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Making a promise

Group unveils plan to provide every Cass City student with funds to pursue their post-secondary educations

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A handful of Cass City residents has joined forces to lay the groundwork for a program that promises to arm students not only with the habits they'll need to build bright futures for themselves, but also financial assistance to help turn their career goals into reality.

The plan is ambitious, to be sure, but doable if the entire community is willing to get behind it.

That's according to members of the newly formed Cass City PROMISE Team, which last week unveiled its preliminary plan and a campaign to establish and build a college/trade school savings account for every Cass City student.

The team's mission is two-fold; first to promote a community-wide culture in which local students and their families focus on, prepare and save for post-secondary (high school) education – whether that involves a college degree, certificate, or specialized career training – and secondly to provide some financial support for every student.

In the process, backers say, the Cass City PROMISE program will provide more opportunities for students, increase local enrollment, and enhance economic growth and development in the community by attracting business and increasing the number of well-training workers.

"It's not just about students; it's

about revitalizing the whole community," Cass City PROMISE Team member Janet Richards commented. Unlike many scholarship programs, she added, participation in the local "promise" program will be offered to every Cass City student, including new students enrolled in subsequent years.

Organizers plan to have the program in place starting with the 2020-21 school year.

Richards is quick to say the effort was the brainchild of two long-time Cass City residents who have remained active in and worked to better the community for decades.

"During the spring of 2019, Geraldine Prieskorn and Ben Varney...rekindled a conversation they had shared over the past several years...a desire for the establishment of a Cass City PROMISE," she said. "Knowing that (it) would stimulate a positive community transformation and provide a post-secondary culture and financial support for all Cass City graduates, Geraldine and Ben believed that hard work on a 'promise' would yield life-enhancing dividends."

Since the introduction of the Kalamazoo Public School District's Promise Scholarship Program in 2005, public school districts across the country have announced similar initiatives, offering college scholarships for students who attend their public schools for a set period of time.

Promise programs seek to trans-

form communities by making a long-term investment in education through scholarships for local students. They work to expand access to and ensure success in higher education, deepen the college-going culture in both the K-12 system and community as a whole, and support local community economic development.

Currently there are 80-plus promise programs across the country, including about 20 in Michigan. And while a number of those programs have been established in urban areas, there are also successful examples in smaller communities. One of them was established in the Baldwin Community Schools, a district with an enrollment of roughly 435 students in northern lower Michigan.

Today, the Kalamazoo Promise program — created by anonymous donors to provide every Kalamazoo High School graduate of the district with a scholarship (full tuition for students who have attended the district for their entire K-12 education) — has paid out \$117 million, sending roughly 7,000 students to four-year universities or community colleges.

Cass City program

The Cass City PROMISE program is modeled loosely on the Kalamazoo program, although on a much smaller scale to start.

In a nutshell, the Cass City

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MEMBERS OF THE Cass City PROMISE Team, including pictured above (from left) Jeff Hartel, Janet Richards, Ben Varney and Geraldine Prieskorn, last week unveiled a preliminary plan and campaign to establish and help to build a post-secondary education savings account for every Cass City student.

STD stats have health officials concerned

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

In spite of years of proactive education campaigns, the United States – and communities closer to home – still has a sexually transmitted disease problem.

In fact, the officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently issued a report revealing cases of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia reached an all-time high in 2018.

In response, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging regular testing among sexually active individuals to help stop the spread of these diseases.

According to 2018 state-level STD data, Michigan is experiencing similar trends, as cases of all three diseases increased last year. The Thumb region hasn't been immune to the problem, although the number of incidents appears to be dipping slightly.

"Over the past 10 years, Tuscola County has seen steady increases in both chlamydia and gonorrhea cases. However Tuscola County STD data for 2018 actually shows a slight decrease in both chlamydia and gonorrhea," said Kristi Villalobos, RN, nursing administrator at the Tuscola County Health Department.

According to Villalobos, chlamydia decreased by nine percent,

from 146 cases in 2017 to 134 cases in 2018, while reported incidents of gonorrhea fell by eight percent, from 22 cases in 2017 to 18 cases in 2018.

In Huron County, Judy Osentoski, Huron County Health Department Family Planning secretary, reported there were 52 cases of chlamydia and eight cases of gonorrhea during the most recent fiscal year (Oct 1, 2018—Sept. 30, 2019).

"Chlamydia cases were down slightly from the previous year's report of 71, but the gonorrhea cases have been consistent for the past several years, although increasing from only two cases in

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BRENDA Berry, pictured above (right) with volunteer Dotty Scollon, is asking area residents to continue donating to help make her expanded Christmas for Seniors project another big success this holiday season.

Area seniors benefit from Berry's labor of love at Christmas

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You'll have to forgive Brenda Berry for looking ahead to December weeks before Thanksgiving, but the Cass City woman is on a mission.

It's a mission that defines what Christmas should be all about: giving. And she's hoping her friends and neighbors – strangers, too – will join in her effort to lift the spirits of residents at Medilodge and Northwood Meadows, both located in Cass City, this holiday season.

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Health officials: not too soon to vaccinate

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The flu season isn't unlike the arrival of winter in Michigan this time of year; it may not be here yet, but you know it's coming.

Which is why state and local health officials are getting a head start on encouraging all residents to protect themselves against influenza and its potentially life-threatening consequences by getting vaccinated.

Although flu activity is only being seen sporadically across the state, the flu season is unpredictable and it's important to get vaccinated before influenza activity becomes widespread in area communities.

"Residents should receive their flu vaccine today to have optimal protection throughout the flu season," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "The flu vaccine is the most important tool available to prevent yourself and your families from getting the flu."

Sharing that advice is Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Tuscola and Huron county health departments, who pointed out that residents who get their flu shot and still come down with the virus are more likely to experience less severe symptoms and for a shorter period of time.

"It's not too early to get vaccinated," Hepfer said. "For the most part,

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Thumb tot dies in accident

A Huron County youngster died last week after she was accidentally struck by a vehicle driven by her mother, Sebewaing police reported.

The tragedy occurred last Wednesday at about 6:30 p.m. in the northern part of Sebewaing, according to investigators, who reported the mother was backing out of a driveway on Maple Street and believed the child was inside of the vehicle, not realizing the youngster was outside.

Law enforcement officers who responded attempted life-saving measures until EMS arrived and took over.

The child was pronounced dead at an area hospital.

The Sebewaing Police Department was assisted at the scene by the Huron County Sheriff's Department and the Sebewaing Township Ambulance Service.

No other information was being released pending completion of the investigation.

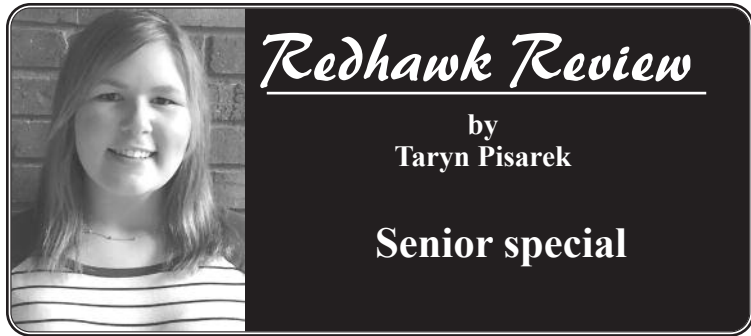


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Redhawk Review

by
Taryn Pisarek

Senior special

As most of you know, I have already written some about what it is like from my eyes as a senior in Cass City, so this week, I wanted to highlight a few thoughts from my fellow seniors and even some of the staff. In talking to my peers, I hoped to capture a sense of their experiences thus far in senior year. I asked a few what their favorite part of senior year has been.

Logan Severance answered, "I have enjoyed the excitement of planning what to do with the rest of my life." My list of questions also included the most difficult part of senior year so far, to which Elizabeth Morrish replied, "Deciding what I want to do and where to go to college."

Some gave me advice to pass along to the underclassmen. Taylor Childers commented, "Don't worry about drama or keeping up with the trends. The most important thing right now is focusing on yourself and your education so you can have a good future." Along the same lines, Rachel Skiles wants the freshman to take their work seriously as it will really help them in the long run.

Guidance counselor, Mrs. Hempton, shared a piece of advice for the senior class; to learn from mistakes so we can keep growing.

Most of us have a few things that we are looking forward to this year. Mallikii Moore is excited for his last hockey season to start, while Colby Sutton shared that he is "excited to make the best out of every moment and hang out with the people" he has spent the last 12 years with.

Mrs. Hempton also shared with me her favorite trait about our class — that we have always looked out for one another, lifting each other up in times of need. My class has chosen a very fitting quote from Winnie the Pooh: "We didn't know we were making memories. We just knew we were having fun."

Our class has had its fair share of ups and downs, but through it all, we have stuck together like family and made some pretty amazing memories. Though we are only a few months into the school year, we know our time together will come to an end before we know it, so we are going to keep soaking it up every chance we get.

On behalf of the Class of 2020, I want to thank our supportive community. Without you guys, we wouldn't be the group we are today, so thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Owendale-Gagetown announces
October Students of the month

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for October is being a "Productive Citizen".

A student who is a productive citizen is actively involved in school and community organizations, conducts self appropriately in and out of class, and displays open-mindedness when confronted with diversities.

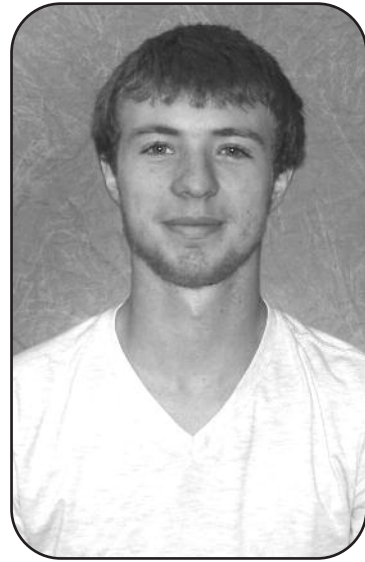
They also have an awareness of local and global issues and concerns.

The following students have been chosen: Lillian Parker, Kdg. (elementary level), daughter of Josh and Lyndsay Parker; Aubrey Hellebuyck, sixth grade (junior high level), daughter of Anthony Hellebuyck and Ashley Shepherd; Ethan Harp, eleventh grade (high school level), son of Adam and Linda Harp; and Victoria Smith, twelfth grade (senior student), granddaughter of Donald Smith, Sr.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Victoria Smith. Smith participated in softball her sophomore year. She was on the honor roll her junior year. As a senior, she was chosen as a queen representative for homecoming. Smith is in her second year of attending the Huron

Area Technical Center where she's enrolled in the Food/Hospitality program. She spends a lot of her spare time babysitting her

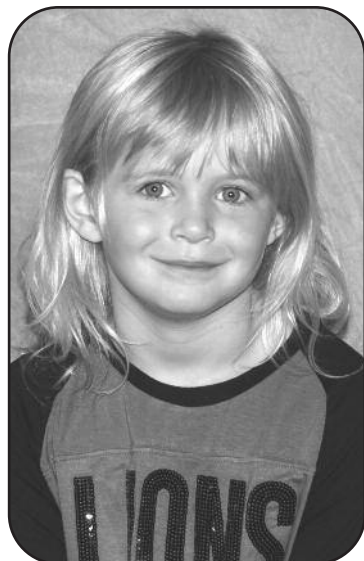
young nieces. Smith is undecided at this time of her future plans, but she would like to become a chef.



Ethan Harp



Victoria Smith



Lillian Parker



Aubrey Hellebuyck

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Veterans Day still means something

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

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

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

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

Students and staff will welcome area veterans during the district’s 2019 Veterans Day Honorary Celebration Monday, Nov. 11, starting at 8 a.m., at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Should icons be updated?



I love a good mystery. I got hooked on mysteries back when I was a student at the Columbia Corners Country School. Although the library was small, there were a lot of Carolyn Keene’s Nancy Drew books, and Hardy Boys mysteries.

I’m pretty sure I read all of the Nancy Drew books that the school had. The Hardy Boys books were okay, but I preferred a female heroine.

In the books I read, Nancy drove a blue roadster vehicle and wore dresses and heels.

Of course, being the nosy reporter that I am, I did a little research on who had been my favorite author, and it surprised me.

Although Edward Stratemeyer created the characters and synopsis for the first few Nancy Drew books, he did not write them himself, and for many years the actual writers agreed not to reveal their names.

Finally, it was announced Mildred (Wirt) Benson was the ghostwriter “Carolyn Keene” for 23 of the first 30 Nancy Drew books. Benson was an independent, resourceful woman herself, and she endowed Nancy and many of her other heroines with these same qualities. The strong and vivid characteristics of Nancy Drew is what readers liked and why she is still popular today.

Benson became the first woman to receive a master’s degree in journalism from the University of Iowa. (I knew there was a reason why I liked her).

Her first Nancy Drew book was “The Secret of the Old Clock”, published in 1930.

And, I was delighted when I found Amazon had Nancy Drew books I could read on my Kindle e-reader.

I guess I should have expected there would have been some updates to the books that I had read as a child.

The kindle books had Nancy wearing blue jeans and sneakers, and driving a Mustang convertible. I could understand those changes being made. Reading some of those electric books was like a trip down memory lane with a childhood friend who has grown up and changed with the times.

Then, I discovered there was a television show about my favorite sleuth on one of my satellite television networks.

I tuned in and settled down to watch my heroine. I was prepared to see her driving a Mustang, wearing jeans and all, but there was much more than that.

Although the opening scene didn’t directly show what was going on, there was no doubt Nancy and a guy were being intimate.

I knew the books had talked about her having a boyfriend, but in the television program he was basically just a random guy.

Nancy! Nancy! All I can say is, the new Nancy is not the Nancy I or my mother knew. And, that it’s a mystery to me why she has changed so much.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Area fisherman may find these recently-released Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) stats interesting – and impressive.

Brown trout, coho salmon, steelhead, walleye and nine other species along with one hybrid were among the 21,281,411 fish stocked in Michigan’s public waters so far this year. These fish weighed a combined total of 311 tons.

The DNR staff made 449 stocking trips to 857 stocking sites, including the Great Lakes, inland lakes and rivers. Eighteen specialized stocking trucks traveled 106,000 miles over the course of 2,693 hours to get the job done.

The number and type of fish stocked varies depending on stocking requests, hatchery rearing assignments, and the source and temperature of each facility’s rearing water.

Michigan has six state fish hatcheries and two cooperative hatcheries that together produce the species, strain and size of fish requested by fisheries managers. These fish are delivered at a specific time and location to ensure their survival and success.

Each hatchery stocked the following fish:

*Harrietta State Fish Hatchery (west of Cadillac) stocked 916,630 brown and rainbow trout.

*Marquette State Fish Hatchery (near Marquette) stocked 377,076 yearling lake trout, brook trout and splake (a hybrid of lake trout and brook trout).

*Oden State Fish Hatchery (near Petoskey) stocked 647,699 brown and rainbow trout.

*Platte River State Fish Hatchery (near Honor) stocked 3,090,753 fish that included yearling Atlantic and coho salmon, spring fingerling chinook salmon and walleye fry.

*Thompson State Fish Hatchery (near Manistique) stocked 6,944,722 fish that included yearling steelhead, spring fingerling chinook salmon and walleye fry.

*Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery (near Kalamazoo) stocked 6,233,314 fish that included yearling steelhead, spring fingerling chinook salmon, Great Lakes strain muskellunge, walleye fry and channel catfish obtained from the Ohio DNR.

The total includes more than three million walleye spring fingerlings reared in ponds by the DNR and tribal partners, with extensive support provided by local sporting organizations. Also included are 14,544 lake sturgeon fingerlings reared at stream-side hatcheries and released in various inland and Great Lake tributary streams.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reports their office handled an incident over the weekend which involved a former Navy SEAL losing his cane at a Bad Axe area gas station.

The 67-year-old man from Bad Axe was at the Speedy Q Gas Station in Verona Township on Friday (Nov. 1st) around 10:40, and used a northeast pump to fill his vehicle. Not knowing he misplaced his cane, he left and returned a while later to look for it, only to find it wasn’t there. The cane is made of wood and has the Navy Seal insignia on top of the handle, which also has a blue background. The shaft of the cane has three ship names and their hull identities burned into it. They are as follows: USS Biddle CG34, USS Bowen FF1079 and USS RG Bradley FFG49. The accomplished veteran asks for nothing more than the return of this cane.

Anyone who may know the whereabouts of it is asked to call our office during regular business hours at 989-269-6500, or Huron Central Dispatch at 989-269-6421. The cane can also be dropped off at our office with no questions asked. The return of it will be greatly appreciated.

The Sanilac County Drug Task Force, along with all local law enforcement, wish to give a shout out to all those who participated in the October 26th D.E.A. sponsored Drug Take Back Initiative.

A total of 162.7 pounds of prescription drugs were collected since the spring 2019 collection date, reports Jim Johnson, Director at the Sanilac County Drug Task Force, who noted Croswell Police collected 18 pounds of prescription drugs, Marlette Police collected 12 pounds, and the Sheriff’s Office accepted 33.5 pounds.

The agencies listed above will continue to accept the drop off of medications during their lobby business hours. We would like to include the Deckerville Healthcare Services at 2433 Black River St., Deckerville as a Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. alternate non-law enforcement site.

You may also contact the Drug Task Force directly at 810-648-4580 for a scheduled pick-up of your unused or expired medications, or with any questions you may have.

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Wednesday, November 6

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Humand Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, November 7

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

Saturday, November 9

•Al-Anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
•Grief/loss meetings, 9:45 a.m., Novesta Church of Christ.

Sunday, November 10

•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at Hills and Dales Boardroom 4675 Hill Street. Social support group that strived to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

Monday, November 11

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Tuesday, November 12

•Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in 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.
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

Sheriff: sexting complaint should serve as reminder to kids, parents

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent recently issued a stern reminder on the sheriff's department's Facebook page to youths and their parents after his department encountered an incident involving sexting and blackmail.

"We received a complaint of a 16-year-old who received a friend request from someone on Facebook and developed a short online relationship in which the

16-year-old was asked to send nude pictures/video of themselves," Skrent explained.

"It is believed the suspect pretended to be someone they were not, to lure the 16-year-old to send the picture/video. They then attempted to blackmail the (victim) to send money or they would post what was sent online," he said.

"This is not the first complaint of this type in our county," the sheriff

noted. "Parents should warn their children that sending nude photos/video of themselves is in itself a crime, and they subject themselves to the type of issue above.

"Once a picture or video is sent you have no control over it. Posting/sending self-compromising pictures or videos online is like shooting a bullet from a gun; there is no taking it back."

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Edward N. Bukraba, Jr., 64, Jackson, was sentenced to two years in prison following his plea of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony July 20, 2018, in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$258.

*Charles M. Nehls, 40, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) July 13 in Caro.

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

*Jayme L. Hix, 33, Vassar, pleaded guilty to two counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

*Joel T. Thatcher, 48, Roscommon, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept 10 in Wells Township. 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 \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jerry J. Erla, 34, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Sept 10 in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

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

*Amy M. Bearinger, 40, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following her pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) and assault, resisting or obstructing a police officer July 11

in Caro.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$508.

*Joseph W. Trollman, 27, Mayville, pleaded no contest to conducting a criminal enterprise and delivery/manufacture of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 50 grams) between March and July in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$100,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Rhonda J. Underwood, 47, Vassar, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with work release and work-site privileges, following her plea of guilty to operating a motor ve-

hicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 30 in Dayton Township.

She was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Deandre D. Sausedo, 22, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following her pleas of guilty to using a computer to commit a crime and identity theft between Feb. 1 and March 18 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, she was placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$970 plus restitution of \$436.05.

Thumb boy struck Halloween night

A Thumb youth was struck by a vehicle and critically injured on Halloween night.

The Sandusky Police Department reported a 12-year-old boy from Sandusky was hit by a moving vehicle at about 6:38 p.m. as he attempted to cross West Sanilac Avenue (M-46) near Lamotte Street.

Witnesses told police that the boy waited for an eastbound vehicle to go by and then ran across the road, not noticing a westbound vehicle driven by a 30-year-old Sandusky man.

The 12 year old was transported to McKenzie Health Systems and then transferred to Hurley Hospital in Flint, where he is listed in critical but stable condition.

According to reports, low light and weather conditions were contributing factors in this incident. The driver was not listed as at-fault and alcohol was not involved.

The Sandusky Police Department was assisted on the scene by the Sandusky Fire Department, Sanilac Sheriff's Department and Sanilac Ambulance.

Pair injured in Sanilac Co. crash

A two-vehicle collision in Sanilac County's Argyle Township left two men injured Friday afternoon, Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported.

The accident, at the intersection of Deckerville and Ubyly roads, was reported at about 12:20 p.m.

Sgt. Shelly Park of the sheriff's department said a 49-year-old Lansing man driving a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado and hauling a seed spreader was eastbound on Deckerville Road when he failed to stop at the intersection and struck a southbound 2020 Peterbilt semi driven by a 57-year-old West Olive resident.

"The Lansing man was flown by LifeNet (Helicopter) to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw for treatment of injuries. The West Olive man was transported by EMS to McKenzie Hospital for treatment of injuries," Park said.

Assisting deputies at the scene were the Argyle Fire Department, Sanilac EMS, Marlette EMS and the Sanilac County Road Commission.

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Reporter's notebook

I'll probably end up driving anyway

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I read an article recently that posed an interesting question; "What will you be doing when your autonomous car drives itself in the future?" Wrap up some paperwork from the office? Read? Get caught up on Facebook?

That's an easy one for me; if the artificial intelligence/personality in this new technology is anything like my wife, I'll probably end up driving anyway.

I wonder, however, how many guys out there are silently wondering what their wives or girlfriends will be doing in an auto-pilot car or truck without a real live person to nag about their driving. You know, "Hey, slow down!" "You can drive 45 in a 45 mph zone, you know..." "Ever hear of a turn signal, hon?" "Quit tailgating that car!"

That thought didn't occur to me, because my wife, Deb, rarely says a word when we're traveling together and I'm behind the wheel. On the other hand, she'll tell you I'm just about the worst backseat driver she's ever known.

And she's right. Well, when I'm riding with her.

I'm not sure why I'm constantly pumping the invisible brake on the floor on the passenger side of the vehicle when she's in the driver's seat, or why I instinctively grab the dashboard with both hands when she slows down a little too quickly for my taste. I mean, in my head, I know she's not following the driver in front of us too closely, but it feels like it anyway.

Pretty ironic, considering I truly consider Deb to be one of the best drivers I've ever known, in spite of the fact that, within a period of months a few years ago, she totaled two of our vehicles, including a mini SUV we both really enjoyed driving.

Now, in all fairness, our Journey was laid to rest not because Deb was careless or distracted, but because she was caught up in a domino-type accident on a freeway that started when a motorist some distance ahead of her made a quick decision without giving all of the drivers behind him any notice.

The following winter, Deb was heading for work early one morning, in a snowstorm, when she suddenly found herself plowing into a two-foot snowdrift on Dickerson Road, not too far from Colwood. The small car she was driving took flight and flipped over in a farm field, coming to rest on a thick blanket of snow.

Luckily, Deb wasn't hurt in either accident.

She also hasn't had any run-ins since, unless you count the doe that plowed into the Ford Escape last year, which is pretty much par for the course when you commute an hour or more to work and back on roads through the rural Thumb.

Anyway, when it comes to backseat driving, I'm one of the best (worst). Maybe that has something to do with the double standard some motorists steer by (i.e. If I'm driving slowly, I'm being safe, but if the guy or gal in front of me is being pokey, they're being a pain in the butt).

Regardless, Deb has a quick cure when she tires of hearing my unsolicited safe driving tips; she simply threatens to turn over the driving duties to me, especially if she knows I don't feel like driving.

Works every time, which makes me wonder if our future autonomous vehicle will share Deb's temperament when I start nagging about its driving technique.

So much for getting caught up on Facebook.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Army Staff Sgt. Timothy O'Connor recently joined the U.S. Army Indianapolis Recruiting Battalion's Metro North Company as a recruiter for the Indy West Center, Avon, Ind.

O'Connor, originally from Ubyly, comes to the Indy West Recruiting Center from Fort Campbell, Ky., and the 1st-187th Forward Support Center, where he had been serving since 2009 as a platoon sergeant.

During his military career, O'Connor has also served as a wheeled vehicle operator for the 69th Transportation Company in Mannheim, Germany, with the 1st/5th Field Artillery Battery in Fort Riley, Kan., and with the 4th/27th Field Artillery Battery in Baumholder, Germany.

O'Connor's military awards include the Bronze Star, eight Army Commendation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals, four Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, two Afghanistan Campaign Medals, three Iraq Campaign Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NATO Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Valorous Unit Award, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge, the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Badge and the Recruiter Badge.

O'Connor graduated from Ubyly High School in 1996.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Juan A. Pena of Deford has been promoted to the rank of chief warrant officer 2 in the Michigan Army National Guard. Pena is a human resources officer with the Lansing-based 631st Troop Command. He has been a member of the Michigan National Guard for the past 16 years. Pena is a 2004-05 veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his tour, he served as human resources NCO. During his military career, he has received numerous awards, including the Army Achievement Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal and the NCO Professional Development Ribbon. In civilian life, Pena works for Nexteer as a product engineer. He holds a degree in engineering from the University of Mexico. Pena and his wife, Christina, have 3 daughters, Alexandra, Adrianna and Faith.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

If universities offered degrees in persistence and determination, Sandy Sheppard would probably have a master's degree in both. The Cass City woman has spent years nurturing a talent for writing, and the work paid off over the summer with the publishing of her first hook, a children's hardcover entitled "Avaricious Aardvarks and Other Alphabet Tongue Twisters." Sheppard will be the first to say it hasn't been easy. And she has a stack of rejection letters to prove it. "I wrote this hook 19 years ago," she commented Thursday. "I wrote it when I was teaching second grade.

McKenzie Memorial Hospital births were: James and Mary Lou Fritch of Deckerville, a baby girl, Sarah Catherine, born Nov. 3. William and Rhonda Kolakowski of Decker, a baby girl, SheilaLynae, born Nov. 7.

Freshman linkster Chad Tate is all smiles after receiving his first team all state plaque in East Lansing Friday. Standing with Tate is Cass City golf coach Jeff Hartel.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Stine and sons, Randy and Scott of Ionia, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nicholas and family at Kawkawlin. Other guests were

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nicholas of Owendale and Mr. and Mrs. Ken LaPrairie of Bay City. The ninth birthday of Brett, son of the Roger Nicholases, their 15th wedding anniversary, the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nicholas and the 36th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Laprairie were celebrated.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shaw were notified Saturday of the birth of their first grandchild, Timothy Richard Shaw, born Nov. 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shaw of Mulberry, Fla. He was born in a Brandon, Fla., hospital and weighed seven pounds and 15 ounces and is a great-grandson of Mrs. Olive Stark of Cass City.

The TAWBA Bowler of the Week for Oct. 22-28 is June Lapp with a 642 actual series. She bowled games of 201-256-185 and bowls for Kritzman's on the Merchanette League at Charmont Lanes, Cass City.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hopper of Caro, formerly of Cass City, announce the birth Nov. 12 in Caro Community Hospital of a seven-pound, 1-ounce daughter, Emily Jo. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Theron Eskilsen of Cass City and Mrs. Theron Hopper of Deford. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otto Keilitz of St. Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eskilsen and Mrs. Eva Bair of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Erla flew Nov. 2 to San Diego, Calif., where they toured the Naval repair base and also Coronado Island. The Erlas were both stationed there during World War II. They drove to the Los Angeles area and visited Dr. and Mrs. George Johnson, a Naval friend of Mr. Erla's whom he hadn't seen for 34 years. In Long Beach, Mrs. Erla visited a girlfriend, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hawthorne. They also visited Virginia City, Carson City and Lake Tahoe.

Mrs. Angelo Dinsmoore was guest of honor Sunday afternoon at a pink and blue shower at the home of her mother, Mrs. Don Carney. Twenty-one guests attended. Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Carney's sister, Pam Glasgow, and daughter Tracey of Royal Oak and Marlene Klebba and daughter Deb of Port Huron.

Born to Scott and Carolyn Gohsman Nov. 8, a son, Lance Cole. Weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces, he measured 22-1/2 inches long. He joins a brother at home, Corey, 2-1/2. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Field of Deford. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard McDonald of Cass City.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Led by powerhouse Frankenth with five members and Bad Axe with four, the Thumb B All-Conference football team as selected by conference coaches features strong, quick, well-balanced offensive and defensive elevens. Cass City placed one man on the dream team. Marty LeValley, junior offensive guard, was honored.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Skripy of Deford celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary at their home Sunday, hosted by their children. The former Elizabeth Luana and Steve Skripy were married Nov. 11, 1939, at St. Michael's Byzantine Rite Catholic Church in Flint. They have four children, Shirley Hayward of Pontiac, Mary Kozan of Grand Blanc, Joan Kinzie of Flint and Steve Jr., at home. They also have 10 grandchildren. The Skrippys have lived in the Deford Community over 50 years.

Equipment Operator Third Class Gary L. Ross, USN, son of the Jim Hewitts of rural Cass City, is serving with U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seven in Vietnam. In Vietnam, Seabees build airstrips, temporary housing, port facilities, fuel storage tanks, drill water wells and construct other facilities as they become necessary. Occasionally they become targets for enemy snipers. When this happens the builders become defenders and put to use the skills acquired in combat training. The first Navy Medal of Honor recipient in Vietnam was a Seabee.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Lt. Maurice F. Place came to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Place, in Saginaw, for a two week visit recently. He had been wounded and came home from England. The young man has been in the Army since 1938. He was at Pearl Harbor during the attack and has seen service in Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Africa and England. He is a bomber pilot and has been awarded the Flying Cross Air Medal, two bronze clusters and three oak leaf clusters. Lt. Place's father was in charge of construction in the building of the school building in Cass City in 1926 and the family lived on West Main street.

Pfc. Kenneth Warner of Deford, a cannoner in the 34th "Red Bull" Infantry division on the Fifth Army front in Italy, conducts church services frequently for his comrades in their gunpits when the chaplain in unable to get to them. Warner, who was active in the Novesta Baptist church, found his efforts met with success and consequently sent for a few hymnals which his mother was able to supply. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Warner of Deford.

John Goodall and George Severn have exchanged properties. In the transaction, Mr. Severn acquired the Goodall farm property two miles south and three-fourths mile east of Cass City. Mr. Goodall came into possession of Severn's grocery store, gas station and rooming house and expects to devote his entire time to his interests here after having been employed by the Dafeo Boat Works in Bay City for the past four years. The change was made Tuesday morning, Nov. 14.

Clarence F. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright, of Cass City, was recently promoted to Technician 4th Grade, a rating equal to the grade of sergeant. T-4 Wright is stationed overseas in Assam, India. He is serving with a hospital unit of Major General W. E. E. Covell's Services of Supply command. Prior to his induction, Wright was employed by the Nestle's Milk Products, Inc., in Cass City. He entered the Army at Detroit about 21 months ago. Before going overseas, he received his training at Camp Robinson, Ark., and then served at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He has been in the India Burma theater for the past 14 months.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Jacob Spencer is not a circus man, but those who saw him handle a span of frisky colts Tuesday claim that Jake is eligible for entry in Class One of Barnum & Bailey's performers. The colts made an attempt to run away, the wagon tongue dropped, the wagon turned a semi-somersault and the driver flew up as high as the electric light wires that crossed the street. But Jake held onto the reins. "It showed wonderful horsemanship and I don't believe there's another man in the country could have stayed on the job the way Jake did." Said a spectator as he described the scene to the Chronicle reporter.

Little Frances Middleton entertained all the pupils of the smaller school building at the Pastime Theater Friday afternoon. Marguerite Clark is a favorite actor with children and the little folks found her especially charming in "Prunella."

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News briefs

Students set to honor local vets

CASS CITY — Area veterans and their families are invited to the annual Veterans Day celebration at Cass City Junior-Senior High School Monday, Nov. 11.

Veterans are asked to meet in the school library at 8 a.m. A flag raising ceremony will begin at 8:15 a.m., followed by breakfast with their fellow veterans and family members from 8:30 to 9 a.m. A program will get underway at 9:15 a.m., and a panel discussion with local veterans will follow at 10 a.m.

Veterans interested in participating in the panel discussion are asked to send an email to Jane Ignash at jignash@casscityschools.org with any questions or concerns.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling (989) 912-1840 and include the number of guests who will attend, along with the names of children or grandchildren currently attending school.

Kingston, Ubyly to honor vets

THUMB — Students in the Ubyly and Kingston school districts will be holding special Veterans Day remembrance programs.

In Ubyly, students will welcome vets Monday, Nov. 11, starting at 9 a.m. in the high school gym. Veterans who plan to attend are asked to register by calling Krysta Lindquist at (989) 658-8202 (ext. 57001) or via email at klindquist@ublyschools.org, or in person at the school from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Veterans are asked to be at the school at 8:15 a.m. to enjoy a breakfast and to complete final registration.

In Kingston, an assembly is planned for Friday, Nov. 8, at 9 a.m., and School officials would like to honor veterans who are friends and family members of students by including some information about them in a slideshow. Information can be emailed to Principal Justin Diegel at jdiegel@kingstonk12.org.

Brentwood will host area vets

CARO — The Brentwood restaurant and bowling alley will host a special event for veterans Sunday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The business, located at 178 Park Dr., Caro, along with Peer Recovery Alliance 360 have organized an alcohol- and drug-free tacos and bowling activity for veterans and family members. The day will include a free all-you-can-eat taco bar, pop in the conference room, and bowling. More information is available by calling Tracy at (989) 245-5324.

MEA retirees set to meet Nov. 12

CASS CITY — The Thumb Area MEA-Retired group will meet Tuesday Nov. 12, at the Charmont in Cass City. There will be a social hour at noon, and members may purchase their lunch. At 1 p.m., guest speaker Melissa Armstrong, from the Caro Area District Library, will describe the seed library project.

Membership is open to all Michigan retired public school employees. For more information, call (989) 479-6988.

Commissioners okay land lease

CARO — Tuscola County Commissioners have approved leasing 61-acres of county-owned farmland located off M-24 to Schriber Farms, LLC, which submitted the high bid of \$155 per acre.

YFC set to mark 60th anniversary

BAD AXE — Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a banquet slated for Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe.

The event will include food and a silent auction. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with the silent auction, followed by dinner and a program at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at the YFC office or from local campus life leaders. More information is available by calling (989) 453-3239. RSVPs are required by Oct. 31.

Luminary event scheduled Nov. 11

CARO — Relay for Life of Tuscola County will host a luminary ceremony Monday, Nov. 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Highland Pines School, 1381 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The event is a ceremony of remembrance and hope. It is a way to honor survivors and those who have lost the battle to cancer.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Christmas for Seniors campaign on

Continued from page one.

"I started the Christmas for Seniors last year. We always do things for the kiddos during the holidays, which is wonderful, so I did a little investigating and found out through staff at Medilodge of Cass City that more than two-thirds of their patients never have an outside visitor — ever," Berry said.

"That's when I decided that we can do better for our community's lonely elders. I simply put a shout out on Facebook to 'adopt a senior' for a \$20 'adoption fee' per senior," she added.

The response was both heartwarming and overwhelming, according to Berry, a former Burton resident who moved to Cass City about eight years ago.

"People really seem to love this idea and truly stepped up to help," she said, noting every penny of the adoption fees donated goes directly towards the purchase of holiday gifts for every patient/resident, as well as to cover the cost of craft supplies for organized craft days, gifts for the facility, games, sensory items for dementia patients, puzzles, books, etc., for all to enjoy.

"Cass City, as well as my friends and family, made this program such an amazing success last year, so I figured blessing the residents of Northwood Meadows this year would be totally doable," Berry said of her plans to expand the campaign. "Last year, nearly 70 patients at Medilodge of Cass City were included, and for 2019, I am looking at over 110 people.

"I started getting the word out in October, and so far I have almost 40 seniors adopted."

Many people who donate do so in honor of a loved one, and every gift tag includes the donor's name, Berry said, adding, "It's important that the recipients know where all that love is coming from."

Area residents interested in getting involved are encouraged to consider adopting a senior for \$20, which can be paid via PayPal or Venmo at brendoll44@msn.com. Or, they can mail a check to: Brenda Berry, P.O. Box 27, Cass City, MI 48726.

"If \$20 is out of reach, there are other ways to help," Berry said. "People can donate medium gift bags and tissue paper for the gifts, and this year I am collecting clean, very gently used or new 18- to 24-inch life-like vinyl baby dolls, as many memory-impaired people find comfort in holding and caring for these 'babies'. And, of course, any cash amount is (appreciated)."

Berry also welcomes helpers willing to serve as "elves" for crafting and activity dates, visiting with residents and passing out gifts.

Anyone with items to donate can contact Berry on Facebook Messenger or via email @ brendoll44@msn.com to make arrangements for collection.

"In addition to collecting donations, I am also baking Friendship Breads in a variety of flavors, with part of those proceeds going to-

wards Christmas for Seniors, too," she continued. Residents can contact Berry to learn more about the available flavors and to place an order.

Berry's efforts to brighten the holidays for seniors has had a positive impact at Medilodge, according to Kevven Dorland, who serves as social services director at the facility.

"It creates a lot of excitement for the residents here at Medilodge,"

Dorland said. "It rejuvenates them in a way to know that someone in the community, out of the kindness of their heart and a complete stranger, cares enough to bless them during the holiday season.

"It also motivates them into wanting to participate in activities and gets them into the Christmas spirit," he added. "For those residents who may not otherwise have anyone to visit them, it provides a priceless gift that cannot be wrapped nor purchased."



BERRY'S Christmas for Seniors campaign made last year's holiday season brighter for nearly 70 residents at Medilodge in Cass City, including Hazel Bissell (wearing red sweater) and Nancy Neyrinck.

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Thumb counties to share in state tire collection grants awarded last week

The Thumb will share a portion of more than one million dollars in state grant funding awarded last week to help communities properly dispose of old tires.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) announced Thursday that it has awarded \$1,277,351 in grants to fund 72 community scrap tire drop-off events and other tire clean-ups across the state. In addition, five grant projects will fund the re-

moval of old tire piles at private properties.

The list of grant recipients includes:

- *Tuscola County Recycling, \$22,000.
- *Watertown Township (Tuscola County), \$2,000.
- *Huron Conservation District (Huron County), \$8,000.
- *Sanilac County, \$4,000.
- *Flynn Township (Sanilac County), \$2,000.
- *Maple Valley Township (Sanilac County), \$4,000.

lac County), \$4,000.

EGLE officials noted community events provide affordable, convenient, tire recycling opportunities to residents, including the creation of yearlong collection sites and roadside pickups.

Improperly dumped scrap tires pose a fire hazard and create mosquito breeding grounds. Recycled scrap tires can be used in asphalt to pave roads, as mulch in gardens and playgrounds, and in manufacturing processes.

Beware of health department scam

After a recent uptick in phone scams targeting residents, state officials are warning Michiganders about scammers posing as public health officials in an effort to steal personal information.

"Scammers use every tool they have to take advantage of anyone they can," Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel said. "It is important residents remember they should never give personal and confidential information to unsolicited callers. Simply hang up and report the call to our office."

The callers claim to be from a local health department and appear to be calling from health department phone numbers, a practice that is commonly known as spoofing.

Anyone who receives one of those calls should hang up immediately. No one should give out personal information to an unsolicited caller.

"Local public health and Medicaid officials will never call you to request account information, Social Security numbers or passwords," Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon said. "Remain diligent about protecting your personal information and end the call immediately if you get this kind of inquiry over the phone."

"We are concerned that spoofers are using a trusted community entity like the local health department to obtain personal information on residents for possible illegal activity," said

Meghan Swain, Michigan Association for Local Public Health executive director.

"Local health departments are aware of the issue and want to ensure the public that we would not ask for personal information over the phone. If there is a concern by an individual who has been spoofed, we encourage them to contact the local health department immediately to notify them of spoofing and to confirm if the department is attempting to contact them."

Residents can file a report regarding fraudulent calls by contacting the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division. A complaint can be filed online at mi.gov/agcomplaints or by calling (877) 765-8388.

Hills and Dales earns accreditation (again)

Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, has again been designated a Lung Cancer Screening Center by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The ACR Lung Cancer Screening Center designation is a voluntary program that recognizes facilities that have committed to practice safe, effective diagnostic care for individuals at the highest risk for lung cancer. Hills and Dales is the only hospital in the Thumb with this designation.

In order to receive the distinction, facilities must be accredited by the ACR in computed tomography in the chest module, as well as undergo a rigorous assessment of its lung cancer screening protocol and infrastructure. Also required are procedures in place for follow-up patient care, such as counseling and smoking cessation programs.

"We are proud to maintain this designation," said Mike Lewiski, manager of radiology at Hills and Dales. "The radiology staff members worked really hard to get our lung cancer screening program started, and to keep the ACR Accreditation just shows how committed the staff are to this program."

"We are the only hospital locally with this accreditation and we look forward to serving many patients with the lung cancer screening program."

Hills and Dales started their lung cancer screening with low-dose computed tomography scans in May 2016. Since then, the hospital has conducted more than 215 low dose screenings.

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KOHL FARMS, 3062 Hobart RD., Gagetown, recently hosted a safety day as part of its Fall Family Fun days. The activity featured a variety emergency response equipment and demonstrations.

Kohl Farms hosts a safety day event

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A simple request to organize a fire safety day as part of Fall Family Fun days turned into a showcase event recently at Kohl Farms in Gagetown.

Mandy Kohl, who owns Kohl Farms, 3062 Hobart Rd., along with her husband Ryan, approached Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department Captain Trace Lopez about putting on a safety day at the farm.

“He asked me a few more questions and then he took the reins. He made all of the calls that made our day a success,” said Mandy Kohl. “He coordinated the fire department, Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department, MMR and FlightCare to attend.”

Aside from showing off a wide range of equipment first responders use, the day featured various demonstrations.

“We were able to give the kids a hands-on opportunity to view rescue vehicles and equipment, and the public was able to try on police equipment, (and) do hands on CPR with a training dummy, as well as learn how to use an AED with the help of a training AED,” said Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent. “Often times citizens see AED’s in school or stores but have never had an opportunity to open one or put the pads in a real life scenario.”

Fall Family Fun activities at Kohl Farms is done for the season now, but more activities are planned starting Nov. 15 when it reopens for the holiday season.

Not too soon to vaccinate

Continued from page one.

we aren’t seeing an uptick in flu activity, but (we) will. There’s always a flu season. It’s usually the end of January right through February and into March.”

Aside from getting a flu vaccine, residents can reduce their risk for catching the flu by simply washing their hands frequently, according to Hepfer, who acknowledges the value of using a hand sanitizer, but says the best choice for protection is good old-fashioned soap and water.

Influenza is not the “stomach flu” and not just a “bad cold” — it is a highly contagious respiratory illness that can lead to extreme sickness and even death.

The 2018-2019 flu season saw an estimated 647,000 hospitalizations and roughly 61,000 deaths resulting from influenza infections nationwide. In Michigan, four children died from flu-related complications.

At the same time, only 46 percent of Michiganders reported receiving a flu vaccine last season, below the national rate of 49.2 percent.

Health experts say everyone six months of age and older should receive a flu vaccine every year.

Getting a flu vaccine protects not only yourself but also those around you who may have serious complications if they get the flu. Typically, those most severely affected are children younger than five years old, people with chronic medical conditions, pregnant women and individuals over the age of 65.

Flu vaccination during pregnancy protects infants for the first several months of their lives and lowers their risk of flu-related hospitalization by 72 percent.

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) promote the “Take Three Actions” approach to prevent the spread of influenza.

First, take time to get yourself and your family vaccinated. Second, take everyday preventive actions such as covering your cough, washing your hands and avoiding close contact with those who are sick to stop the spread of germs.

Third, take flu antiviral medications if prescribed by your doctor. Although flu activity in Michigan is still sporadic, high levels of activity have been observed in other states. Nationally, two children have died due to influenza complications already this flu season.

It takes up to two weeks after the vaccine is administered before the body builds up enough immunity to prevent the flu, so Michigan residents should get vaccinated now to protect themselves before flu activity increases in Michigan. The flu shot is made with inactivated or killed viruses and cannot give you influenza.

There is currently an ample supply of flu vaccine available at many locations throughout Michigan, including doctors’ offices, pharmacies and local health departments. To find a location near you, visit the website vaccinefinder.org. For more information on influenza vaccines and flu activity throughout Michigan, go to Michigan.gov/flu.



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CASS CITY'S Logan Boynton, right, sets an edge during Friday's playoff win over Sandusky despite contact from Riley Franzel.

Hawks post fourth shutout in lopsided playoff victory

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Cass City rolled into their 5th district final over the last six years Friday – the Red Hawks bowed 18-14 to USA in a 2016 pre district game – while equalling the school's record for most wins in a season.

With a 40-0 thrashing of Sandusky, Coach Scott Cuthrell's team improves to 9-1 and have now won nine straight games. Cass City's other nine-win seasons came in 1972 and 2017.

"Great Victory. When you are in the playoffs everyone comes in with a clean slate and a chip on their shoulder. It was an outstanding effort for our players to take control of the game in the second half. It is what we will need next week against Lakers. Proud of our team and their unity," said Cuthrell.

As has been the case all season, Cass City's defense rose to the occasion in the Division 7 contest, registering a shutout for the fourth time. The team's first shutout of the year came in a Week Four matchup at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, who invades Cass City Friday for the district championship. The Red Hawks, who won the Greater Thumb West meeting with the Lakers 51-0, will be heavy favorites to capture district honors. In addition to the school's first 10 win season, more im-

portantly, a victory would provide Cass City with their first gridiron district crown.

Actually, Sandusky had success moving the ball against the vaulted Cass City defense early in the Greater Thumb Conference crossover pre district game. The visitors took the opening kick and promptly recorded a trio of first downs before forced to punt.

Cass City, however, gave the ball back on downs during their only first quarter possession and the contest was scoreless entering the second quarter.

After another Sandusky punt, both teams would trade turnovers before the break. Sandusky's Zach Franzel pounced on a Red Hawk fumble to spoil the host's second procession, only to see Cass City's Sandyn Cuthrell intercept a Sandusky pass on the next snap.

Cuthrell's pick would lead to the first of two Alex Perry scores before the break.

With 9:35 on the clock, Perry scored the game's first points on a 3-yard dive that followed his own 35-yard gallop into the Red Zone. Jordan Mester added the 2-point conversion and Cass City held an 8-0 advantage.

Perry widened the gap to 16-0 in the closing seconds of quarter two when he found pay dirt from 4-yards out with only 39 ticks left on the clock.

Despite Perry's offensive outburst – he rushed for 137 yards on 16 carries with four touchdowns – it was Cass City's defense that was the talk along the sidelines.

Sandusky's nine possessions resulted in four punts, two interceptions – both by Cuthrell, one turnover on downs and twice running out of time on the scoreboard. After Sandusky's opening drive, the visitors were limited to just three first downs the rest of the night. The Red Hawks have allowed an average of just 5 points per contest in 2019. Last week's effort against the Redskins was led by Noah Zaleski and Perry with eight tackles and one sack apiece while Jeremy Velasquez chipped in five stops.

Perry scored his third marker on the night midway thru the third stanza on a 24-yard bust while Mester, who rushed for 99 yards on 10 tries, followed with a 30 yard run a few minutes later. Hadyn Horne, who added both 2-point conversions in the third quarter put the hosts up 32-0 entering the final 12 minutes. Horne gained 52 yards on nine totes and Cuthrell 27 yards on just three attempts to round out Cass City top rushers.

With 9:07 remaining, Perry scored his final touchdown resulting in a running clock.

Sandusky finishes 2019 with a 6-4 record.

Kingston advances with 58-22 win over Mesick

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

A quick start and strong finish propelled host Kingston pass Mesick Friday in the opening round of eight-player Division 1 playoff action.

With the 58-22 pounding, Coach Brandon Jones' Cardinals advance into this week's regional final at Mio AuSable High School to challenge the 9-1 Thunderbolts who defeated Mayville 34-22 in their pre regional contest. Mio AuSable, whose only loss on the year came against Gaylord Saint Mary, defeated Mesick 44-38 in their season opener.

"We had a great week of preparation and it really showed. Our kids did great at doing their jobs all night. Mesick is a very good football team, so we are very pleased with the outcome. We have to do a better job of taking care of the football on Friday. This time of year, you have to play mistake free football, and we just haven't done that over the past three weeks," said Jones.

What Kingston (8-2) has done, however, is move the ball. The winners compiled over 425 yards of total offense against Mesick, including 355 yards rushing.

Kingston led 8-0 after one quarter and built the cushion to 30-8

late in the opening half. But Mesick was able to intercept a Kingston pass in the closing minutes and return it for a 70 yard touchdown by Gabe Parrish that gave the visitors momentum entering the break.

Kingston's Jack Green made sure the momentum was short-lived after the break. The Cardinal tight end hauled in a 40-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Aaron Koehler and then added the 2-point conversion to make the score 38-22.

Green then forced a Mesick fumble on the game's next series of downs and returned it deep into the red zone, where Caleb Gross scored moments later.

Leading 46-22, Kingston scored a dozen unanswered points to close out the contest and advance.

Gross rushed for 176 yards on 22 carries and found pay dirt four times to pace the winners. He got plenty of help from Jake DeLong who added 154 rushing yards on 23 totes and two touchdowns and from Green who caught a pair of touchdown passes that netted 76 yards.

Green and DeLong also had a big night on defense. Green was credited with 7.5 tackles and one tackle for loss, while DeLong was credited with 5.5 tackles and two sacks.

Cross country season ends at speedway in Brooklyn

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The 2019 Michigan High School Athletic Association Lower Peninsula cross country season came to an end Saturday at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

In Division 3, Hanover-Horton captured team honors with 143 points, while Grandville Calvin Christian edged Charlevoix 183-184 to round out the top three spots.

Closer to home, Caro finished 9th in the team rankings with a score of 281. The Tigers were led

to the finish line by Cole Moen who placed 22nd individually with a time of 16:44. Tiger Kevin Wilson placed 40th with a time of 17:03, while Izak Brown (101st place) posted a time of 17:47, Tristan Lovett (169th place) a time of 18:28 and Tyler Miller (177th place) a time of 18:34 to complete the list of scorers for the regional champs.

Meanwhile, for Cass City, Nick McArdle finished in 35th place with a time of 16:55. He finished his junior season as Greater Thumb West Conference Champion with First Team All-Confer-
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Cass City enters district on positive note

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Cass City's final tune-up before district play was a back-and-forth thriller against visiting Reese. But when the smoked cleared, the Red Hawks earned a hard-fought victory in five sets to the delight of the Parents' Night crowd.

Reese captured the opening set 25-18 last Tuesday, before Cass City rallied with a 25-17 win in set two. The two teams then traded victories - Reese won set three 25-14 and Cass City won set four 25-18 - setting up the winner-take-all fifth set. In the rubber

game, Cass City prevailed 16-14. With the win, Cass City finished as the Greater Thumb West runner-up at 9-3. USA snagged league honors at 10-2.

Individually, Hailey Beckrow had 16 kills and seven blocks to pace the winners, while Haven Bouverette chipped in 12 kills, Abbey Phillips had 30 assists, Taylor Cumper 14 assists and Sierra Spry three blocks. The Red Hawks also had Abbey Salcido with 34 digs and Madison Cumper with 14 digs.

Cass City hopes to build on the team's latest win at the Division 3 District in Bad Axe, where they

are slated to meet Bad Axe tonight (Wednesday) in an early semifinal match, when the first serve is slated for 6:00 p.m.

In the late semifinal match, tournament favorites Harbor Beach or USA - they squared off Monday in quarterfinal play - take on the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers.

The semifinal winners will meet Thursday at 7:00 p.m. to decide district honors.

The Red Hawks split with Bad Axe and USA in their GTW matches during the campaign, and were swept by the undefeated GTW champ Pirates recently at the Marysville tournament.

Dryden spoils Senior Night in Kingston

by Clarke Haire, Publisher

In a preview of Kingston's district match, visiting North Central Thumb League Stars champion Dryden disposed of the Cardinals last week to wrap up play in the regular season. Scores on the night were 25-15, 25-19, 18-25 and 25-14.

"Kingston didn't go quietly Tuesday on Senior Night when they hosted the NCTL Stars Division Champs. There were many hard fought, long volleys on both sides, which made for an exciting night of volleyball. In the end, Dryden executed when they needed to take the last match of

the regular season," said Kingston Coach Beth Hunter.

Hannah James, Payton Kolacz, Anna Ahern and Ella Retan all had big nights for Kingston. James was credited with 12 assists, six service points and one kill, while Kolacz added seven kills, six service points, four blocks and two digs, Ahern had eight service points, two aces, two kills and two digs and Retan eight service points, two kills, two digs and one assist. Also for the Cardinals, Brooke Mooney had seven digs and five kills and Isabel Hurd had three digs and one ace.

These two teams were scheduled to meet again Monday at Kingston

in the first round of districts in what Hunter hopes will prove to be a battle once again. Kingston finishes the regular season at 15-12 (6-4 NCTL Stars) and looks to defend their back-to-back district titles this week.

Other matches in the Division 4 district at Kingston had Mayville and Peck also meeting on Monday prior to the marquee matchup, while on Wednesday (Nov. 6), Genesee awaits the early game winner from Monday, while Carsonville-Port Sanilac will take on the late game winners from the opening night.

The district championship game starts at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.



RED HAWKS Tiara Anthony, left, and Sierra Spry are ready to make a play at the net during GTW action against Reese.

Runners end season at MIS

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ence honors. McArdle was also a regional champion.

"Nick broke onto the Top 10 board at the High School with a time of 16:05, setting the 4th fastest time ever recorded by an athlete," said Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski. "Nick competed in his third State Finals, he was on the team with CarLee Stimpfel that qualified his freshman year and was an individual qualifier the last two years. He is showing every indication that he will return for his fourth final next year, he is already planning to run in the indoor series of track races at SVSU this winter."

Freshman Hunter Jones, Benzie Central, was the men's race winner with the only sub-16 minute time. He bested the field of 193 with a time of 15:45.

Turning to the women's field, Hart was the easy team winner with a tally of 77. Shepherd was the runner-up in the team rankings with 133 and Grandville Calvin Christian was third with 136.

Individually, Cass City junior

Riley Copeland finished in 106th place out of the 237 finishers.

"This was Riley's first trip to the elite finals and she finished in the top half of the field in a time of 21:03. She had a tremendous season, finishing on the first team all-conference, making the Top 10 board at the high school coming in 7th place with an 20:17 and made all regional by taking 13th, giving her the opportunity to compete at the finals on Saturday. The weather was cold, about 36 degrees at race time and the course was very wet and muddy over the entire 5,000 meters," Zdrojewski said, noting he's looking forward to the senior years of these two very talented athletes, Copeland and McArdle.

Other top individual finishes from the Thumb area included Ellymae McCoy (23rd place), Reese, with a time of 19:38, Bad Axe's Jelena Prescott (67th place) with a time of 20:36 and Sandusky's Victoria Muxlow (73rd place) with a time of 20:39.

The women's medalist was Stockbridge sophomore Rylee Tolson with a time of 18:31.

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DATE	OPPONENT
L - 8/29	Montrose 16, CC 14
W - 9/6	CC 13, USA 8
W - 9/13	CC 48, Marlette 6
W - 9/20	CC 51, EPB Lakers 0
W - 9/27	CC 59, Vassar 8
W - 10/4	CC 45, Bad Axe 6
W - 10/11	CC 58, Caro 0
W - 10/18	CC 46, Reese 0
W - 10/25	CC 27, Uibly 6
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W - 11/01	CC 40, Sandusky 0
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VOLLEYBALL (JV & VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	Bad Axe (JV)	9:00 a.m.
8/24	Bad Axe (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/7	Birch Run (V)	8:30 a.m.
9/10	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/12	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/14	Ogemaw Heights (V)	9:00 a.m.
9/17	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/19	USA (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/21	Frankenmuth (V)	8:00 a.m.
9/21	Bay City Central (JV)	8:00 a.m.
9/26	Caro (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
9/28	Ogemaw Heights (JV)	TBD
10/1	Reese (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/3	EPB Lakers (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/5	Croswell-Lexington (JV)	TBD
10/8	Bad Axe (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/10	Vassar (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/15	USA (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/19	Marysville (V)	TBD
10/19	North Branch (JV)	TBD
10/22	Caro (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/24	Capac (JV & V)	6:00 p.m.
10/29	Reese (V)	6:00 p.m.
11/4	Districts (V)	TBD

JV FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
L -8/28	Montrose 22, CC 0
W -9/5	CC 30, USA 0
W -9/12	CC 40, HB 6
L -9/19	Lakers 28, CC 6
W -9/26	CC 44, Vassar 6
L -10/3	Bad Axe 51, CC 0
W -10/10	CC 38, Caro 6
W -10/17	CC 14, Reese 6

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

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/7	Richmond Invite	TBD
9/10	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
9/14	Chippewa Valley	TBD
9/19	USA	6 p.m.
9/21	USA	TBD
9/26	Caro	6 p.m.
9/28	Reese	TBD
10/1	Reese	6 p.m.
10/3	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
10/5	Cros-Lex	TBD
10/15	USA	6 p.m.
10/19	Midland Dow	TBD
10/22	Caro	6 p.m.
10/24	Capac	6 p.m.
10/26	Caro	TBD
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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 14, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Curtis B. Gabriel II, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: August 25, 2016

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 12, 2016
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$75,114.85
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the Section line 766 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 100 feet along the said Section line, East 150 feet; South 100 feet; West 150 feet to beginning, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

Also, Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 6, which is North 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West 736.0 feet from the Southwest corner of Said Section; thence along the West line of said Section, North 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West 30.0 feet; thence at right angles to said West line, North 89 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 150.0 feet; thence parallel with said West line, North 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West 100.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West, 150.0 feet to the West line of said Section; thence along said West line, North 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West, 100.0 feet; thence at right angles to said West line, South 89 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East, 220.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East, 230.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West, 220.0 feet to the place of beginning.

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

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

foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: October 16, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.
1398544

10-16-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE The Mortgage described below is in default: Mortgage given by James S. Daily and Beverly J. Daily, husband and wife, whose address is 3280 River Street, Kingston, Michigan 48741, and Gregory J. Daily, a single man, whose address is 3160 E. Sanilac Road, Mayville, Michigan 48744, as Mortgagors, to First Farmers Bank & Trust, an Indiana corporation, whose address is 123 N. Jefferson, P.O. Box 690, Converse, Indiana 46919-0690, as Mortgagee, dated March 7, 2017, and recorded on March 17, 2017, in Liber 1370, Page 77, Tuscola County Records, as modified (the "Mortgage").

The balance owing on the Mortgage is One Million Six Hundred Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine and 44/100 Dollars (\$1,607,659.44) as of the date of this notice. No suit or proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage. Notice is given that on Thursday, November 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., or any adjourned date thereafter, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the applicable statutes, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises at public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the Tuscola County Courthouse, 440 North State Street, in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (which is the building where the Circuit Court for Tuscola County is held). The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due, all legal costs and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee on or prior to the date of sale to protect its interest in the property. The premises to be sold at the foreclosure sale are situated in the Townships of Wells and Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan described as follows: Parcel 1: The Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; except that part described as:

Beginning at a point on the North and South quarter line of said Section 32, which is North 01 degrees 33 minutes 56 seconds West 30.54 feet from the Southwest quarter corner of said Section 32; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 12 seconds East 330.99 feet; thence North 59 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds West 390.54 feet to a point on the North and

South quarter line of said Section 32; thence South 01 degrees 33 minutes 56 seconds East 200 feet to the point of beginning; except all that part of the Westerly 1406 feet thereof lying Southerly of a line 90 feet Northerly of, measured at right angle and parallel to the reference line of M46 relocated also, except that part thereof except the Westerly 1406 feet, lying Southerly of a line 75 feet Northerly of, measured at right angle and parallel to the reference line of M46 relocated. Parcel 2: The North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, except Commencing at the West quarter corner, thence South 330 feet; thence East 560 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence West 560 feet to the point of beginning, also except the lands lying Southwest of a drainage creek, commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter and running Northwestly along the center of said creek to a point 560 feet East and 330 feet South of the West quarter corner. Parcel 3: The East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; except that part which lies Northerly of a line 75 feet Southerly of, measured at right angle and parallel to reference line of M46 relocated. Also the South half of the Northwest quarter of said Section 4, except commencing 130 feet North of the Southwest corner; thence North 230 feet; thence East 380 feet, thence South 230 feet, thence West 380 feet to the point of beginning.

Also except commencing at the West quarter corner, running thence North 130 feet, thence East 380 feet, thence South 50 feet, thence East 180 feet, thence South 80 feet, thence West 560 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 4: The West half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter and the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; except that part thereof which lies Northerly of a line 75 feet Southerly of, measured at right angle and parallel to reference line of M46 relocated. Also a strip of land 25 feet in width lying Southerly of and adjacent to a line 75 feet Southerly of measured at right angle and parallel to reference line of M46 over and across the West 200 feet of the East 878 feet of the North half of the Northwest quarter, also except beginning at the Northwest corner of said section; thence South 01 degrees 36 minutes 16 seconds East along the West section line 224.11 feet; thence North 53 degrees 29 minutes 18 seconds East 338.29 feet; thence North 58 degrees 21 minutes 01 seconds West 55.06 feet; thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 39 seconds West 231.38 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 5: Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 4,

Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as:

Beginning at a point on the North and South quarter line that is South 02 degrees 08 minutes 52 seconds East 156.36 feet from the North quarter corner of said section; thence along the Southerly right of way line of State Highway M46, North 89 degrees 03 minutes 18 seconds East 112.83 feet; thence continuing along said right of way, 1211.02 foot curve to the left, with a radius of 68,829.94 feet, a central angle of 01 degrees 00 minutes 29 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of North 88 degrees 33 minutes 03 seconds East 1211.00 feet; thence South 02 degrees 09 minutes 56 seconds East 89.39 feet; thence North 87 degrees 48 minutes 14 seconds East 37.46 feet; thence South 02 degrees 09 minutes 56 seconds East 773.91 feet; thence South 87 degrees 36 minutes 13 seconds West 37.42 feet; thence South 02 degrees 09 minutes 56 seconds East 1670.91 feet; thence along the East and West quarter line, South 87 degrees 33 minutes 48 seconds West 1324.52 feet; thence along the North and South quarter line, North 02 degrees 08 minutes 52 seconds West 2558.14 feet to the point of beginning. Tax Identification Nos.: 79-022-032-000-3300-00, 79-005-004-000-1500-01, 79-005-004-000-1100-01, 79-005-004-000-1300-00 and 79-005-004-000-0100-04 The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the mortgagor 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.

Dated: October 23, 2019
File No. 19-006348
Firm Name: Orlans PC
10-23-4

Dated: October 16, 2019
FIRST FARMERS BANK & TRUST By: MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C. Joseph M. Ammar (P41972) Attorneys for First Farmers Bank & Trust 277 South Rose Street, Suite 5000 Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (269) 383-5810 (Publication 10/16/2019 - 11/13/2019)
10-16-5

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Wheeler and Linda Wheeler, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Nat. City Bank of IN, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 14, 2006 and recorded March 20, 2006 in Liber 1074, Page 1002 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered certificate holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2006-FF7, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF7, by

assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight and 66/100 Dollars (\$81,778.66), including interest at 8.375% 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 vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on DECEMBER 12, 2019.

Said premises are located in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

The South 103 feet of property described as: Commencing at a point 50 rods and 13 links South of the 1/4 post on the West side of Section 3, Towns 12 North, Range 9 East; thence East 8 rods 16 feet; thence South 10 rods 9 links; thence West 8 rods 16 feet; thence North 10 rods 9 links to the place of beginning.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: October 23, 2019
File No. 19-006348
Firm Name: Orlans PC
10-23-4

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 5, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ronald Adamczyk aka Ronald S. Adamczyk Jr. and Jeanie Adamczyk aka Jeanie M. Adamczyk, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Citicorp Trust Bank, FSB
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2016-4, U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee
Date of Mortgage: August 24, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 7, 2006
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$96,575.57
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: All that parcel of land in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, State of Michigan, as more fully described in deed book 869, page 1147, being known and designated as Section 24, premises situated in the Township of Kingston County of Tuscola State of Michigan to wit; Commencing 334.0 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 24, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence South 208.00 feet; thence West 208.00 feet; thence North 208.00 feet; thence East 208.00 feet to the point of beginning Tuscola County Records

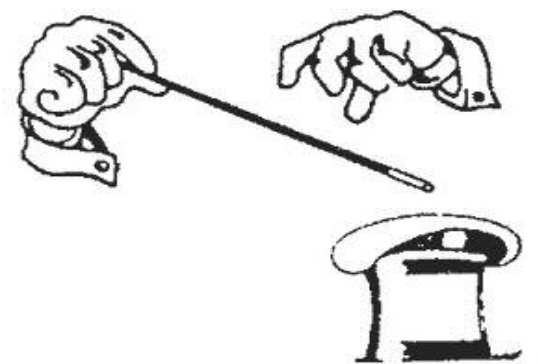
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: October 30, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.
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10-30-4

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Legal Notices

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian M. Schuman and Lisa A. Schuman, husband and wife, to PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 19, 2003 and recorded December 12, 2003 in Liber 969, Page 26, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight and 65/100 Dollars (\$20,448.65), including interest at 6% 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 vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on DECEMBER 5, 2019. Said premises are located in the Township of Arbela, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

The East 12 rods of the South 135 rods, of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: November 6, 2019
File No. 19-010022
Firm Name: Orland PC

11-6-4

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charlotte Arnold, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2011 and recorded April 1, 2011 in Liber 1219, Page 219 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by MidFirst Bank, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine and 28/100 Dollars (\$31,869.28), including interest at 5.25% 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 vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan

at 10:00 AM on DECEMBER 5, 2019. Said premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 1, Block 1 of Gaway Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 103, now being Page 53B The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: November 6, 2019
File No. 19-010125
Firm Name: Orland PC

11-6-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO.
19-36594-DE

Estate of JANE WEAVER LEWIS, DECEASED
Date of Birth: December 17, 1948

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
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May 9, 2019

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

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and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
November 6, 2019

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4-10-23-3

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Making a local promise

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PROMISE program will incorporate two funding mechanisms, with the first being a savings account called the Red Hawk Nest Egg.

"We're aiming for a \$50 donation (for each student) initially. It's a little under \$4,000 per grade, or \$50,000," explained Prieskorn, who said the planning team has already received some informal commitments in its effort to raise that \$50,000. Team members will also be launching a campaign aimed at local service clubs and other organizations and businesses in hopes that groups will commit to sponsoring individual grades for one or more years.

Richards said it's hoped sponsors will not only financially support students, but also take an active role by participating in activities such as mentoring.

"There's been a good reception to it," commented Jeff Hartel, another Cass City PROMISE Team member and superintendent of the Cass City Public Schools.

Hartel said plans are underway to generate additional support by organizing an all-class reunion event in conjunction with the 2020 Cass City Freedom Festival. The goal, he explained, will be to encourage alumni to consider investing in the program.

The local promise team also plans to offer an estate sale service for families, with the fees being donated directly to the "egg nest" accounts.

Students, meanwhile, will take an active role in the program by participating in fundraisers. However, rather than focusing on selling products, those activities will emphasize service projects within the community, according to Richards, who said the motivation for students will be earning incentive donations that will grow their accounts.

Students are also expected to qualify for incentive funding by donating to their own deposit-only promise savings accounts.

Richards, a retired veteran Huron Intermediate School District administrator and current member of the Cass City Board of Education, acknowledged a start-up \$50 education savings account doesn't sound significant. But she cited studies showing that children with just \$500 or less saved for college are three times more likely to go to college or enter other specialized training, and four times more likely to graduate than those without savings. Parents and children with early savings also have greater expectations for post-secondary education plans, she noted.

While the Cass City PROMISE campaign is just getting started, residents can already learn more by visiting a newly-created website – casscitypromise.com. A Facebook page is also in the works, and Mark and Debbie Powell have set up a Cass City PROMISE "corner" inside their SugarHouse Sweets and Gifts store, 6459 Main St., Cass City, where residents can learn more about the campaign and purchase gift items, with the proceeds benefiting the program.

The second component of the Cass City PROMISE is a scholarship fund to be shared by all Cass City graduates. Named the Red Hawk Flight program, details of the scholarship component will be ironed out in the future as the fund is established and grows to the point of awarding grants, but team members say they have high hopes the fund will eventually provide local graduates with sizeable scholarships.

It takes a village...

The team behind the Cass City PROMISE is 11 members strong, with each teammate bringing their own expertise and experience to the table.

In addition to Prieskorn, Varney, Richards and Hartel, the committee consists of local attorney Michelle Biddinger, retired school employee and longtime AAUW member Judy Brown, Cass City Village President Dan Delamarter, Cass City Schools guidance Counselor Christin Hempton, local businessman Jim Kranz, Cindy Kruse of Thumb Bank and Trust, and Cass City teacher Ryan Walker.

The team, meanwhile, is relying on partnerships they've already begun to build within the community.

For example, the program already has the backing of the village of Cass City, the Cass City School District and Thumb Bank and Trust, all of which are committed to being active partners.

"We're looking at this being a community initiative with multiple partners," Richards said. "We want everybody to own it."

"We want more than the status quo," Richards said. "We want to continuously find ways to improve the community and the lives of everyone living here, and that's what this is about."

Editor's note: More information about the Cass City PROMISE program is available by contacting Richards at (989) 912-0067, Prieskorn at (989) 670-0177 or Varney at (989) 670-2000.

STD stats concern officials

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2014-15 and four cases in 2015-2016," she said.

MDHHS officials say the state has experienced between 45,000 and 51,000 cases of chlamydia annually since 2008, and in 2018 reports increased by less than one percent to just over 51,000. Gonorrhea cases dropped nearly by half from 2008 to 2014, but have climbed 70 percent since then, including a 10-percent jump in 2018 to 16,922 cases.

Reports of syphilis, meanwhile, dropped following an outbreak in 2013, but jumped 36 percent in 2018 to 654 cases.

Most of those increases are being seen in adolescents, African American men and women, and men who have sex with men.

"Many infected people are unaware of their status, which allows them to unknowingly pass it to their partners," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "All sexually active individuals should speak to their health care provider about regular testing so they can get proper treatment and prevent the spread of disease."

STDs often cause symptoms in men, including burning upon urination, discharge, rashes or sores. In most female cases there are no symptoms.

The good news is syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia can be treated with antibiotics. However, left untreated, the diseases can lead to severe adverse health effects that include infertility, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth in infants and increased HIV risk.

Health officials say it's also important to note that infected individuals can pass on disease even if there are no symptoms.

Screening and prompt treatment are critical to protect a person's health and prevent transmission to others.

Towards that end, the MDHHS works with local health departments, healthcare providers, pharmacists and community-based organizations to test, treat and increase awareness about STDs as well as provide non-traditional opportunities to access service.

To ensure that STD screening and treatment are accessible to those at highest risk, MDHHS has established STD specialty care centers to increase service options in select areas. Additionally, efforts to build community awareness and provide technical assistance to medical providers have increased. These initiatives focus on priority populations such as women of childbearing age and adolescents, as well as Michigan's most vulnerable residents.

Understanding the risk, abstaining from sex, reducing the number of partners and consistently and correctly using condoms are all effective strategies to prevent the spread of STDs, Khaldun said.

Area residents can learn more by visiting the website Michigan.gov/hivstd or by calling the Michigan HIV-STD hotline at 800-872-2437.



Promise corner...

CASS CITY Village Manager Debbie Powell and her husband, Mark, owners of the SugarHouse Sweets and Gifts, have already set up a Cass City PROMISE "corner" inside their business at 6459 Main St., where residents can learn more about the program and purchase gift items, with the proceeds directly benefiting the campaign.

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