock, Genesee, Madely Pitcavage, Mayville, Grace Wiley, North

we really wanted to win both in the same season and give ourselves a chance at history in the regionals. Going undefeated was Please turn to page 10.



WINNER, WINNER, venison dinner. Cass City resident Jerry Guinther downed this 8-point buck using a muzzleloader Friday morning. In addition to bagging a buck of a lifetime with an 80 yard bull's-eye, Guinther was the Cass City Chronicle's Deer Contest winner and received a free one-year subscription to the Chronicle and \$50 in cash.

Volleyball All-League 2018 Stripes Division

First Team All-League

- 1.) Abigail Dunn – Akron
- 2.) Faith Haener – Peck
- 3.) Sam Bissett – Peck
- 4.) Emily Judd – BCAS
- 5.) Emily Huskiens – BCAS
- 6.) Grace Anderson – BCAS
- 7.) McKenzie Falls – CPS

Second Team All-League

- 1.) Cynthia Beauvais – Akron
- 2.) Morgan Winarski – Peck
- 3.) Abby Bullis – Peck
- 4.) Eden White – BCAS
- 5.) Jessica Weller – BCAS
- 6.) Tori Smith – CPS
- 7.) Kaylan Ewald – Caseville

Honorable Mention All-League

- Akron – Stacia Cohee, Natalie Aldrich
 BCAS – Anna Schwedler, Grace Deyarmond
 CPS – Alliyah Baysdell
 Caseville – Emma Hopkins
 Owen-Gage – Megan Fritz
 Peck – Emma Engler

All-Region team includes Lady Red Hawk pair

Cass City seniors Kelly Ziegler and Kacey Haire each earned first team Division 3, Region 9, all-region honors to the delight of Red Hawk volleyball Coach Amy Cuthrell.

Ziegler, the team's Libero, had a banner final season that included 1,084 digs and 707 receptions with only 15 errors.

"Kelly was the heartbeat of our team and was one of the reasons we were able to have the successful season that we had. After graduating out a very strong offensive team we transitioned this year to an even stronger defensive squad. The saying "defense wins games" is true. Kelly was a standout Libero, in fact one of the best in the area and beyond. She led our team in digs and, in fact, broke the 1,000 touch mark this year. What makes her unique and priceless is her aggressive style. Her ability to read opposing teams' offenses and

move accordingly on the court was impressive. She is coachable and has a deep passion for the game. Kelly is hoping to play at the next level and whoever gets the opportunity to coach her will be getting a gift," said Cuthrell.

Haire was the team's go-to option in the front row. She recorded 337 kills and 467 digs during the campaign.

"Kacey has a strong commitment to success and works hard to be an asset to her team. I think often what makes her stand out as a player and able to be in the mix with some of the area's best is that she has a deep work ethic and one of the most competitive spirits. Her heart is her strength and her endurance is commendable. She has been a varsity volleyball player for Cass City for three years and in that time has developed into a strong outside hitter and a reliable 6 slot player," Cuthrell said.



CASS CITY senior Kelly Ziegler hits the floor to make a dig, while classmate Kacey Haire, above right, makes a play at the net.

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NCTL 8-Man Football 2018 Red Division All-League

First Team All-League Offense

QB.) Hunter Nowak - Sr. - Morrice
 RB.) Patrick Ervin - Sr. - Sacred Heart
 RB.) Auston Edington - Sr. - Morrice
 WR/TE.) Noah Krepostman - Sr. - Sacred Heart
 WR/TE.) Beau Dietz - Sr. - Morrice
 OL.) Jacob Fritz - Sr. - Sacred Heart
 OL.) Dakota Lemcool - Sr. - Morrice
 OL.) Sam Koresky - Sr. - Morrice
 OL.) Andrew Latunski - Sr. - Morrice
 K.) Parker Vozar - Sr. - Morrice

Second Team All-League Offense

QB.) Ben Ruggles - Jr. - Sacred Heart
 RB.) Connor Lucas - Sr. - Morrice
 RB.) Luis Delna - Sr. - Lawrence
 WR/TE.) Kyle Houston - Sr. - Sacred Heart
 WR/TE.) Jack Nanasy - Jr. - Morrice
 WR/TE.) Josh Conner - Sr. - Genesee
 OL.) Rory Scully - Sr. - Sacred Heart
 OL.) Ethan Payment - Sr. - Lawrence
 OL.) Alex Pervez - Sr. - Lawrence
 OL.) Terrell Griffin - Sr. - Madison
 K.) Erikah Cudjoe - Sr. - Sacred Heart

Honorable Mention All-League Offense

IAF - Jezaucon Stevenson - So., Korde Ingram - Sr.,
 Lawrence - Bol Bak - Fr., Bailee Pace - So.
 Sacred Heart - Brendan Zeien - Sr.
 Genesee - Nicholas Cruz Florez - Sr.

First Team All-League Defense

DL.) Jacob Fritz - Sr. - Sacred Heart
 DL.) Jack Nanasy - Jr. - Morrice
 DL.) Sam Koresky - Sr. - Morrice
 DL.) Luis Reyna - Sr. - Lawrence
 LB.) Brendan Zeien - Sr. - Sacred Heart
 LB.) Connor Lucas - Sr. - Morrice
 LB.) Auston Edington - Sr. - Morrice
 LB.) Blake Powell - Sr. - Genesee
 DB.) Noah Krepostman - Sr. - Sacred Heart
 DB.) Shane Cole - Jr. - Morrice
 P.) Hunter Nowak - Sr. - Morrice

Second Team All-League Defense

DL.) Nate Gruss - Jr. - Sacred Heart
 DL.) Dakota Lemcool - Sr. - Morrice
 DL.) Daniel Gray - So. - Lawrence
 LB.) Beau Dietz - Sr. - Morrice
 LB.) Bailee Page - So. - Lawrence
 LB.) Patrick Ervin - Sr. - Sacred Heart
 DB.) Austin Lobsinger - Jr. - Sacred Heart
 DB.) Chris Rosin - Sr. - Morrice
 DB.) Will Stewart - Sr. - Genesee

Honorable Mention All-League Defense

IAF - David Haire - Jr., DeWanye Love - So.
 Sacred Heart - Trevor McGuirk - Sr.
 Lawrence - Landor Copeman - Jr.
 Madison - Marvious Davis - Jr.



DOUBLE TAKE

Caden Walsh harvested these two trophy 8-point bucks on opening day with a blast from his Ruger 450 Bushmaster in Greenleaf Township. Caden, a 9th grader, was hunting on his father Craig Walsh's property.

Volleyball stars announced

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not part of the plan, but a welcomed bonus."

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and raised the bar for Kingston Volleyball and I could not be more proud of this group of young ladies. They have been great leaders in our school and have left their mark and cemented their legacy in Kingston. We have some big shoes to fill, but will work hard to keep the trajectory of the program headed in the right direction," she said.



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JENNESS CAME to the Thumb four years ago to take advantage of an opportunity to purchase a maple syrup business, complete with his own sugar bush.

Local entrepreneur has cure for a sweet tooth -- homemade brittle treats

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A special family recipe, using cast-iron pans and raw nuts, is the basis of success for one small business in Cass City.

Ron Dimmitt operates "Ron's



Ron Dimmitt

Fantastic Homemade Brittles" out of his residence on Main Street in town. And, although he has been making his custom brittles for several years, he's only offered the products for sale for about six years.

"I made it before that, but just for family and friends. Then, I started selling it. It is an unusual recipe. I've looked all over for one like mine — even on the Internet — but never found one like the one I use," said Dimmitt. "Lots of others use vanilla, salt and precooked nuts in theirs. I don't.

"I make mine in a cast-iron skillet, about two pounds at a time. It's a slow process," he added.

Dimmitt uses corn syrup, sugar and water, as well as other ingredients.

"I use raw nuts. I think that is why the flavor is so good in mine. Most of my customers come back and tell me my brittle is the best they ever had. They are very sincere in saying that."

The recipe has been in his family for about 67 years.

"I remember when we got the recipe from a neighbor with some raw peanuts to make it," he recalled. "My mom used to make it

for us. I hung on to the recipe because I liked it."

Although he uses his family's basic tried-and-true recipe, he's expanded on it to make eight different kinds of brittle. Cashew, almonds, coconut, cajun, double nut and pecan are among the varieties he offers along with the standard peanut.

"I even make a plain brittle with no nuts for people who are allergic to nuts," he said. "If fact, I use totally different skillets to make that — so there are no issues (with peanut contamination) — and also separate utensils."

Along with the brittles, Dimmitt offers a few mixes and crispy treats.

"I don't get into that very much. I'm too busy taking care of my brittle customers," he noted.

And busy Dimmitt is, even though he is retired.

"There are times when I've worked 10 to 12 hours a day to make enough brittle for the events," said Dimmitt, who offers his sweet treats for sale at farmers markets in Pigeon, Harbor Beach and Port Austin, among others. During the warm-weather months, keeping up with those markets' demand isn't easy.

"That is all I do. I have my farmers markets on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is when I make the brittle," he noted.

Aside from farmers markets, he secures booths at special events such as the Lady Slipper Festival at the Nature Center in Huron County, the Cass City Freedom Festival, Bay Port Fish Festival, events at the Thumb Octagon Barn, and the Christmas festival in Sebewaing.

Although there is a demand for his brittles, he is limited by the state's cottage food laws on how he can sell his products. For example, he can't offer them for sale via the mail.

"I can sell person to person, but not by mail, even if they have been customers before. I have to sell directly to a person, face to face," he said. "In between markets, some customers want brittle and would like to have it mailed to them, but I can't do that."

More information about Ron's Fantastic Homemade Brittles is available by calling (989) 545-5946.

Nov. 24 is Small Business Saturday

Jenness clan turns family recipe into a money-maker

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years from what he taught me," said Jenness, who explained he started out making vinegar on the family farm in Illinois for family and friends.

As time went on, he continued the family hobby. Many relatives began to encourage Jenness to start selling his homemade vinegar, but it wasn't until Katie, his daughter, encouraged the family to start taking their products to local farmers markets that they turned their family tradition into a business.

The Jenness family moved to the Thumb about four years ago when Joe had the opportunity to buy a

maple syrup business. Because the farm doesn't have an orchard, he buys his apples from Amish families in the area.

"I was interested in having a maple syrup business for a long time, and an opportunity opened here to do that," he said.

Jenness noted he produces 100 percent maple syrup without any additives, unlike some commercial maple syrups that are actually made using corn syrup with artificial flavoring and coloring.

It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup. Jenness Farms is in the process of building a new syrup shack, where they plan to have the newest and most efficient equip-

ment in place for next season to make the highest quality syrup possible.

There are a number of health benefits from using 100 percent maple syrup and apple cider vinegar, which are both good sources of nutrients and vitamins.

Jenness provides the maple syrup that is used for the pancake breakfast during the Fall Family Days celebration at the Thumb Octagon Barn near Gageton. He also sells his syrup and cider at farmers' markets in the Thumb and on the internet.

Area residents can learn more by logging on to the website www.jennessfarms.com.

Obituaries

William Holdburg

William Darrin Holdburg, 53, of Cass City died unexpectedly Friday, November 9, 2018 in his daughter's home in Sterling Heights.

He was born March 4, 1965 in Cass City to Norris Lee and Shirleen Marie (Warford) Holdburg.

Will graduated from Cass City High School with the class of 1984. He was a journeyman electrician for IBEW Local 58. Will was an industrial electrician in Michigan and traveled to other states when there was a need. He enjoyed deer hunting, playing cards, four wheeling and snowmobiling. Winter was his favorite time of year. Will liked gardening and making the house look nice with plants. He was an awesome cook and was the keeper of the family recipes. Will enjoyed watching sports on television, especially NASCAR and MASH. He loved Tim Allen and always tried to duplicate his laugh. What brought Will the most peace and joy to his life were his children and granddaughter, Crystal.

Will is survived by his children: Nicole Valiquette of Sterling Heights, Michael (Leslie) Valiquette of Rock Falls, IL; granddaughter, Crystal; siblings: Linda (Mike) Herner of Saginaw, Brenda (Robert) Cook of Saginaw, Norris (Christine) Holdburg of Cass City, Pete (Kathy) Gamet of Deford, Jade Galinski of Gageton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service was held Saturday, November 17, in Kranz Funeral Home Cass City with Pastor David Cooper of Deford Community Church officiating.

Interment is in Hillside Cemetery, Elmwood Township.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Alison Koepfgen

Alison Rosemary Beardsworth Koepfgen, 59, passed peacefully away on Monday, November 5, 2018 at her home in Kekaha, Kauai with family and friends.

Alison was born in Hinckley, UK on March 7, 1959 to Molly Brinham Beardsworth and Dr. Brian Smith Beardsworth.

She is survived by her loving husband Donald Fred Koepfgen (formerly from Cass City); beloved parents, brother Jonathon (Jane) Beardsworth, Burbage, UK; Isabelle (Harry) Beardsworth, Petaluma, CA; Sheila (Andrew) Woodward, Walsall, UK; Dr. Helen (Dr. Paul) Howes, Hinckley, UK; and many loving in-laws, nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, cousins and a host of life-long friends.

Alison was preceded in death by her beloved brother Timothy Stephen Beardsworth, grandmother, Winifred "Nanny" Violet Brinham, Grandma Alice Smith; Don's parents, Donald E. Koepfgen, Nelle Koepfgen Maharg and Kenneth C. Maharg.

It was fitting Alison died on Guy Fawkes Night as she exploded into the family as the third child. In a moment of exasperation at her antics and constant chatter she said to her mother "Aren't you glad I wasn't twins". She was a unique person and a ball of energy she propelled into her life and in service to others. After High School she attended nursing school in Nottingham, UK then travelled and married Don characteristically on February 29, 1988 (Leap Year) in Kauai. She worked and travelled extensively abroad with her husband until settling back in Kauai. She became an accomplished massage therapist specializing in myofascial/cranial work at Alexander Spa for 15 years and her own business "Restoration Works".

Alison loved Kauai and dedicated much of her free time taking care of Kauai through volunteering for Kokee Resource Conservation Program (KRCP); protecting the indigenous flora and fauna of the special place. She had a myriad of interests including backpacking, exploring, motorcycling with her husband, playing the piano and even completed a solo flight in hang gliding. She was an avid long-distance runner completing some 15 marathons over two decades. She gave so much to so many. She was much loved.

A Celebration of Life was held at Kokee State Park Pavilion on November 18, 2018. Family and friends attended to honor Alison's memory with kind thoughts, photos, sharing stories, and memorial plantings of native flora and fauna to pay tribute.

The Koepfgen family has established a Go Fund Me account for donations to assist with Alison's medical, end of life, and discretionary needs at <http://www.gofundme.com/alison-don-koepfgen>. Mahalo.



Donald Loomis

Donald Howard Loomis, 87, of Cass City died Wednesday, November 14, 2018 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City.

He was born February 8, 1931 in Gageton to Howard and Cecil (McConkey) Loomis. He was married to Anita Ilene Weatherhead August 2, 1952 in Cass City.

Don graduated from Cass City High School with the class of 1949. He began farming with two heifers that he received as a graduation gift from his parents. He loved operating the dairy farm with his brother David for forty years. In 1989, Don started to work as a custodian for Cass City Elementary School. He also served as a substitute rural mail carrier for Gageton for twenty-three years. Don participated in Farm Bureau and served on the Tuscola County Soil Conservation Board of Directors. He possessed a strong faith and a great sense of humor. Don loved the Christmas holiday and portraying Santa Claus for friends and family. He was a very generous and loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Don is survived by his wife, Anita and their children: Becky (William) Dornbush of Sartell, MN; Debbie (Henry) Cooklin of Monticello, IL; Sally (Michael) Scott of Cass City; Thomas (Valorie) Loomis of Petoskey and Kay (Ethan) Ware of Columbia, SC; grandchildren: Brianne Dornbush, Ariel Dornbush, Joshua Dornbush, Aaron (Ingrid) Cooklin, Amy (Bernard) Bell, Angela (Kyle) Cresap, Ian (Nicole) Scott, Bryce Scott, Joseph (Sophia) Loomis, Benjamin (Megan) Loomis, Hannah Loomis, Peter Loomis, Rachel Loomis, Malachi Ware, Jackson Ware, Noah Ware and Julia Kay Ware; great-grandchildren: Nora Bell, Eli Bell, Kaden Cresap, Kolter Cresap, Ekko Scott and Lucian Scott; brother, David (Joyce) Loomis of Bay City; sister, Shirley Kritzman of Millersburg, IN; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Francis Loomis; sisters: Lucille DeLong and Dorothy Murray.

A funeral service was held Sunday, November 18, in Evangelical Free Church of Cass City with Pastor Todd Gould officiating.

Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery.



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Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)

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(Independent Fundamental)



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Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

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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 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).

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 31, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
1366314

10-31-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCI-

ATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR TWELVE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

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 public 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.

Right of way for Washburn Road over the Eastern side thereof. Commonly known as: 4950 WASHBURN RD, VASSAR, MI 48768 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the bor-

rower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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

10-31-4

We are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify us at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by SUSAN WYKES, a single person, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for American Southwest Mortgage Funding Corp., Mortgagee, dated the 9th day of December, 2016 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of December, 2016 in Liber 1364 of Tuscola County Records, page 1218, said Mortgage having been assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen & 57/100 (\$119,716.57), by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of December, 2018 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, with interest thereon at 4.00 per annum 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: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 10

North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as:

Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section which is North 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds West 264 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds West along said North line 260 feet; thence South, parallel with the East line of said Section, 335.14 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds East, parallel with the North line of said Section, 260 feet; thence North, parallel with the East line of said Section, 335.14 feet to the point of beginning. Except that part reserved for use as Arbelo Road, so-called 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 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed 30 days after the foreclosure sale or when the time to provide the notice required by the statute expires, whichever is later.

Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney
Dated: 11/14/2018
Freedom Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Servicer 700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 362-2600 FMC FARM WYKES

11-14-4

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 December 13, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kenneth I. Witek, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Thumb National Mortgage, LLC
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Arvest Central Mortgage Company fka Central Mortgage Company
Date of Mortgage: October 25, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 7, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$21,190.49

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the Section line 154.5 feet South of the East 1/4 corner of Section 13, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, thence West 163 feet; thence South 165 feet; thence East 163 feet; thence North 165 feet to 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: November 14, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
1367804

11-14-4

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 December 20, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joel Clapper, A Single Man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: November 19, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 1, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$89,680.66
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 20 of Auten Subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 27B of Tuscola County records.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mort-

gage 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: November 21, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
1368232

11-19-4

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 December 20, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jeffrey A Bowyer, a single person
Original Mortgagee: ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
Date of Mortgage: August 2, 2002

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 26, 2002

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$52,432.70

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 297 feet West of the Southeast Corner of Section 27, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, Gilford Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 230 feet; thence West 400 feet; thence South 230 feet; thence East 400 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.
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Date of notice: November 21, 2018
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11-21-4



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To the residents and property owners of the Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and all other interested persons:

On November 12, 2018, the Township of Elkland (the "Township") adopted an Ordinance to Amend Zoning Ordinance to Provide for Wind Energy Conversion Systems ("Ordinance"). A summary of the Ordinance is provided below. A true copy of the Ordinance, including any exhibits, is available for inspection at the Township Hall, 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI and at the Rawson Memorial Library, 6495 Pine St, Cass City, MI 48726 during regular business hours.

Section 1. This section states the purpose of the Ordinance.

Section 2. This section amends Section 708 of the Code of Ordinances to remove subparagraphs "Commercial wind turbines" and "Semi-commercial wind turbines" and replace them with new standards and requirements for wind energy conversion systems.

Section 3. This section amends Section 202 of the Code of Ordinances to add definitions for certain terms related to wind energy conversion systems.

Section 4. This section provides that all other sections of Section 708, including "Personal wind turbines" are not amended by the Ordinance and shall remain unchanged. Further, if any portion of the Ordinance is found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This section provides that if any provision of this Ordinance differs from a provision of any other applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation, both the provision of this Ordinance and the differing provision shall apply if possible. If the two (2) provisions are in conflict, then the provision establishing the higher or stricter standard shall apply.

Section 6. This section provides that the Ordinance shall take effect seven days after publication.

EDWARD LABELLE, Clerk
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Charming country home oozing with character. Located just outside of town, across from a golf course. This home has an adorable kitchen with white cabinets, all appliances included. Spacious living room, decorated with a special flair. Full bath offers a walk in shower and soak tub with jets. First floor laundry, Bedrooms are on the second floor. Full basement. 123-18-0025

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The Bigelow's Hardware building today

Blast from the past

Bigelow's was the place of the creative hardware man

by Jim Ware
Local historian

In 1888 an Englishman named Nolton Bigelow from New York, and a Mr. Howe purchased the hardware stock of Weydemeyer and Kane, and opened their own store. Mr. Howe sold his share of the business in 1895, and the business was then named N. Bigelow and Son Hardware.

In 1901, a new impressive store was built and faced with orange Cass City bricks, which were fired at the brick yard south of town at the fork of the river.

Nolton and his son, Samuel Bigelow, adopted the slogan, "Up To Date Since 88", and until fairly recent years it was painted on the side of the building.

The business was successful from the start, and eventually, Nolton was succeeded by his son, Samuel, and Samuel's son, Andrew Bigelow. Both Samuel and Andrew were well-known businessmen and active community leaders for many years. Andrew didn't have a son to work with him in the business when Samuel retired, so he hired a young man named Lloyd Vyse to assist him and to learn the business.

Lloyd was born in the Flint area and went to the Winton Country School near Gagetown, and then went on to graduate from Cass City High School in 1947. He took to the hardware business and learned it well from Andy. When Andy retired in 1963, he sold the business and building to Lloyd, who became its sole proprietor.

Lloyd retained the name Bigelow Hardware, although "Vyse" would have made a good hardware name. He also retained the slogan, "Up To Date Since 88".

His product line was up-to-date, but the layout of the store and some of his inventory reflected earlier times. If you went into his store, you might still be able to buy a large crock for making your sauerkraut, or maybe a damper control for your stove pipe.

Lloyd loved his business, he loved his community, and he loved to square dance. For a big man, he could do-si-do around the store and retrieve whatever you needed with ease. He might have it on a counter, under the counter, on a shelf, in a bin, in a drawer or hanging on the wall.

He had garden seeds in the bulk, and his sweet corn was guaranteed to be the sweetest you could buy anywhere.

He knew the prices of everything and he would write up your bill on a little pad with a carbon copy for himself, and announce the total cost to you. He would then add the sale tax and always say, "And so much for the governor." Then he would ring it up on his vintage cash register.

In the 1950s, while still working for Andy, Lloyd decided to make a Christmas display for the front of his home on east Main Street to celebrate the holiday season. It was an elaborate display of Santa, Mrs. Claus and Santa's elves making Christmas gifts. The characters and props were made of wood, chicken wire and papier mache, all colorfully painted and lighted.

This created a lot of attention in the community. In following years, he made new displays with new themes such as Santa and his sleigh with all the reindeer, animated snowmen and others. The idea caught on, and Lucille "Grandma" Champion Bauer set up an elaborate manger scene display beside her home on Main Street, with live animals, including a donkey and sheep. Soon other people were also making displays for their homes, and some buying Lloyd's previous year's displays. The chamber of commerce sponsored a contest for the best Christmas displays, with prizes for the winners.

People came from all over at night to tour "Christmas Town" Cass City. An elaborate Christmas pageant production was developed and performed on a hill on the north side of town for a few years, which drew even more people to visit Christmas Town.

It was decided that there should be Christmas decorations hanging from the light poles along Main Street, and Vyse was made chairman of the committee. Various lighted decorations of Santa faces, Christmas trees and snowmen were made of papier mache and other materials. This tradition has been adopted by most towns, but today the displays are usually commercially made.

In 1965, for Cass City's centennial celebration, Lloyd led a team in designing and constructing displays for the light poles on Main Street. The upper floor of his store became a display factory, with several volunteers assisting in the project. This was during the time when the space exploration program was capturing all the headlines in the nation.

Our theme was "Pace Setters of the Thumb". The globes were made of beach balls covered with papier mache. Assembling these displays for each light pole was quite a task.

Special help was received from Mary Leeson on the painting and JD Tuckey in welding up the brackets for hanging them on the light poles.

Although the work to maintain the glory of Christmas Town couldn't continue to be maintained and also grow in scope year after year, it along with the centennial celebration brought much excitement, involvement and unity within the community. It was a time when there were no empty retail stores, and businesses were all doing well, even though the people coming into town came mostly at night when the stores were closed.

One newspaper reported that cars were backed up to M-53, trying to come to Christmas Town. It was a time when we had three successful hardware stores: Bigelow, Albee and Bishop hardwares. Fortunately, we still have a fine, up-to-date hardware store, Cass City Hardware, today.

Lloyd, with his low-key manner, was an important spark plug to the community. He understood the more you contribute, the more valuable your community is to you.

The local chamber of commerce named him Citizen of the Year in 1989. Although Lloyd never married and had a family, his creativity and love for his community helped it to become a family in an important time of our history.

(Lloyd Hall Vyse 1926-1993)



Cass City Chamber of Commerce
Proudly Presents

Christmas

IN THE VILLAGE

Saturday, December 1st 2018

9 - 11:30 a.m......**Breakfast with Santa, VFW Hall**
11 & under free, 12 & older \$2.00
Sponsored by: **McDonald's of Cass City**

9 - 3:00 p.m......**Craft Show, Cass City High School**
Entrance fee: \$1 or non-perishable food item for Revive

10 - 11 a.m......**Kids Christmas Craft, Rawson Library**
Must preregister

11 a.m. - 3 p.m...... **Town-wide Chili Cook Off & Chili for Charity**
Purchase ballots at Cass City Municipal Building
Sponsored by: **Knights Insurance Agency**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m......**Free Wagon Rides thru town**
Sponsored by: **Thumb Octagon Barn**

1:30 p.m......**Free Matinee at Cass Theatre "Christopher Robin"**
Sponsored by: **Thumb Bank & Trust**

5:30 p.m......**Christmas Carol Singalong, Rotary Park**
Lead by: Tom Thumb Singers
Hot Chocolate sponsored by: **Thumb Bank & Trust**

6:00 p.m.....**Lighted Parade and arrival of Santa Claus**
Main Street starting at Parkway and ending at VFW Hall

6:30 p.m......**Community Gathering, VFW Hall**
Visit with Santa and receive a free toy, and free Carriage Rides
Toys sponsored by: **Revive & Platinum Sponsors**
Popcorn sponsored by: **Independent Bank**
Bean Soup sponsored by: **Thumb Insurance & Howard's Heating**
Cookies & Reindeer Antlers sponsored by: **Frankenmuth Credit Union**

7:00 p.m......**Capital City Ringers Handbell, CC United Methodist**

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