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Cooperation easing a tough year for area farmers

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

This year's crop production season has been one for the record books, but not in a good way.

An unusually wet spring put farmers behind schedule in planting, which in turn pushed the harvest back, leaving many producers praying for an extended fall.

That didn't happen, and now poor weather conditions have sig-

nificantly impacted the harvest.

Since the first of November, there have been just three and a half days suitable for fieldwork in Michigan (during the week ending Nov. 10), according to the Lakes Regional Office of the National

Agricultural Statistics Service.

And conditions have not improved since.

In fact, an early winter storm dumped several inches of snow on the Thumb Nov. 11. Official snowfall totals included six inches

in the Cass City area, 7.5 inches in Caro and 12 inches in Bad Axe.

The snowstorm caught many farmers with crops still in the field. In an effort to beat the storm, farmers worked around the clock, and neighbors jumped in to

help neighboring farmers harvest sugarbeets still in the field.

That was especially true in parts of Tuscola County, where producers worked together to harvest other farmers' sugarbeets.

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Explosion in Argyle cabin sends pair to the hospital

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Investigators say two men and a boy were injured and a cabin was leveled by fire following an explosion in Sanilac County's Argyle Township Thursday night.

Lt. Nathan Smith of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department said the incident was reported shortly after 7 p.m.

"Sanilac County Central Dispatch received a 911 call from a subject reporting a cabin explosion with injured persons on some hunting property off of Uibly Road near Argyle," Smith said, adding sheriff's deputies along with the Argyle Fire Department responded and located the property in the 4200 block of Uibly Road.

"The initial investigation has determined that a 30-year-old male from Sandusky and a 43-year-old male from Lynn Township were attempting to light a propane heating stove inside a cabin when an explosion occurred," Smith said. "It was reported that one of the men was blown through the wall of the cabin and outside. The other was able to escape from the cabin."

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AN EARLY winter storm dumped several inches of snow on the Thumb and ushered in a wave of bitter cold last week, hampering farmers' efforts to harvest their sugarbeet crops, but a spirit of cooperation helped producers to get an estimated 97 percent of the crop harvested.

No-fault legislation paying dividends this summer

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Legislation passed by Michigan lawmakers and signed by the governor last spring will soon be paying dividends to the state's motorists in the form of reduced auto insurance rates.

Starting July 2, 2020, the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) fee on auto insurance will be reduced to \$100, a 55-percent reduction from the current \$220 fee, MCCA Executive Director Kevin Clinton announced last week.

"Insurance companies will charge this assessment only to

people who choose to maintain unlimited lifetime personal injury protection (PIP) benefits," Clinton said. "Those who choose lower limits under Michigan's revised no-fault insurance law avoid the assessment altogether, as long as the MCCA is not in a deficit position."

"This is great news for Michigan drivers and a direct result of the legislature's work this spring to have real auto insurance reform," commented 31st District state Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum), who represents citizens in Tuscola County along with Bay and Lapeer counties.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer echoed

that sentiment.

"Today's reduction by the MCCA demonstrates that our historic bipartisan legislation will provide real savings to Michigan drivers," Whitmer said. "The new law will enhance consumer protections and continue to lower costs for Michiganders by mandating rate reductions for eight years."

"Millions of Michigan drivers will finally see relief under a new system that maintains the highest benefits in the country."

Lawmakers heralded overwhelming approval of the bipartisan auto insurance reform legislation during a special session

last May, calling the bill historic and saying it was designed to reduce auto insurance rates by giving the state's drivers multiple coverage options, cracking down on fraud and lawsuit abuse, and reducing sky-high medical costs.

"For the first time in nearly 50 years, Michigan drivers will have the option to choose the auto insurance coverage that is the best fit for their circumstances and will see guaranteed rate reductions based on the choices they make," Daley said at the time, adding the old system was "failing Michigan families. Thousands of Michiganders have been priced out of driv-

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Volunteers always welcome at community Thanksgiving meal

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner is once again taking shape, with organizers gearing up to serve turkey and all the trimmings to 200 or more area residents family-style Thursday, Nov. 28, starting at noon at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

A small army of 50 to 60 volunteers prepared and served 250 to 300 meals during last year's 32nd annual community Thanksgiving meal, coordinated by Cass City residents Brian and Janice Williams.

The Williams family has been involved in volunteering for the dinner for nearly a decade, and two years ago Brian and Janice took over the responsibility of organizing the event from long-time coordinator Scott Mills.

"It's been pretty smooth," Brian said of the transition in leadership. "It really takes care of itself."

Williams said it was his wife's idea to accept coordinator duties for the popular holiday tradition, noting they were interested in taking the faith they share with their fellow parishioners at Our Lady of Consolata Catholic Church (formerly St. Pancratius Catholic Church) in Cass City and putting it into action in their hometown. "We wanted to give back to the community, and this is a way to do that," he said.

The number of people who show up for the meal each year – including several families that have made the event a family tradition of their own – left a big impression on the couple.

"We all sit down and have a nice meal together for Thanksgiving," Janice commented. "It's just like a really nice extended family. It's really heartfelt – it's an amazing experience. We love it."

The Williams have taken on a host of responsibilities that include lining up an adequate crew to cook, set up, clean up and put away – typically 50 to 75 volunteers in all. It's the sort of job that prompts

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GRACIE WILLIAMS (wearing red plaid shirt) helps prepare food along with Larry and Sharon Robinson prior to the 2018 annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone is welcome to attend this year's community meal, slated for Thursday, Nov. 28, at noon.

Bingham's ambulance service may, may not close

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

When the Bingham Ambulance officials announced the service was going out of service, they were offered a possible lifeline to continue operating.

The ambulance board voted Nov. 11 to shut down effective Jan. 31, 2020, and to send out notices to municipalities in its service area.

"We voted to discontinue because we don't have enough EMTs to answer calls on a 24-hour, seven-days a week basis with the amount of people we have," Bingham Township Clerk Joseph Trepkoski explained, noting it was not an easy decision.

The ambulance service has five EMTs and one medical first responder (MFR).

"One of the EMTs has been carrying the brunt of the workload. He wants to cut back on that, and he doesn't want to be the ambulance coordinator, who does all of

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Cass City graduate earns her doctorate

Kristi Turner, DHS, OTR/L, received a Doctorate in Health Sciences at the University of Indianapolis in August of this

year. Kristi graduated from Cass City Public Schools in 1993 and is the daughter of James and Joyce Turner.

She received a Bachelor's of Science in Occupational Therapy in 1999 from Saginaw Valley State University and a Masters of Health Science in 2017 from University of Indianapolis. She works as a research occupational therapist at the Center for Bionic Medicine at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab (formerly the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago) in Chicago, IL.

She has 20 years of experience in a variety of settings and specializes in the treatment of upper limb amputation, multiple limb amputations, and burn injury.

She has been involved in research, training, and testing with patients using conventional and experimental prosthetic components.



Kristi Turner

O-G pupils named to the honor roll

Officials at Owendale-Gagetown Schools recently announced the first marking period honor roll students, they are:

3rd Grade: Vincent Dzielinski, Axton Hellebuyck, Brotey Hewitt, Autumn Hoppe*, StarAnn Miller, Alexander Nutt, Olivia Sheufelt*.
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6th Grade: McKenzie Baker*, Chloe Fritz, Aubrey Hellebuyck*, Brooklyn Hunt*, Logan Mihacsi, Alan Sagash, Kennedy Selden.

7th Grade: Danielle Hunt*, Lucas McKnight*.

8th Grade: Shelby Bowers*, Karsyn Gruehn*, Lillieyannah Sagash.

9th Grade: Brianna Bergman, Cristal Crandall, Allison Haldane*, Amber Haldane*, Dagon LaCroix*, Erin Morrish, Emily Schultz.

10th Grade: Haden Gruehn, Madelyn Haldane*, Dana Morrish, Cydnee Waske.

11th Grade: Katriana Curtoys, Boyd Evans*, Clay Evans*, Jameson McKnight*, Hunter Meier, Libby Ondrajka*, Alivia Roehrig*.

12th Grade: Branden Fritz, Aaliyah Gonzales, Carley Haldane*, Chase Howard*, Kaitlyn LaCroix, Madyson Menzel*, Andrew Roemer*, Hailey Schave*.

* Denotes all A's

Cass City Class of 1956 gathers for 63rd reunion

The Cass City High School Class of 1956, recently met at The Charmont for lunch to celebrate their 63rd reunion.

Attending were Judy Howell Bryden, Ruth Seurnyck Cummings, Colin Connell, Marge Follman Feebish, Beverly McClorey Frank, Yvonne Krohn Greer, Grace Kanaby Kamrad, Gerald Kelly, Jeanette Neal Lapeer, Sharon Ackerman Laursen, Marilyn Horner Lester, Charles Patterson, Janet Fields Rayl, Connie Bartel Schwaderer, Donald Smith and Norma Szarap-ski.

Friendships were renewed and fond memories were recalled.



Redhawk Review

by
Taryn Pisarek

Our roots lie in the community

This past week has been one of much excitement here at Cass City Schools.

The girls' basketball team started practices, the Robotics teams headed to their first few meets, the varsity football team charged into regionals, and the Cass City National Honor Society (NHS) Chapter inducted a lengthy list of new members.

This week I want to focus on NHS and what it means to be part of a community.

For most of the students in the high school, being a part of such a close-knit community is taken for granted. We don't fully realize the impact our town has on us, growing up, or how we can give back to them.

If you would have asked me five years ago about my roots, I would have probably told you that Cass City is a little town without much going on. These past few years, however, I have seen the magnificence of my community, all the way from the teachers to the local businesses to the fans in our stands with no children or grandchildren, who are simply there to cheer on their Hawks.

Now, I see that activities are plentiful, including our annual community Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas in the Village celebration, which both brighten our town with so much spirit.

Growing up in Cass City throughout some of the most transformative years of my life has taught me so much. I have learned the beauty in helping anyone whenever I can. The joy you bring to someone can truly be the greatest source of your own joy.

I have also learned that when you need help, the best thing to do is reach out to members of your community and they will be there however they can. That comes with the blessing of being able to call this amazing little town home.

I, along with so many of my peers, especially the seniors, are realizing just how lucky we are as we get ready to head off into the world, to have our roots to always guide us back to our community in Cass City, Michigan.

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by Mary Drier

Memories...food for thought



Stores on tobacco: “no sale” to youths

Most store owners and their employees in the Thumb and across Michigan stores are doing their part to protect youth from the dangers of tobacco.

That’s nothing new – retailers have met federal requirements 19 years in a row – but their continued attention to the law and the safety of our kids is worth publicizing.

In recent statewide inspections, 89.5 percent of retailers refused to sell tobacco to minors under age 18, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care announced.

Throughout the summer, MDHHS conducted random unannounced inspections statewide to measure the rate of illegal sales of tobacco to Michigan youth. A total of 356 retailers were visited, and of those, 319 refused to sell tobacco to a minor.

“Deterring tobacco sales to youth is critical to reducing the negative health effects and deaths caused by smoking and tobacco use,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS.

“We commend the business community for doing their part to protect Michigan youth from the dangers of smoking and thank our partners for conducting high quality inspections.

The Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration Reorganization Act requires all states and territories to conduct inspections using a scientific random sample study protocol approved by the federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

States must demonstrate their tobacco vendor compliance rate meets or exceeds the federal minimum of 80 percent through random, unannounced inspections of tobacco retailers. This includes youth inspectors visiting retailers, attempting to make tobacco purchases and recording the results. Adult chaperones drive the youth inspectors and oversee the purchase attempts.

States that fall below the 80 percent minimum compliance rate are subject to a penalty of 40 percent of their federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding. For Michigan, that could add up to more than \$22 million.

States are also required to enact and enforce laws prohibiting the sale or distribution of tobacco products to individuals under age 18.

With the popularity of electronic nicotine devices, Michigan is strengthening tobacco education and awareness through a resource website called “Do Your Part”, which is designed to educate the general public and teens about the dangers of smoking.

In addition, MDHHS is continuing outreach by providing educational materials to vendors that sell tobacco products. Businesses that want to educate staff, avoid fines and safeguard public health can access a free online presentation and certification test at improvingmipractices.org.

It’s surprising how the smell or taste of certain foods can bring back so many memories.

I reminisced about some of those memories in a past column about an old-fashioned candy counter in a store in Sebawaing.

There are several childhood memories tied to food for me. I remember buying my first chocolate covered cherry — two for a penny — at the former store in Colling. To this day, they are my favorite candy.

My Grandmother Florence made rock candy when we visited her in Bay City. There were several sheets of different colors of rock candy. It was fun watching my dainty, little grandmother smashing the hard sheets of candy into tiny pieces to eat.

Whenever I eat rock candy, I think of her, even though she passed away when I was very young.

I discovered fruit punch during a stay at my adoptive grandmother’s house outside of Akron one summer. I still really like it and buy it often. When I drink it, I remember warm summer days, riding my bike up and down her long driveway. She would allow me a tall, cool glass of fruit punch in-between meals. It was a treat I never got at home.

As for my mother, the memory is always of her fried chicken, biscuits and gravy. That was the standard meal on Sundays. For years, I would try to time my visits home to be on Sundays just to get her chicken, biscuits and gravy.

I have many memories tied to family and food, and that has me worried. What kind of memories will my children have when they think about me when I’m gone?

I have never been much of a cook and I never had much time to cook when they were young.

When the kids were growing up, I was the main support of the family, working one full-time job along with a couple of part time ones, too. Between all that, I took some college classes as well.

Working at least 80 hours a week didn’t leave much time for me to be Betty Crocker, making five-course meals. With about 30 minutes to an hour at home between going from one job to the next or to class, there wasn’t a lot of time to cook much of anything. So, when it was my turn to cook, I generally brought home fast food or something that could be heated in the oven.

While I was working and going to college, it was fast-food dinners most nights. My kids got so used to eating in the car they had a hard time adjusting to sitting at a table and using metal things to eat with instead of plastic sporks when my schedule finally slowed down. They got so used to eating in the car, one night they started carrying their plate of food out the door to go to the car.


Just because I’m semi-retired now, just doing freelance writing, doesn’t mean I cook.

I’m still the queen of fast-food ordering, finding coupons to get discounts, and heating something up in the oven. I only cook when all else fails, which fortunately isn’t very often. I rely on the four basic food groups: fast food, microwavable, canned and frozen.

Because of my aversion to cooking along with the lack of time to do it when the boys were young, I’m afraid my kids will have a blurred image of me when I pass. When they think of me, meal times and food,

I have a sinking feeling they will see me in their mind’s eye as a female image of Colonel Sanders or me dressed as a little Roman in a toga.

I might not have cooked the chicken or the pizza, but I served it with as much love as something from the oven.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Every year Cass City recognizes an outstanding citizen in our community during the chamber of commerce’s annual community dinner. The next annual dinner is scheduled for Feb. 1.

These citizens have contributed many things to our community, including their willingness to make Cass City a better place to live and work. They have motivation, dedication and an outstanding desire to get involved. These individuals are true role models and we want to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions. Cass City educators, community members and businesses, as well as representatives of non-profit organizations, are encouraged to submit nominations.

Please consider nominating a deserving citizen. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, Dec. 12. You can send your nomination to the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, 6506 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726, or via e-mail to ccc@casscitychamber.com.

The committee is also looking for nominations for Jr. Citizen of the Year. If individuals, service clubs or businesses would like a nomination form, they can email Kate Van Auken at kvanauken@wplc.org and one will be sent. Deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel recently issued a consumer alert to advise Michigan residents of an illegal robocall scam where the callers are representing themselves as employees of the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) federal agency. The scam artists are using spoofing technology, which allows them to appear as a local caller in an attempt to steal personal information, including Social Security Numbers, from Michigan residents.

The OVC, the federal agency that administers the Crime Victims Fund, has received multiple reports that its name is being used as part of an imposter scam targeting individuals throughout the country.

Be alert for calls from anyone representing themselves as an OVC employee or being from the “OVC Fraud Prevention Unit.” The OVC has no such unit.

These scammers are calling from local numbers and may suggest your social security number has been compromised and even provide a “case number,” but it is a fraud. Do not give them any of your personal information — and do not send them money.

If you receive one of these calls, report it to the OVC Resource Center at the National Criminal Justice Reference Service at 800-851-3420. You may also file a complaint with the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Team at the contact information below or with the Federal Trade Commission online or by calling 877-382-4357.

Contact from the government gets your attention. Criminals use legitimate government references and the threat of government action to trick individuals into taking action that facilitates theft. The initial communication could come in any form—letter, phone call, email, or text message. No matter the form, the goal is the same: to get personal or business information and steal money.

If you receive a text or email from any source claiming to come from a government agency or employee with an attachment or link asking you to open it or click on it, do not do it until you verify it is authentic.

If anyone calls you and asks you to pay with a cash-to-cash money transfer, like MoneyGram or Western Union; or with a PIN from a cash reload card like MoneyPak or Vanilla Road; or with a remotely created payment order using your bank account and routing numbers, they are a fraud and it is a scam. Hang up. It is illegal for any telemarketer to accept any of those forms of payments.

If you receive suspicious contact from someone claiming to be from state or local government, report the contact to the actual agency using contact information you know is accurate. The official State of Michigan website provides reliable contact information for State government.

If you have a general consumer complaint, you may file a complaint with the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Team.

Bud Schneeberger was impressed not only with the Cass City football team Saturday, but also with the coaches and fans.

In a letter to the Chronicle, the long-time downtown businessman wrote: Congratulations to the Cass City Red Hawk football team, coaches and fans for sticking it out when it was so cold outside.

It’s the best game I have ever watched in my 86 years. I sat next to the high school students. One student went and got me popcorn and another offered to help me down the bleachers, but I said “I could make it okay, I just move slow.”

The school promised me a ride to the next game in Novi and I am so thankful for that.

Letters to the Editor

Vet appreciates school

Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation for the entire Cass City School system for treating the veterans so nicely on Veterans Day.

When I returned home from Southeast Asia in 1964, veterans weren’t treated very well.

Also, great job to Mark Zmierski of the Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Office who does so much to help area veterans with service-related matters.

I appreciate that Cass City Schools are teaching students respect for veterans.

Thomas Cline
Cass City
U.S. Naval Construction
Battalion, 1962-1966

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LADY LUCK. Dawn Quinn bagged this 9-point buck Saturday morning on private property in Cass City using a Ruger 350 Legend.



OPENING DAY SUCCESS – Logan Grates, 13, snagged his first buck Friday. He took down the 5-pointer with a 410 shotgun. He is the son of Gary and Janelle Grates of Cass City.

Police: man found lying on Kinde street suffered a gunshot wound

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's Department investigators say they believe a man found injured and lying in a street in Kinde late Friday afternoon was suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Deputies were dispatched to the scene — Michigan Street, west of Dwight Street — at about 5:45 p.m., according to Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, who said officers found the victim conscious and bleeding from his head.

"He had just been found by a res-

ident whose house he was in front of, along with a passing motorist driving by," Hanson said. "It was unknown what the problem was because the alert, injured man could not talk. However, while he was being treated, a handgun shell casing was located near him and a handgun was found in a pocket.

Hanson said deputies were able to learn that the man is a 28-year-old Tennessee resident who had been staying with a nearby resident.

"His injuries, which were confined to his face and head, were determined to have been from a

gunshot," the sheriff continued. "He was taken to McLaren Thumb by Thumb Ambulance Service, then eventually flown out to an out-of-county hospital for treatment of his stabilized injuries.

"At this point it is believed his gunshot wound was self-inflicted. It (is) further believed that he had been laying there for around five minutes."

The incident remains under investigation, according to Hanson, who noted the Kinde Area Fire Department assisted deputies at the scene.

Commissioners support 4-year terms

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

There could be some changes coming when it comes to electing county commissioners.

Legislation amending state law to enact four-year terms for county commissioners has been introduced in Lansing, and the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners recently approved a resolution supporting the proposed bills.

Commissioners cited a couple of reasons for their support of extending terms from two to four years.

The first is that the roles of county leaders have evolved over the years. Initially, counties were governed by a board of supervi-

sors. No matter how many townships there were in a county, a supervisor for each township served on a board that governed the county.

In 1963, the Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county board of supervisors, which was the preceding body to today's board of commissioners.

However, when legislators voted in 1966 to abolish the boards of supervisors and replace them with boards of commissioners who would represent a district rather than just one area, the term in office was reduced to two years.

But over the last 50-plus years, the scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased to include overseeing funding for services such as road

patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programs, solid waste, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts and emergency management.

The job of county commissioner "is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master," Tuscola County's resolution states.

Michigan is one of only five states in the United States with two-year terms for county commissioners. All other county and township officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years.

Another factor supporting extending commission terms is to make election times uniform.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Pamela Jo Nagy, 33, Caro, pleaded no contest to stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device-holder Jan. 20 in Akron. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Matthew T. Simko, 34, Hersey, was sentenced to 90 days in the

county jail following his plea of guilty of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 30 in Millington Township.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,658.

*Shane G. Marner, 24, Cass City, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his plea of guilty to larceny in a building May 23 in Cass City. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 24

months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus restitution of \$1,007.95.

*Seth E. Wilson, 25, Bay City, pleaded no contest to charges of engaging in child sexually abusive activity, using a computer to commit a crime, and criminal sexual conduct, second degree, involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between June 29, 2018, and June 29, 2019, in Dayton Township.

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

CALENDAR EVENTS

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Wednesday, November 20

•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.
•Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

Thursday, November 21

•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Saturday, November 23

•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 24

•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 25

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
•Families Against Narcotics, 6 p.m., Hills and Dales Corporate Services and Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St. Cass City. For more information, call (989) 551-4326.
•Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, November 26

•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.

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Reporter's notebook

Okay, I admit it, I have a problem

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



It all started when I was a kid, a time when most of us figure enjoying something more than we should will never become a problem "for me". I was wrong.

I'm a Christmas movie junkie. I admit it; I have a problem.

It's not even December yet, but I'm too far gone to worry about the calendar.

My first taste of this holiday euphoria came when I was a youngster and saw Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer for the first time. I was hooked and didn't even know it.

Then came Frosty the Snowman – and the various versions that followed – along with the Little Drummer Boy, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Jack Frost, and others.

It wasn't long before I found myself neck deep in the pit of A Christmas Carol movies, from the 1951 version featuring Alastair Sim, to the musical starring Albert Finney in 1970, to more recent editions featuring George C. Scott and Jim Carrey in the title role.

Later, I discovered some of the other (much) older classics, including It's a Wonderful Life, Miracle on 34th Street and White Christmas.

Along the way, I've viewed various remakes of How the Grinch Stole Christmas as well as The Santa Clause, Home Alone, A Christmas Story, Polar Express, etc. I think I've seen them all, and most on more occasions than I'd care to admit.

There were a few dark days when I even resorted to viewing (in private, of course), National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation and Ernest Saves Christmas.

Yeah, I know, I know. I'm so pathetic.

They say honesty with yourself and others is vital to successfully kicking an addiction, so I'm going to be brutal here: I have also partaken of some Hallmark Christmas movies.

Hey, don't judge.

When I was young, the cool puppets and cartoons dancing around on the black-and-white screen at home quickly caught my attention and became a part of Christmases I still remember. These days, I enjoy the escape into places and times when people can disagree without calling one another haters, where folks demonstrate genuine love and caring, and where the stories end on a happy note.

On the other hand, I live in reality and should probably just accept the awful insanity all of us are subjected to day in and day out on television and the Internet, right?

Wrong. Maybe I'm overly optimistic, but I don't think there's anything wrong with believing that good intentions and a little effort can still pay off in the end, bringing about a happy ending or two in real life during the holiday season and long after December turns into January. It's not that far-fetched — we see all sorts of examples of kindness and compassion in this community year in and year out.

So maybe I shouldn't try to kick this holiday movie madness altogether.

It's just as well. I thought I was getting a handle on the urges until I recently caught a glimpse of some holiday movies on sale while scanning Amazon and spotted a copy of An American Christmas Carol starring Henry (The Fonz) Winkler. I quietly placed it in my cart.

Don't judge (again). It's a classic.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Sidney Bencheck. Sidney participated in volleyball as a freshman, junior and senior. She was a member of the varsity softball team her sophomore year. Sidney has also been a member of the Owen-Gage Band all four years, in which she plays the flute. Academically, Sidney has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. She was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society as a sophomore. She served as the N.H.S. treasurer her junior year. Each year, Sidney has served as secretary of her class. She was a homecoming representative her freshman and junior years and as a senior was a homecoming queen candidate. Sidney served on the prom committee her junior year and she has been a year-book staff member the past two years. She attended the Huron Area Technical Center as a junior, where she was enrolled in the Health Science Program and was a member of HOSA – Future Health Professionals. As a senior, Sidney is taking dual-enrollment classes at the H.A.T.C. through Mid-Michigan Community College.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

More than 30 people attended a special program last Wednesday at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, featuring Author Michael Deeb, who has written an historical fiction trilogy about a young man from Michigan who served in the Civil War.

Katelyn Holtz, a sixth grade student at Owen-Gage, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Owendale Lions Club. Katelyn's poster was among more than 375,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 22nd annual Lions Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The Cass City High School Equestrian Team recently finished the season with its highest placing ever, earning the title of District 14, Division C, Reserve Champions. Team members are Andrea Boyd, Kelsey Cooper, Samantha Swiderski, Ashleigh Stoeckle and Sarah Zmierski.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Shawna Peasley, daughter of Charles and Ruth Peasley, and Rod Romain, son of Derek and Elaine Romain, all of Cass City, announce their engagement. A Feb. 4 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer. Debbie and Patti Timmons and Ruth Timmons were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Weiderhold, Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer and Wayne Curry were Thanksgiving Day afternoon guests.

David and Carla (Haag) Dzielinski are the parents of a baby girl born Nov. 17. Meri weighed 10 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/4" long. She joins her big brothers, Matthew, 9, and Paul, 6. Grandparents are Dawn Haag, Cass City, and Walter and Joanne Dzielinski, Gagetown.

Jill and Joe Leeson and Stephanie of Ferndale were Thanksgiving weekend guests of Fred and Linda Leeson and Theron and Diane Middaugh.

This year's Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., will have some local interest. Leana Edwards, drum major of the Cass City Marching Band, has been chosen to perform in the half-time production for the Citrus Bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boland are

the parents of a 7-pound, 4-ounce daughter, Nicole Ann, born at 10:34 Thanksgiving Day at Bay Medical Center in Bay City. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Boland Sr. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Near.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Dorie Tyo, 16, Deford, shot a 7-point buck in the Frodie Rd, area near Deford. It was the first deer she has shot.

George Simmerlein, a 1984 graduate of Ubyly High School, was one of four Michigan students selected to perform with the National Future Farmers of America Band at the national convention in Kansas City, Nov. 4 to 11. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Simmerlein, Ubyly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nicol of Marlette joined Mr. and Mrs. Max Agar for dinner Sunday. The 59th wedding anniversary of the Agars, the 58th anniversary of the Nicols and Mr. Nicol's birthday, which is Nov. 22, were celebrated.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hartwick spent Nov. 3-5 with Mrs. Hartwick's sister-in-law, Mrs. Madeline Ball, at Tawas City and attended the wedding of Mrs. Ball's granddaughter, Elizabeth Pfeiffer, and Drew McDonald Saturday. Elizabeth is a grandniece of Mrs. Hartwick.

Mrs. Emma Kettlewell received word last week of the birth of two great-grandchildren. Born Nov. 14 was a son to Crystal Kettlewell Willis in a Brandon, Fla., hospital. She also has a daughter. Mrs. Willis' sister, Debbie Kettlewell Durham, gave birth in a Tampa, Fla., hospital to a girl. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Duane Kettlewell of Brandon.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

It was an end of an era of sorts. No more gasoline for under \$1 a gallon. For motorists who buy their gasoline in Cass City, who use unleaded, the fuel went over \$1 a gallon mark. But for those who use regular in their cars, there were three local stations where the price clung to just under that – 99.9 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury had as guests Saturday evening their son and his wife, the John Lounsbury of Mineral, Calif., John Sting and daughter Jennifer of Terre Haute, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strecker of Saginaw, Mrs. Jessie Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchinson and son Rodney, Miss Carole Tuckey, Mr. and Mrs. Esat Yazir, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiles and son Hazen. Wendy Ware, who attends Spring Arbor College, and Cindy Ware, who attends MSU at East Lansing, spent the holiday week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Ware. Sally and Laurie Ware, who attend Spring Arbor College, were home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barnes returned home Sunday from a ten-day trip to Florida with their daughter and family, the Michael Piersons of Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher, Jr. had as Sunday dinner guests to celebrate the birthday of George Fisher III, Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr. and Jerry Langmaid. Other members of the Fisher families joined them in the afternoon for cake and ice cream.

Kathleen K. McArthur and Robert D. Adams Jr. were married Oct. 27 at the First Baptist church, Cass City. Pastor Timothy Teall performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McArthur, Main Street. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams Sr., Oak Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Van Allen of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter,

Shari Jean, to Robert Scott O'Dell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Dell of Cass City. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Mary Kay Burrows, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burrows, of Gagetown, has been selected as the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen of the year at Owendale-Gagetown High School. Mary Kay is captain of the cheerleading squad and was the homecoming queen for 1979. She was selected last year to attend Girls State to represent the school.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Lt. Dean Rienstra was home for a week's leave from Sewart AFB, Tenn., where he was stationed after completion of navigator training school at Mather AFB, Calif. He received his wings July 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Little and family will have as Thanksgiving dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Caister and children of Caro, Mrs. Mack Little, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Little and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hartel and family.

Sergeant Gary L. Holik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Holik of Caro, has been recognized for helping his unit earn the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Sergeant Holik is a weapons mechanic in the 4258th Strategic Wing at U-Tapao Airfield Thailand. He will wear the distinctive service ribbon as a permanent decoration. The wing was cited for its successful and sustained aerial accomplishments within the Western Pacific area from March 1968 to March 1969. It is part of the Strategic Air Command's (SAC) 3rd Air Division. SAC is the nation's long range bomber and missile force. The sergeant is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Holik of Cass City.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Knight northeast of Cass City, their daughter, Miss Pauline Knight, became the bride of Mr. James A. Milligan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Milligan. Rev. Melvin R. Vender, minister of the Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony which took place at one o'clock on Saturday, Nov. 25. The Knight home was decorated with white chrysanthemums, ferns, and snapdragons.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Whittaker of Evergreen township received a telegram from the government on Thanksgiving day informing them that their son, Pvt. Cecil Whittaker, had been wounded in Germany on Nov. 10. He is now in a hospital in France. On Saturday, the Whittakers were the recipients of a letter written Nov. 15 by a "buddy" of their son which stated that Cecil had been wounded in his right arm and that he was receiving the best of care and getting along nicely. Cecil left for overseas the latter part of September and is with the First Army.

A telegram Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kinnaird conveyed the news that a daughter had been born to Chaplain and Mrs. Dudley C. Mosure on Saturday night, Nov. 25. Both mother and baby are doing nicely. Chaplain Mosure is stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary Tuesday evening by entertaining 11 of their friends at an oyster supper. The evening was spent in music and social chat, the guests doing ample justice to the bountiful spread prepared by Mrs. Hall and departed at a late hour, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Hall a happy anniversary and many more of them.

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Guest column

We can do better...

by Kevin Daley
Michigan senator,
31st District

Between my time serving in the state Capitol, attending meetings across the 31st Senate District, and working on the farm, I recently had the opportunity to view the funeral proceedings for U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Maryland).

What I saw struck me. I saw something a little old-fashioned, something I was taught on the family farm. I saw a group of Republicans, Democrats, conservatives and liberals simply coming together to honor their friend.

I saw respect.

The fact that this one event stood out so much is a sign of just how far respect has fallen in our nation. This terrible idea that you can't treat someone with kindness unless they agree with you is sadly too common in our world today.

Before you say anything, this is true of both sides. For years, we've seen a basic level of respect in everyday interactions become less and less common — whether that's in politics, coming from our leaders, or in our own families.

Now, I'm sure some others are going to say: "It's politics! Politics is a tough game!" Well, I'm no stranger to politics; I served a full three terms as state representative and I'm currently serving my first term as your state senator.

I've seen my fair share of tough campaigns and I have worked with two Democrat governors and one Republican governor. I've worked with lawmakers from Detroit to the Upper Peninsula, and I do my best to respect my colleagues, whether we agreed on everything or not. It's basic decency.

Don't get me wrong — I've fought hard to push for my values, the values of my community and for what I believed was right. I've had my fair share of disagreements across the aisle. I've even had my fair share of disagreements with fellow Republicans.

However, at the end of the day, I've never let a colleague's views stop me from treating them the way we should treat everyone — honestly, politely and with respect. A little disagreement never hurt anyone. In the end, we all want what's best for our communities, state and country. We just have different plans on how to get there.

We can do better.

Instead of pointing the finger, we can each do our part to fix the problem. Society doesn't change overnight, but each small step makes an impact. We've got a long way to go to restore respect and civility in our culture. I believe we can do it if each of us does our part. It's a lofty goal, but it's something too important to ignore.

And who knows? Maybe, just maybe, the sight of Republicans and Democrats coming together and treating one another with respect won't be such a strange sight someday.

Sen. Kevin Daley represents the 31st state Senate District, which includes Bay, Lapeer and Tuscola counties.



IT WAS NEARLY standing-room-only at last year's Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Cass City United Methodist Church, where a small army of 50 to 60 volunteers prepared and served 250 to 300 meals.

Volunteers always welcome at holiday meal

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organizers to appreciate all the help they can get, especially when it comes to preparing and serving enough food for up to 250 people.

"We always take volunteers. We won't turn anybody away," commented Brian.

A typical year's menu includes about 20 turkeys and 200 pounds of potatoes along with several roasters of vegetables and dressing, not to mention dozens of desserts.

The dinner is free, but the gathering isn't a charity event, and it's not a soup kitchen for the needy. This project is all about sharing and bringing members of the com-

munity together for food and fellowship.

The first Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner was organized back in 1986 at the former St. Pancratius Catholic Church. Earlier that year, former area resident Alan Klco came up with the idea and, sharing his thoughts with Bob Gengler, the two men went to work.

Volunteers from other area churches were contacted to put together a village-wide and ecumenical project.

Over the years, the dinner has been located at the local VFW hall and, more recently, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, where full kitchen facilities have

enabled organizers to dispense with having to utilize three different kitchens to prepare all of the dishes. These days, food preparation is completed over a two-day period, providing for a less hectic schedule.

One thing that hasn't changed is the generosity of local service clubs, churches, businesses and individuals, who collectively ensure there is enough of everything to keep the local Thanksgiving tradition alive and well.

Anyone interested in volunteering or who would like more information is asked to contact Brian Williams at (989) 551-5698 or Janice Williams at (989) 550-5698.

Future of ambulance service remains uncertain

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the shift scheduling," said Trepkoski. "So we are faced with the crisis of not having enough people and a coordinator."

The Ubyl Village Council was among those who received notice about the closing. In response, Ubyl Village President Jason Nicol and Trustee Brandon Zdrojewski contacted Trepkoski about a possible solution to keep the service operating.

"They approached us and said they had four people who were interested in taking EMT classes. If they do and can complete the training, it would help," Trepkoski said. "I've heard there is supposed to be EMT classes offered in Sanilac County soon."

"So if those four do follow through and pass the EMT class, they should be fully trained sometime in March."

That possibility could have the ambulance board revisiting their decision.

"With that possibility, everything is up in the air right now," he said. "We could revisit that decision when the ambulance board meets. We could rescind the motion and

continue, or not.

"Nothing is for sure right now."

However, one of the ambulance service's current EMTs has volunteered to take over the scheduling duties. "So that issue, at least, is taken care of," Trepkoski added.

The ambulance board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the municipal hall at 2241 Pierce St.,

which is shared by the township and village.

Bingham Ambulance, which has operated since 1978, provides service to the townships of Bingham and Paris, and half of Sheridan township in Huron County. In Sanilac County, the service covers Austin Township and portions of Minden and Argyle townships.

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News briefs

Clothe-A-Child is underway

HURON COUNTY — It's getting to be that time of the year when the Clothe-A-Child Program provides complete outfits, including underwear and socks, many needy youth in Huron County at Christmas time. This will be the 19th year in which 4-H volunteers will wrap boxes for this program.

Last year, 46 4-H youth members from five Huron County 4-H Clubs wrapped 128 boxes for the project. All 4-H youth who wrap boxes receive a 4-H Community Service certificate.

Wrapped boxes can be either dropped off to the MSU Extension office in Bad Axe before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, or the morning of Monday, Dec. 2, at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church (located west of Bad Axe on M-142).

More information is available by contacting Patti Errer, 4-H program coordinator, at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609) or via email at errep@anr.msu.edu.

Ubly grad assistant teacher

UBLY — A 2010 Ubly High School graduate is settling into her role as the Ubly School District's assistant agriscience teacher.

Katie Jo (Gentner) Volmering is a 2014 graduate of Michigan State University, where she studied crop and soil and sciences and earned a bachelor's degree. She has been involved with the Ubly FFA program since she was in seventh grade.

During her time as an FFA member, Volmering served as a chapter officer, including two years as president, regional secretary and state FFA treasurer, and she received an American FFA Degree.

She continues to be an active member of the Ubly FFA Alumni, currently serving as president.

Daley office hours scheduled

CARO — Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum) will host constituents Monday, Nov. 25, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro.

Daley represents the 31st District, which covers the counties of Bay, Lapeer and Tuscola.

For more information or to contact Daley, visit his website at SenatorKevinDaley.com or call (517) 373-1777.

Rule revised for medical pot

LANSING — Michigan lawmakers have lowered or eliminated fees assessed on people who register to use marijuana for medical reasons. The Marijuana Regulatory Agency announced the following rules are in effect:

*The application fee for a two-year registry card is now \$40, down from \$60. A \$10 fee to update, replace or add or remove a caregiver has been eliminated.

*Caregivers who supply patients with marijuana will no longer have to pay a \$25 background check processing fee.

Christmas Cruiser in Marlette

MARLETTE — The Marlette Police Department is requesting donated gift items for its "Stuff a Christmas Cruiser" campaign.

To help make the holidays a little brighter for needy residents, the department is accepting toiletries for men, women and children as well as non-perishable food items from now until Christmas. Donations can be dropped off at the police department or city hall, 6436 Morris St., Marlette.

Gagetown prepared for winter

GAGETOWN — The weather was still balmy when the Gagetown Village Council took steps to prepare for winter.

During a recent meeting, officials reported that 50 tons of salt had been delivered to the village at a price of \$61.35 per ton. The total cost of getting ready for this winter's first storm, which came much sooner than anticipated, was roughly \$3,044.

It was also reported that village-own property has been expanded with a donated parcel of land.

Mary Beckett donated the Don Warner estate property that joins the park and also provides frontage to the village's water wells.

In other business, village accountant Danny Haag, CPA, went over the community's annual audit, conducted by Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran. Haag gave the village a clean bill of financial health.

Different Vets Day in Kingston

KINGSTON — The Veterans Day celebration in the Kingston Community School District was a little different than what many other school districts hosted.

Instead of students doing all of the entertaining of veterans, 94-year old Kingston veteran Gerald Johnston provided the kids with entertainment by playing a guitar and singing, and talking about the way things used to be.

"Gerald has 150 songs memorized. He played sang and shared his life in and out of the military with our students," said school Supt. Matt Drake. "Things like his first car was a Model A Ford that he bought for \$50, gas was 10 cents a gallon, and if you want to live a long life, eat bacon every day."

Johnston entertained the seventh- and eighth-grade students. He also talked about some of his experiences of being a World War II veteran.

"Gerald told us about landing on the beach at Normandy on his 18th birthday, driving three different tanks into the teeth of Nazi-occupied France, and more," Drake noted.

"We would like to thank Gerald and those remaining from 'the Greatest Generation' for the sacrifices they made then so many live free the way we do now."

Internet safety program topic

CASS CITY — The Charmont in Cass City will host a program focusing on Internet safety and human trafficking Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Community Service Trooper Nicole Dhooghe of the Michigan State Police post in Caro will be the guest speaker during the free presentation, which will include lunch for participants.

Residents can register by calling the Tuscola County Health Department at (989) 673-1723 or the Huron County Health Department at (989) 269-3319.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Flowers by Grace

Tuckey's green thumb runs in family

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A local resident whose family has deep roots in the Cass City community is operating her own floral business.

Grace Tuckey opened her business, Flowers By Grace, about 18 months ago and currently serves customers inside Flowers Galore and More, 6837 Main St, Cass City.

"I started the business on my own. I worked out of my house before I located here at the garden center," said Tuckey. "I have always had my own garden. My great aunt Ruth Kelly used to own a floral shop in town. I learned from her, and having my own flower shop was always something I wanted to do."

"Doing this is special to me because I'm following in my aunt's footsteps."

Kelly owned Cass City Floral.

Although Tuckey has always had an interest in gardening, flowers and flower arranging, she took some classes to hone her skills.

"I took classes (at) Michigan Floral Institute of design, and I'm working on becoming a certified florist in the state of Michigan. I have one more test to take to complete certification," she noted.

Her love of flowers goes back several years.

"I was five when I was picking bouquets, bringing them inside and arranging them. I did the flower arrangements for my first wedding when I was 15 years old," Tuckey recalled. "Working with flowers was always something I loved to do."

She creates flower arrangements for a variety of events, including funerals and weddings.

"I would say that I specialize in doing flowers and arrangements for weddings. That is something that I really enjoy doing," she said.

And, the Main Street location at Flowers Galore and More provides her with convenient access to the greenhouses located there to purchase some of her flowers.

"I'm happy with what I'm doing and happy to help people. I grew

up here. I was home schooled by my mother and I graduated high school in 2016," Tuckey said, noting she gets a lot of help with her business from her parents, Diane and Terry Tuckey, along with other family members.

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TRACTORS WITH track wheels were used to pull harvesting equipment through a number of muddy sugarbeet fields in the Thumb last week as farmers worked through a winter storm that pounded the region.

Tough year for farmers

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Tractors with track wheels were used to pull harvesting equipment through muddy fields.

“As of Nov. 12, about 97 percent of the 154,000 acres have been harvested. We have about 2,600 acres left to harvest, and we anticipate that we will still be able to get those acres harvested,” Michigan Sugar Company Director of Communications and Community Relations Rob Clark said last Wednesday.

“Mother Nature has certainly made things challenging for our growers, but they are banding together and helping each other in a cooperative spirit,” he added. “There have been countless acts of kindness as growers lend equipment and even show up in a neighbor’s field to help them dig their beets.”

“It’s very inspiring to see that type of teamwork out in the fields.”

Despite the weather conditions, sugarbeets are expected to average about 28.7 tons per acre with a sugar content average of about 18.1 percent, which is in the typical range if the numbers hold.

To put the numbers regarding tonnage and sugar content into perspective, this region’s 10-year average (2009-2018) is 27.73 tons of sugarbeets per acre and 17.83 percent sugar content, and the five-year average (2014-2018) is 29.43 tons per acre, with a sugar content of 17.35 percent.

Last year’s tonnage per acre and sugar content were 29.31 and 16.2 percent, respectively, and in 2017 farmers averaged 25.56 tons per acre, with a sugar content of 18.48 percent.

“We really can’t say enough about the job our nearly 900 grower-owners did this season,” Clark said. “The weather from beginning to end has been challenging, but our growers have done a phenomenal job of managing this year’s sugarbeet crop, and we’re now seeing the positive results of their efforts.”

“Kudos also must go to our piling ground employees who worked through some difficult conditions, especially this past weekend. Equipment was challenging to operate due to the cold and mud.”

As for what the snow means for the remaining beets in the field, time and weather conditions will tell. If it is too cold for too long, beets can be damaged or the blanket of snow could act as insulation.

And, cold temperatures are best for beets stored at piling grounds.

Aside from beets, there are still several acres of soybeans and corn still in fields, but they are harder crops, according to Bob Battel, MSU Extension Field crops educator for Tuscola and Huron counties.

“The weather has stopped harvesting in its tracks. For the harvest to continue, snow has to diminish and the ground has to freeze so equipment can get into the fields without getting stuck,” He noted.

Battel didn’t have an up-to-date estimate on the number of acres of corn and soybeans that haven’t yet been harvested, but he pointed out the moisture content is too high currently for harvesting.

“There is very little drying taking place right now. It is best to harvest corn at 25 percent or less moisture. Less than 20 percent is better,” Battel explained. “And for soybeans, harvesting as close to 13 percent as you can get is best.”

Marlo Johnson, director of the Great Lakes Regional Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, estimates the average moisture content of corn is at 26 percent, while soybean moisture is roughly 17 percent currently.

Even so, Battel is optimistic.

“They will get the crops harvested. They won’t stay in the field. They can be harvested right up until next spring,” he said. “They can go that long; but waiting that long, there is the risk of deer damage (from foraging).”

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State champ dreams alive in Cass City

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

The Cass City football team kept their state championship dreams alive Saturday with a thrilling victory over visiting perennial power Detroit Loyola.

There were multiple stars in the Red Hawks' Division 7 Regional Championship game, but none bigger than senior standouts Sandyn Cuthrell and Hadyn Horne, who teamed up for the game's only touchdown and each intercepted a pass at the goal line to preserve the 6-0 triumph.

Cass City's 11th straight win captured the school's first regional gridiron trophy and advances the Greater Thumb West and district champs into this weekend's Division 7 semifinal contest in Novi. There, Coach Scott Cuthrell's gang will take on Jackson Lumen Christi. The Titans, ranked No. 1 in the state all year long and undefeated at 10-0, are favorites to win their fourth straight state championship in 2019. Their previous three came in Division 6 play, before moving down a division this year. Saturday's kickoff is slated for 11:00 a.m.

However, chances are good Jackson Lumen Christi hasn't faced a defense any better than the one Cass City has displayed during their history-making campaign.

In Cass City's three post-season games, the Red Hawk defense has yet to allow a point - Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, however, scored on a safety. It will take another defensive gem for Cass City to advance into the state championship round.

"Defense, defense what a great game, and one of the hardest hitting games I have been a part of.

Great performances on both sides of the ball, please get down to Novi this Saturday and support these fine young men," said Cuthrell afterwards.

Detroit Loyola, who entered the contest with four state championship appearances since 2012, returned home believing Cass City's defense is the real deal.

After trading punts, Detroit Loyola's second possession started at mid field, but stalled after an Alex Perry tackle for loss returned the ball on downs after advancing into the Red Zone.

Backed up deep in their own territory, Cass City gave the visitors a chance to strike first when Hayden Caddell recovered a fumble moments later that spotted the ball on the 25-yard line.

Once again the Cass City defense was up to the test and foiled the Bulldog's best threat of the opening quarter, that ended scoreless.

It was more of the same in quarter two before Detroit Loyola marched deep into Cass City territory on a pass from Anthony Garrett to Lonzi Tramble that covered 40 yards.

But with only 40 ticks on the clock remaining to the intermission, Garrett's pass to the corner of the end zone was picked off by Horne with a one-handed grab and both teams went into the break scoreless.

Neither team moved the ball in the third stanza, as each team punted twice. Cass City foreign exchange student punter Thom Rijshouwer was one of the unsung heroes for the hosts, as he repeatedly launched booming boots on the afternoon that helped keep the game scoreless entering the final quarter.

That's when another unsung star,

Noah Zaleski, gave the Cass City offense a huge boost when he somehow came up with a 29 yard strike from Cuthrell to setup the Red Hawks' best scoring opportunity of the game.

And with 7:58 remaining in regulation, Cuthrell connected with Horne in the left flats, he slipped one tackle and raced 20 yards for the game-winning TD. Horne, who had lined up at wide out throughout the game, moved to a wing near the line of scrimmage and the move confused Detroit Loyola momentarily, which proved fatal.

Cass City's vaulted rushing attack was held in check in the regional final. They gained just 69 yards on 41 carries, including 27 by Cuthrell, 20 by Perry and 14 by Horne.

To their credit, Detroit Loyola didn't go away quietly. They drove inside the 15-yard line on their next possession, but on 4th-and-12 came up a yard short and returned the ball back to Cass City on downs.

Still, with just over three minutes showing on the clock, another Detroit Loyola stand forced a Cass City punt from its own end zone. But Rijshouwer was cool under pressure and got off another booming punt.

And on the next snap, Cuthrell intercepted Garrett's pass at the goal line that lead to a victory formation before Cass City fans rushed onto the field.

Defensively, Bryce Fernald had six solo tackles for Cass City, while Perry recorded four solo stops and Jeremy Velasquez and Zaleski chipped in three solo tackles each.



COACH SCOTT Cuthrell hoists the Division 7 Regional Championship trophy in front of a packed house Saturday after Cass City's victory over visiting Detroit Loyola. Joining the celebration is Asst. Coach Tavis Osentoski.

Cards fall in semis

by Clarke Haire

Kingston gave undefeated host Suttons Bay all they could handle for a half Saturday, before falling in an 8-man semifinal contest.

With the 45-14 setback, Kingston finishes with a 9-3 overall mark in 2019. Suttons Bay, meanwhile,

improves to 12-0 and will face Colon next for the Division 1 state title.

After opening the season suffering a 42-0 pounding by Morrice, Kingston showed improvement every week on their way to the Cardinals' first appearance in the Please turn to page 10.

GTW airs standouts

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Greater Thumb West champion Cass City dominated the 7-school association all-conference selections in 2019 highlighted by a trio of 2-way dream team choices.

Red Hawk senior Sandyn Cuthrell and juniors Jeremy Velasquez and Alex Perry landed on both the first team offense and first team defense determined by the vote of conference coaches. Cuthrell was honored at quarterback and defensive back, Velasquez at guard and linebacker and Perry at running back and linebacker.

According to the Red Hawk coaching staff, Cuthrell is a "Thumb Player of the Year" candidate, while Velasquez developed into one of the area's top tacklers. Perry, meanwhile, is a tough runner and hard hitting linebacker from a well-known football family name.

Also named as Greater Thumb West all-conference first team picks on offense were Cass City senior center Hunter Caister, Cass City junior guard Ryan DeLong, Cass City senior running back Hadyn Horne, Cass City senior place kicker Thom Rijshouwer, EPBP junior lineman Blake Smithers, USA junior lineman Keegan Bixman, Bad Axe senior end Cody Talaski, Caro senior end Miles Campbell, EPBP senior tight end JT Warren, Bad Axe senior running back Jack Clancy and USA junior running back Conner Gettel.

The Greater Thumb West second team all-conference consisted of senior Collen Wruble, Cass City (tight end), senior Landin Zim-

mer, USA (quarterback), junior Luke Schember, Bad Axe (linebacker), junior Toby MacPhee, Bad Axe (linebacker), senior Isaac Joslyn, Caro (linebacker), junior Grant Bouvy, Reese (linebacker), junior Jacob Nimitz, USA (linebacker), senior Isaac Johnson, Reese (flanker), senior Bryce Brechtelsbauer, Reese (tight end), sophomore Zach Kretzschmer, EPBP (running back), sophomore Braylon Ballard, USA (running back), junior Walker Foley, USA (running back) and junior Micah Gordon, Bad Axe (place kicker).

Honorable mention offensive players in the Greater Thumb West were Cass City's Connor Herford, Jordan Mester and Jacob Shantz, Bad Axe's Vince Blackstock, Luke Sobczak, Caro's Devin Parsell, Hunter Dickson, Colton Severn, Logan Vandecar, Isaac Joslyn and Alec Will, EPBP's Gage Bronell, Dawson Gnagey, Westin Bowles and Garet Bowles, Reese's Jack DuRussel, Wyatt Schember, Bryce Brechtelsbauer and Mason Hawes, USA's Kirkland Czewski and Nash Morton.

Joining Cass City's Cuthrell, Velasquez and Perry on the Greater Thumb West all-conference first team defense were teammates Matt Mihalic - junior nose tackle, Noah Zaleski - junior end, EPBP Blake Smithers - junior tackle, USA Keegan Bixman - junior end, Bad Axe Toby MacPhee - junior linebacker, EPBP JT Warren - senior linebacker, USA Jacob Nimitz - junior linebacker, Reese Grant Bouvy - junior linebacker, Bad Axe Micah Gordon - junior back, USA Nash Morton - senior back, EPBP Anthony Sheri-

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Jacob Kirsch	Harbor Beach	Senior	Tackle
Nolan Vanerp	Ubly	Junior	Tackle
Austin Peruski	Ubly	Senior	Center
Caden Blashill	Sandusky	Junior	Tackle
Josh Pasco	Brown City	Junior	Tight End
Isaac Warcinsky	Ubly	Senior	End
Nathan Siemen	Harbor Beach	Senior	Tight End
Logan Mitchell	Sandusky	Senior	Tight End
Carson Heleski	Ubly	Junior	Full Back
Devin Pfaff	Harbor Beach	Senior	Back
Delorin Wedge	Sandusky	Junior	Full Back
Ben Laskowski	Capac	Junior	Place Kicker

SECOND TEAM--OFFENSE

Dylan Kadar	Harbor Beach	Junior	Quarter Back
Dakota Deer	Harbor Beach	Junior	Center
Kevin Turner	Brown City	Junior	Tackle
Ethan Smalley	Ubly	Senior	Tackle
Leo Macha	Marlette	Senior	Center
Jacob Sanderson	Sandusky	Junior	Guard
Conner Robinson	Capac	Junior	Receiver
Kyle Sweeney	Ubly	Sophomore	End
Luke Woodke	Harbor Beach	Sophomore	TE/WR
Shane Osantowski	Ubly	Senior	Back
Ian Schetter	Marlette	Junior	Back
Daniel Patrias	Brown City	Senior	Back
Luke Woodke	Harbor Beach	Sophomore	Place Kicker

HONORABLE MENTION--OFFENSE

Ryan Ayers	Memphis	Sophomore	Quarter Back
Peyton Dale	Marlette	Senior	Quarter Back
Matt Carlson	Sandusky	Junior	Quarter Back
Omar Navarro	Capac	Senior	Guard
Ethan Peruski	Ubly	Senior	Guard
Ethan Rein	Memphis	Senior	Tackle
Josh Nim	Memphis	Sophomore	Tackle
Dustin Cummings	Marlette	Junior	Guard
Micah Brown	Sandusky	Junior	Tackle
Travis Fuller	Marlette	Sophomore	Wide Receiver
Chyler Chisholm	Marlette	Sophomore	Tight End
Jordan Cherry	Capac	Senior	Back
Tyler Campbell	Memphis	Junior	Back
Ethan Hessling	Harbor Beach	Junior	Back
Martin Tovar	Sandusky	Sophomore	Back
Zach Franzel	Sandusky	Junior	Place Kicker
Matt Daws	Brown City	Senior	Quarter Back
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FIRST TEAM--DEFENSE

Evan Smaglinski	Harbor Beach	Senior	End
Jacob Kirsch	Harbor Beach	Senior	Tackle
Shane Osantowski	Ubly	Senior	Tackle
Caden Blashill	Sandusky	Junior	End
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Casey Sweeney	Ubly	Senior	Back
Ethan Peruski	Ubly	Senior	Back
Ben Laskowski	Capac	Junior	Punter
Michael Anderson	Harbor Beach	Senior	Specialist

SECOND TEAM--DEFENSE

Dakota Deer	Harbor Beach	Junior	Tackle
Austin Peruski	Ubly	Senior	DT/DE
Ethan Smalley	Ubly	Senior	DE
Kevin Turner	Brown City	Junior	DT/DE
Daniel Patrias	Brown City	Senior	Line Backer
Jordan Cherry	Capac	Senior	Line Backer
Nathan Siemen	Harbor Beach	Senior	Line Backer
Casey Kirkpatrick	Sandusky	Junior	Line Backer
Mason Booms	Harbor Beach	Junior	Corner Back
Ryan Ayers	Memphis	Sophomore	SS
Lucas Feehan	Sandusky	Junior	Corner Back
Josh Nim	Memphis	Sophomore	Punter
Mitch Schoenrock	Capac	Senior	Specialist

Honorable Mention--Defense

Edwin Fuller	Marlette	Senior	Line
Ethan Rhein	Memphis	Senior	End
Tyler Campbell	Memphis	Junior	Tackle
Austin Hunte	Ubly	Junior	Nose Tackle
Don Brumatt	Capac	Junior	Tackle
Johnny Marnes	Brown City	Senior	Line Backer
Luke Woodke	Harbor Beach	Sophomore	Line Backer
Ethan Hessling	Harbor Beach	Junior	Line Backer
Chyler Chisholm	Marlette	Sophomore	Line Backer
Mark Mercurio	Memphis	Junior	Line Backer
Riley Franzel	Sandusky	Senior	Line Backer
Conner Robinson	Capac	Junior	Back
Dylan Kadar	Harbor Beach	Junior	Safety
Travis Fuller	Marlette	Sophomore	Back
Mike Anderson	Harbor Beach	Senior	Punter
Blaise Wiltsie	Brown City	Senior	Specialist
Conor Smaglinski	Harbor Beach	Sophomore	End
Trevor Mota	Sandusky	Senior	Defensive Back



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GTW names top players

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dan – junior punter and EPBP Gage Brownell – senior specialist.

Landing on the Greater Thumb West all-conference defensive second team were junior Bryce Fernald, Cass City back, junior Luke Schember, Bad Axe line-man, junior Jack DuRussel, Reese end, senior Caleb Bables, Vassar end, senior Cody Pawlowski, USA nose guard, senior Jack Fischer, Bad Axe linebacker, senior Miles Campbell, Caro linebacker, senior Isaac Joslyn, Caro linebacker, senior Jared Reiter, EPBP linebacker, senior Max Kukulski, Vassar linebacker, sophomore Braylon Ballard, USA linebacker,

junior Mason Williams, EPBP back, junior Jeremiah Hahn, USA back, junior Aiden Karst, Reese punter, senior Alex Trambley, Reese specialist and senior Hunter Dickson, Caro specialist.

The Greater Thumb West players earning all-conference honorable mention accolades were Hunter Caister, Collen Wruble, Hadyn Horne – Cass City, Cody Bailey, Chandler Kady, Logan Stark, Jensen Emerick - Bad Axe, Hunter Dickson, Alec Will, Tom Waggoner, Miles Campbell – Caro, Conner Gettel – USA, Josh Kendziorski – Reese, Colton Oyerveidz, Ethan Wissner – EPBP, Jesse Hoehne, Nathen Foess, Aaron Bartels – Vassar.

Kingston finishes 9-3 overall

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semifinal rounds in 8-man action.

“I couldn’t be more proud of the season we had. Although it didn’t end as we would have liked, I felt like our kids were winners before they even left for Suttons Bay if you consider the way our season started out. Our seniors poured everything they had into this remarkable run, and they are going to be greatly missed,” said Kingston Coach Brandon Jones.

After a scoreless opening quarter, both teams found pay dirt multiple times before the half.

Caleb Goss recorded both scores for Kingston in the opening half,

including a 14-yard TD reception from quarterback Aaron Koehler.

But leading 18-14 entering the third quarter, Suttons Bay scored 14 unanswered points shortly after the break and then added two more scores in the final quarter.

Goss led the Kingston offense with 124 rushing yards on 27 carries, while Jake DeLong gained 85 yards on 17 totes.

Defensively, Koehler was credited with 7.5 tackles to pace the Cardinals.

Ending their high school football career in Kingston with the loss were Goss, DeLong, Koehler, Jacob Savage, Quinn Boucard, Tristen Skinner and Jack Green.

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Senator Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway Township), whose 25th District includes Huron and Sanilac counties, agreed.

“Michiganders have been clamoring for a solution to this problem for many, many years, and my constituents let me know about it every time I (talked) to them in the district,” Lauwers said. “(This) provides the fix they’ve been looking for.”

According to an October 2018 report, Michigan drivers were paying an average of \$2,693 in annual auto insurance premiums – 83 percent higher than the national average. A University of Michigan study also revealed that auto insurance rates were unaffordable in 97 percent of the state’s ZIP codes.

Under Michigan’s previous no-fault law, established in 1973, all motorists in the state were required to buy unlimited, one-size-fits-all PIP coverage.

The new law passed earlier this year, however, gives policyholders the choice to select coverage that will best meets their needs and budget, according to Daley, who noted the plan gives seniors with Medicare and individuals with private health insurance the option of having those benefits cover health care expenses stemming from an auto accident.

The law now requires insurers to offer Michigan drivers new PIP coverage options, which will guarantee varying degrees of rate reduction.

The deal provides five options for drivers on the level of personal injury protection coverage they want. Keeping the current unlimited coverage option would guarantee a 10-percent rate reduction in PIP coverage, which makes up about 50 percent of a typical insurance bill.

The other options are: a 20-percent reduction in PIP rates for \$500,000 in coverage, a 35-percent reduction for \$250,000 in coverage, a 45-percent reduction for \$50,000 in coverage, and a 100-percent reduction for senior citizens and drivers who have qualifying health insurance, such as Medicare or private insurance.

The rate rollbacks are scheduled to last for eight years, after which there are no guarantees.

Under the state’s no-fault system, MCCA fees – assessed to every car insurance company doing business in Michigan and charged to customers — were placed into a fund that covered the cost of medical care for people injured in car accidents when the cost of medical care exceeded \$580,000.

Aside from giving policyholders more choices, backers of the new law pointed out that it prohibits insurance companies from using several non-driving factors in setting their rates; will crack down on unnecessary medical treatments; reduce the system’s susceptibility to lawsuits, fraud and conflicts of interest; and cut down on the number of uninsured drivers through more affordable rates.

“No one is questioning the quality of the benefits provided by the no-fault system, but requiring families who can’t afford to do so to purchase the most expensive, highest care package (wasn’t) the answer,” Daley said. “This requirement has caused families to make some really tough choices. People need to have options based on what they can afford.”

Whitmer said the new law “will help drivers from Detroit all the way to the U.P. It guarantees lower auto insurance rates for eight years, protects people’s choice to pick their own insurance and coverage options while preserving the safety net, and bans insurance companies from using discriminatory non-driving factors when setting rates.”

While the legislation enjoyed ample support, a number of lawmakers and organizations across the state were critical of the changes.

Brian Peters, chief executive officer of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, for example, called the new law “a shocking step backwards” in the effort to fix Michigan’s auto insurance system.

“Instead of holding insurers accountable for discriminatory rate setting and lowering rates, (this) limits coverage and asks drivers to simply trust the insurance companies,” he said. “Accident victims lose, drivers lose and healthcare providers lose.”



MEMBERS OF the Ubley FFA Chapter took advantage of some time to relax during the FFA conference before being recognized as a national Three Star Chapter.

FFA national conference a learning experience for Ubley Schools chief

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A Huron County school superintendent learned a lot when he accompanied his district’s Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter to the National FFA Conference in Indianapolis.

The Ubley Community’s School’s FFA program is the fifth-largest program in Michigan and the largest in Huron County for a school with more than 170 students in grades seventh through 12 in the program, noted Supt. Joe Candela.

While at nationals, the Ubley FFA Chapter was recognized as a Three Star Chapter. Only four other Michigan FFA chapters received the award.

“To be recognized at national level, the chapter must first submit the application to the state and be selected at the top for the state. The application is based on the chapter’s program of activities,” Candela explained. “A chapter’s program of activities must contain at least one activity from each of the 15 subdivisions set by National FFA.”

The subdivisions fit into three categories: growing leaders, developing communities, and strengthening agriculture. Each activity must have three goals with a plan of action and an evaluation at the end.

“Ubley’s chapter was selected to submit an application to the national level for the past eight years, but this is the first time since the 1980’s that Ubley has been able to walk across stage,” Candela said. “The Michigan State president for FFA is Ubley’s own Halie Gusa, who was chosen after competing for the position last year.”

Gusa is only the seventh person

from Huron County in 91 years to lead the association and the first from Ubley to serve as president.

“This has been a great accomplishment for her and Ubley Schools,” said Candela. “While I was at nationals, I received a tremendous amount of compliments on the job that Halie is doing as president of the Michigan FFA Association.”

The Ubley FFA program will get a boost when a new hands-on-learning lab is completed. The FFA program will be building the lab on land the school leased from the village.

“This will allow students the opportunity to raise and grow plants and animals,” Candela explained. “The classroom barn will allow students to have truly hands-on and project-based learning opportunities that will only enhance the

current program.”

Attending the national conference was an eye-opener for the administrator.

“Reflecting on my trip, I thought about the great opportunity our students have by being part of the FFA program. Just about every major company you think of was there not only promoting their business but in some sort recruiting future employees for their businesses,” said Candela, noting many of the companies were scouting for future employees, and some offer to help with training.

“I learned FFA is much more than agriculture. It teaches a lot of important qualities that all students should have as they prepare for their futures, and I encourage all students to get involved in an FFA program.”



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Sanilac Co. lands grants for vehicles

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Sanilac County commissioners recently landed some grants that will help fund several purchases.

The board accepted a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant for four Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredos to be used in the areas of construction, land use and soil erosion.

The total cost of the purchase is \$110,112, with grant funds covering \$77,100, and the county's portion not to exceed \$33,012, which will come out of the motor pool fund.

Commissioners also accepted a USDA grant for one 2020 Ford police utility vehicle, including equipment to outfit the vehicle, at a total cost of \$40,800. The grant is for \$31,173 and the county's portion is not to exceed \$13,627.

They also accepted a recycling infrastructure grant totaling \$129,836 that was offered to the recycling center by the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE). The county's match is \$90,974, with the local funding generated by a recycling millage.

County officials also hope to boost continued development at Evergreen Park.

Commissioners approved moving forward with a grant application for the 2020-21 year that would enable the county to develop two-day use upgrades, picnic pavilions with three to four permanent-mount handicap accessible tables, two-piece wheelchair accessible play equipment, slide, swings and a universal accessible kayak/canoe launch.



Cass City NHS induction...

CASS CITY Junior-Senior High School hosted its annual National Honor Society (NHS) induction last Wednesday. Twenty-seven students were inducted into the local chapter, which now boasts a membership of nearly 60 students (pictured above are the seniors (top photo) and juniors). Joining the chapter last week were seniors Tiara Anthony, Robin Edwards, Gavin Medere, Elizabeth Morrish, Tristan Swiderski, Andrew Venema and Brayden Wilson, and juniors Madison Beckrow, Riley Copeland, Ryan Delong, Bryce Fernald, Alaina Fluegge, Paige Hudson, Dawson Klein, Sophie Mazure, Nicholas McArde, Mariah Mellendorf, Matthew Mihalic, Raeven Periso, Alexander Perry, Marissa Petiprin Ball, Abigail Phillips, Sierra Spry, Tasha Tageson, Anthony Thabet, Autumn Turnbull and Macey White.

Sanilac cabin explosion sends pair to hospital

Continued from page one.

Both men were transported to Deckerville Community Hospital by Sanilac EMS personnel. Information on their conditions was not available, but Smith said the victim's injuries were not life-threatening.

The third victim, a 13-year-old who was standing outside on a porch when the explosion occurred, escaped with minor injuries and was not hospitalized.

The cabin was already engulfed in flames when emergency personnel arrived, according to Smith. He described the structure as a total loss.

Deputies and Argyle fire fighters were assisted at the scene by the Bingham Township Fire Department, Bingham Township EMS and Sanilac EMS.

Owen-Gage PTO asking for Christmas donations

Every year the Owendale-Gagetown Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) sponsors its Santa's Workshop. This year's event will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 10, 11 and 12.

Donations from the community help sponsor the workshop, where children are able to purchase new or gently used items for special people in their lives.

Organizers say they're happy to accept most donations, which are sold for prices ranging from 50 cents to \$3.

Suggested gifts for women include candles, body lotion, bath gel, jewelry, figurines, Christmas decorations, candy, gloves, purses, cosmetics, scarves, picture frames, fancy dishes and decorative coffee cups. Suggested items for men include tools, work gloves, candy, ball caps, T-shirts, games, key chains, measuring tapes, flashlights, car cleaning items, stocking caps, car air fresheners, puzzle books and coffee mugs.

Gifts for kids can range from stuffed animals, baby toys, Hot Wheels and games, to coloring/activity books, crayons, markers, puzzles and candy.

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Obituaries

Christopher Franzel

Christopher Charles Franzel, 54, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Thursday, November 14, 2019 in his home.

He was born July 20, 1965 in Sandusky to Charles John and Sharon Ann (Walsh) Franzel.

Christopher graduated from Ubly High School with the class of 1985. A hard worker, he worked on the family dairy farm and later with his brother Gary for Franzel Carpentry. Chris was a kind and simple man with much love especially for his son Joshua and his family. He enjoyed taking long walks and playing Euchre with his friends.

Christopher is survived by his son, Joshua Franzel of Lansing; his parents: Charles and Sharon Franzel of Ubly; brothers: Michael Franzel of Ubly, David (Jeni) Franzel of Ubly, Kevin Franzel of Ubly, Charles Franzel, Jr. of Caseville, Richard (Sarah) Franzel of Ubly, Rodney Franzel of Ubly, Brian (Nancy) Franzel of Bad Axe and Bradley Franzel of Ubly; sisters: Kimberly (Greg) Keller of Ubly, Karen (Joseph) Pichla of Freeland, Kelly (Robert) Comini of Highland and Kathy Franzel of Sterling Heights; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his infant sister, Elaine; brother, Gary Franzel; and grandparents: Leo and Rita Walsh, Glen and Emma Franzel.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 19, in Good Shepherd Parish, St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Freiburg with the Rev. Nathan E. Harburg officiating.

Interment will take place in the spring in St. Ignatius Cemetery, Freiburg.

Memorials may be made to his family for the benefit of his son. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Adrian Hutchinson

Adrian L. Hutchinson, 85, of Cass City, passed away Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born April 4, 1934, in Cass City, the son of the late Daniel and Iva (Deneen) Hutchinson.

He served in the United States Army. He worked as a truck driver for C. R. Hunt Construction, he was a member of the Teamsters Union and enjoyed playing cards, racing cars at Thunder Road and the Owendale Speedway.

He is survived by his children, Karen Hutchinson, Mark (Betsy) Martin, Dave (Cyndi) Martin and David (Stephanie) Hutchinson, all of Cass City, Christine (Terry) Peplinski of Ubly and Sandi (Steve) Wright of Cass City; Step-children, Steve (Karen) Bouverette of Elkton and Lori (John) Kerkau of Bay City; special friend, Deb Bimer of Cass City; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Reva Dillon of Cass City, Mary Ellen (Frank) Betzel of Livonia and Jane (Don) Phillips of Deford; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Otis and Claude Hutchinson.

Honoring his wishes, cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time.

Memorials in his memory may be given to Compassus Hospice. Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com

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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
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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 Arbel, 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: Orlans PC
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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: Orlans PC
11-6-4

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 12, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Cole R. Tomlinson, 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): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: May 19, 2016

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 23, 2016

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$79,166.02
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 1, Block 16 of the Plat of Centerville (now City of Caro), EXCEPT the Southeast one foot thereof, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59A.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: November 13, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John J. Frazee, and Sharon Frazee, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated June 4, 2003 and recorded July 28, 2003 in Liber 945, Page 1390 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five and 4/100 Dollars (\$90,545.04), including interest at 7.25% 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 12, 2019.

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

The West 10 feet of Lot 9 and the East 90 of Lot 8, of Block 3 of Fenster Subdivision according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 87, now being Page 37B.

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 13, 2019
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DNR, partners are waging an aggressive battle against CWD

When chronic wasting disease was first discovered in wild deer in Ingham County in 2015, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and its partners took action to better understand the neurological disease that is always fatal to deer, moose and elk infected with it.

This coalition of dedicated partners – including Michigan State University, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, the Michigan Legislature and many others – has appropriated significant funding, resources and personnel to research and fight the disease, taking aggressive steps to stop the spread of CWD while emerging as a national leader in disease testing, research and management.

Last year alone, the DNR tested more than 40,000 deer heads for CWD, or about 25 percent of all samples tested in the entire United States.

Since testing began, 133 deer in nine Michigan counties have tested positive for the disease. Michigan joins a list of 26 states and three Canadian provinces with confirmed CWD in wild cervid (deer, elk and moose) populations.

Among many other proactive steps taken to fight the disease, Michigan along with Wisconsin formed a coalition of state and federal natural resource managers, wildlife biologists, veterinarians and social scientists.

Dr. Russ Mason, the DNR's executive in residence and adjunct professor at Michigan State University, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, is helping to lead this coalition. Before Mason's recent appointment through MSU, he oversaw the DNR's CWD efforts as the department's longtime Wildlife Division chief.

"By working together in our fight against CWD, we are capitalizing on the talents provided by universities, and combining resources across the state and federal government," Mason said. "This will help us move more quickly to identify solutions that will help us manage this unique disease."

In addition, the MSU-DNR Chronic Wasting Disease Advisory Group was created in 2018 to identify and fund high-priority CWD research and outreach activities. Recognizing the threat that CWD poses to Michigan's hunting traditions and local economies, the Michigan Legislature provided \$4.3 million this year to support these activities as well as to help fund CWD field surveillance.

In April, the advisory group issued a national call for proposals to seek collaborative research, education and outreach projects to address the most important issues around wildlife disease in Michigan, especially CWD in deer.

This past summer, 11 projects were selected for funding. Some projects are now underway and expected to last one to two years.

Project topics include:

- *Developing a rapid, in the field CWD screening test.
 - *Testing two promising decontamination agents to inactivate CWD prions (abnormally folded proteins that cause disease) on different materials with which prions may come into contact.
 - *Examining how composting of infected deer carcasses could help with the decomposition of prions.
 - *Creating an engagement process with people living in the core CWD area, culminating in a multiday workshop to develop an education and outreach plan.
 - *Developing a study to examine how deer hunting regulations influence deer populations affected by the disease.
 - *Studying CWD prions in the environment.
 - *Evaluating current analytical tools used for disease surveillance.
 - Developing efficient CWD surveillance and management strategies for Michigan and establishing a framework for other states.
 - *Developing cost-effective techniques to manage genetic data in relation to CWD.
 - *Hiring a statewide MSU extension educator to create, deliver and evaluate CWD communication and education.
 - *Offering a multistate CWD strategic planning session.
- Already, beneficial results are emerging.

The multistate strategic planning initiative project, spearheaded by Dr. Sonja A. Christensen, Boone and Crockett Quantitative Wildlife Center, MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, brought together nearly 50 invited participants representing 14 universities, seven state and federal agencies, the Wildlife Management Institute and CWD Alliance.

"These experts were brought together with the specific objective of creating cross-disciplinary conversation and information sharing," Mason said. "This first-time-ever approach was very fruitful and the group will continue to meet so that accomplishments and emerging challenges can be shared."

Over the next year and beyond, the multistate consortium members will continue to work together to address priorities and improve coordination of research efforts and exchange of information.

Based on the consortium's strategic planning initiative, another request for proposals for additional CWD research and outreach projects is planned for the near future. A portion of the funding appropriated by the Michigan Legislature remains for these additional projects.

For more information about CWD and the research projects, visit Michigan.gov/CWD and CANR.MSU.edu/Research/Chronic-Wasting-Disease.





SINCE TESTING began, 133 deer in nine Michigan counties have tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Michigan joins a list of 26 states and three Canadian provinces with confirmed CWD in wild cervid (deer, elk and moose) populations, but the state's DNR along with a host of partners has been aggressive in battling the spread of the disease.

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