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Community mourns death of Parker Haire, 21

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It was a weekend of mourning for the Cass City community following the accidental death of 21-year-old Parker Haire, a popular former Cass City student and athlete.

Dozens of friends, former classmates, teachers and other community members gathered in front of Cass City High School Friday night for a candlelight vigil honoring Haire's memory. Participants used candles to spell out his name along with the number 85 – his jersey number at Cass City High, where he was a standout athlete in multiple sports before graduating in 2016.

Funeral services were held Sun-

day afternoon at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

The news of Haire's death came last Wednesday morning following a frantic search for the Cass City native in Huron County's Sebewaing Township, where sheriff's deputies utilizing a rescue airboat located his body in waist-deep water surrounded by phragmites (large perennial grasses common in wetlands) near the Sebewaing River point.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said officers found Haire shortly after 8:30 a.m., about 25 hours after authorities launched a massive search operation, sparked by a 911 call Haire placed during the early morning hours of New Year's Day.

At least nine different agencies, including both the Huron and Tuscola county sheriff's departments and the U.S. Coast Guard, joined in the search, which began shortly after Haire told a dispatcher he was lost and in trouble during a 911 call to Tuscola County Central Dispatch at 7:21 a.m. Tuesday.

"He referenced being cold, wet and (that he) could see a factory," Hanson reported. "Shortly thereafter, dispatch lost contact and plotted his phone location to be out on the point of the Sebewaing River."

Sheriff's deputies along with the Sebewaing Fire Department and Sebewaing EMS were the first agencies dispatched to the scene. Investigators also utilized a drone with thermal imaging capability, provided by Thumb Drone Works.

An initial search of the river point and surrounding areas turned up nothing. At the time, rescue crews had also not located Haire's 2014 Jeep.

"Several Tuscola deputies began checking their county's west side,

as it was believed (the victim) had attended a party in the Thomas Road area the night or early morning before," Hanson reported Tuesday night. "The United States Coast Guard also responded with

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DOZENS OF Cass City students, former classmates, teachers, friends and other community members gathered for a candlelight vigil Friday night in front of Cass City Junior-Senior High School to honor the memory of 21-year-old Parker Haire, who lost his life in an accident last week in Huron County's Sebewaing Township. Organizers used candles to spell out Haire's first name and the number 85 – his jersey number at Cass City High School, where he was a standout athlete in multiple sports prior to his graduation in 2016. (Photo courtesy of Brayden Wilson)

Troopers say fatigued driving may have caused Caro school bus crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan State Police troopers say fatigued driving is suspected in a three-vehicle traffic crash involving a Caro Community Schools bus Friday afternoon.

One motorist and one student on the bus suffered minor injuries in the accident, which was reported at about 3:50 p.m. on East Caro Road, near Cameron Road, just outside the city of Caro in Tuscola County's Almer Township.

Troopers from the Caro post were dispatched to the scene, according to MSP spokesman Lt. James Lang of the Tri-City Post.

"The investigation revealed that a Ford F-150 pickup truck traveling east on East Caro Road failed to stop for a school bus," Lang re-

ported. "The bus was stopped with the red flashing lights and stop signal activated, preparing to discharge students at the bus stop. The pickup truck rear-ended a Chevrolet Trailblazer that was stopped behind the school bus, causing the Trailblazer to crash into the school bus."

Troopers confirmed that the school bus's red flashing lights and stop sign were activated.

"At the time of the crash, the bus was carrying nine children ranging in ages from five to 12," Lang said. "As a result of the crash, minor injuries were sustained by the driver of the Trailblazer, a 63-year-old man from Decker, and one 11-year-old child who was seated in the last seat on the bus."

Lang noted the driver of the Trailblazer was transported from

the scene to a local hospital for further evaluation, and the 11-year-old was treated at the scene and released.

"Troopers determined that alcohol or drugs were not involved in the crash," Lang said. "However, troopers believe that fatigued driving may have been a contributing factor. The driver of the Ford F-150 was cited on scene and released."

East Caro Road was closed for about 30 minutes while the crash was being investigated.

Troopers, who did not release any names, were assisted at the scene by representatives of Caro Community Schools, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, both the city of Caro Police and Fire departments, and an MMR Ambulance crew.



MICHIGAN State Police troopers say fatigued driving is suspected in a three-vehicle traffic crash involving a Caro Community Schools bus Friday afternoon just outside of Caro. Investigators say one motorist and one student on the school bus suffered minor injuries. (Photo courtesy of the Michigan State Police)

Shopping for surgery?

Hospital officials say new federal rules expanding access to list of charges likely to confuse patients

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A new federal rule that went into effect Jan. 1 requires hospitals nationwide to make available to the public via the Internet a list of their standard charges for various services and procedures, and in a format that's easily accessible.

The new rule stems from the 2019 Medicare Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS), introduced by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) last spring. At the time, CMS officials said the changes were proposed to "empower patients through better access to hospital price information."

However, patients hoping to compare or estimate their bill for an upcoming procedure – the same way they might comparison shop for a pair of shoes or a bag of groceries — are going to be disappointed, according to local hospital officials.

"I think their (CMS officials') thinking is that, the patient can do more comparison shopping," Hills and Dales General Hospital President and

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Officials eye funding to battle local opioid crisis

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Over the past year, America's opioid crisis has continued to make national, state and local headlines.

Even in the Thumb there have been deaths linked to opioids and to their misuse. In response, health and government officials have worked to establish new and boost existing programs designed to address the issue.

According to the National Institute of Health, 72,300 people in the United States died from drug overdoses. And, in Michigan there were 2,662 deaths stemming from drug overdoses, according to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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OWEN-GAGE BULLDOG SNOWBALL

Friday, January 11, 2019

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2019 Snowball King and Queen candidates are, front l-r, Carlee Rievert, Miranda Weiss, and Jessica Partaka; (back) Brandon Binder, Matthew Fritz, Cordell Clarkson, and Austin Coryell. (missing is Jade Androl)



2019 Snowball representatives are, from left, Freshmen - Monee Schember and Luke Willerton; Sophomores - Alyssa Vanderpool & Jameson McKnight; Juniors - Victoria Smith and Andrew Roemer



THE 2018-19 Owen-Gage Bulldog's are: (front row, l-r) Brett Watson, Cord Clarkson, Andrew Partaka, Brock Gruber, Branden Fritz (back row, l-r) Asst. Coach Nate Gruehn, Haden Gruehn, Austin Coryell, Matthew Fritz, Boyd Evans, Brandon Binder, Clay Evans, Jameson McKnight, Ethan Harp and Coach Bill McLellan.

Hospital partners with village to provide local shelter during outages

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials recently announced a partnership with the village of Cass City in which the hospital will provide a community emergency shelter in the event of an extended power outage.

The emergency shelter will be located inside the recently-acquired Hills and Dales Corporate Services Building, formerly the Baker College building.

In the event of a power outage that lasts four or more hours, individuals are welcome to go to the building, which will have power via a generator. The space will offer heat or air conditioning, restrooms, and a place for people to safely congregate if needed.

The Cass City Police Department will open the facility when it is used as an emergency shelter.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer this service to our community members. We know from experience that there is a definite need during power outages for emergency shelter," Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell said. "I am extremely thankful to Hills and Dales for partnering with us on this shelter. It will serve as a great benefit to our community."

"So often during an extended power outage, especially in the winter, we have community members present at our emergency room because they don't have anywhere else to go, or they don't have the basic items to get through an extended power outage," Hills and Dales President and CEO Jean Anthony said. "We know this partnership will offer the community a safe place to go and we are more than happy to offer this service to our community."

This service is now ready to be used and community members will be welcome to use it during the next extended power outage. Residents are also encouraged to follow Hills and Dales General Hospital's Facebook page for the most up-to-date information during an outage.

More information is available by calling (989) 872-2121.

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Learn the risks of facing lung cancer

Lung cancer accounts for more deaths in both men and women than any other form of cancer in the United States.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials are encouraging residents to learn more about ways to reduce their risk.

In 2018, health officials expected to see an estimated 8,780 new cases of lung cancer and 5,860 deaths from the disease in Michigan.

While cigarette sales in Michigan have dropped by two-thirds since the early 1980s, lung cancer deaths are continuing to inch up as years of smoking continue to take a heavy toll in the state.

An estimated 21 percent of Michigan adults smoked cigarettes in 2015, according to recent health surveys. Michigan remains above the national average in the percentage of population that smokes.

Cigarette smoking remains the leading cause of most lung cancer deaths in both men and women, followed by radon exposure.

Cigarettes also increase the risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and a long list of other cancers, including cancer of the mouth and throat, esophagus, stomach, colon, rectum, liver, pancreas, voicebox (larynx), trachea, bronchus, kidney and renal pelvis, urinary bladder, and cervix, and acute myeloid leukemia.

Between 80 to 90 percent of lung cancer cases are linked to tobacco use, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"The best way to prevent lung cancer is to not smoke," said Nick Lyon, MDHHS director. "However, it's not easy to quit tobacco, so it's essential to seek help by scheduling a time to talk to your health care provider."

If you plan to quit smoking, the MDHHS recommends:

- *Visiting the Michigan Tobacco QuitLine website for information.

- *Calling the Michigan Tobacco QuitLine at 800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) for free help.

- *Visiting the American Lung Association's website.

- *Reviewing the Michigan Cancer Consortium's resources for quitting tobacco.

People who are 55-80 years of age and current or former heavy smokers are also encouraged to talk with their doctors about lung cancer screening tests. Finding lung cancer earlier through low-dose CT scans have been proven to provide better outcomes for patients and reduce associated deaths. The lung cancer screening test is covered by many insurance plans.

Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S., and radon-related cancers are responsible for an estimated 21,000 deaths annually.

Radon is a radioactive gas that cannot be seen, smelled or tasted. It is a natural substance that can be found in the dirt and rocks beneath a house and can enter homes as these materials break down.

MDHHS recommends residents test their homes for radon. Radon test kits are available at many county and city health departments. Visit the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality website to learn how to get a test kit.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Patter of little feet...



I recently had the opportunity to spend several days with a friend of mine and her five-year-old daughter. The experience made me realize just how old I am. Old in not just years, but also ancient in spirit.

The little girl, whom I call "Mini Franny", can give the Energizer Bunny lessons of going, going, going and going. She is non-stop movement from the time she gets up in the morning until she finally goes to bed late at night. I get breathless and tired just watching her burn energy as she runs and jumps with happy abandon.

If I remember right, in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "The Children's Hour", there is a line about the "patter of little feet." Wherever Mini Franny goes, it is full tilt at a flat-out run.

It has been about 35 years since I heard the patter of little feet. Hearing her run through the house brings back memories of my sons at her age and the energy they had.

There are days when I have a hard time just walking across a room, so I envy Mini Franny's fluid graceful movements. She smiles and laughs as she runs. As I watch her, I have a new appreciation for the expression of "youth is wasted on the young."

As a stodgy adult, my first reaction is to tell her not to run through the house, as my mother told me. But as I struggle to walk, I have to think to myself when it comes right down to it, what does it really hurt, so why not let her run while she can. I have learned that life will slow her down in due time — like it has done to me.

I have enjoyed having Mini Franny around. She finds such joy in simple everyday things that I either no longer notice or take for granted.

She was so excited when she discovered some trees in the back yard would grow apples. And, the best part of the tree was some of the limbs were low enough for her to climb. To hear the enthusiasm as she talked about the tree, climbing it and being able to eat apples next year, was like she had found a treasure trove of gold.

I explained the apples on the two trees ripen at different times. The apples on one tree would be soft and ready to eat in mid-summer, and the apples on the other tree would be ready in late fall. She was so totally amazed by that. Then, when I told her there was another apple tree in the front yard next to the pine trees, her reaction was like I had told her Santa had left lots of gifts for her there.

Her reaction took me by surprise; I never give those trees much thought except for when I have to mow through all the apples on the lawn.

During Mini Franny's visits to my home, frogs have been chased, wild flowers gathered, and sprinkler hoses run through. She laughs with such delight at

doing those simple things. And, she has helped this ole' lady see the beauty and wonder in my yard as well each day.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Editor's note: Chronicle staffers Tom Montgomery and Krysta Boyce compiled this week's Rabbit Tracks.

We'll start with a note to our many readers who have reached out with calls, visits to the office and messages of support and prayer for the Clarke and Karen Haire family following the loss of their son, Parker, in last week's tragic accident in Sebawaing.

On behalf of the Haire family and the Chronicle staff, we would like every one of you to know how much every word of encouragement, every prayer, every offer to lend a hand has meant to the Chronicle family. Friends, former Chronicle staff members and a host of our readers have been reaching out with offers of everything from food to assistance with our sports news over the past week, and we could not be more grateful during this very difficult time.

Thank you to all who have reached out with your love and support.

Most local residents are aware of the amazing transition that has taken place over the past couple years at Hills and Dales General Hospital, where officials are now welcoming patients and visitors alike in a newly-renovated and expanded facility that is second to none in the Thumb.

What you might not know is just how busy the hospital staff was in 2018, in spite of the temporary inconveniences construction can bring.

Hills and Dales President and CEO Jean Anthony recently reported that, between October 2017 and September 2018, the hospital officials saw:

- *Nearly 45,000 patients in the physician and specialty clinics.
- *6,450 patients in the emergency room.
- *5,810 patients in the after-hours clinic.
- *636 patients served as inpatients or for observation.
- *19,273 patients in radiology.
- *8,000 procedures in respiratory therapy.
- *7,800 rehab outpatient treatments and 1,140 evaluations.
- *1,200 rehab inpatient treatments and another 420 evaluations.
- *66 patients in the swing bed program.
- *1,076 surgical procedures, and
- *18,000 patients utilizing laboratory services.

"Beyond the numbers, this year we welcomed our second pediatrician, Dr. Van Howe, and two new specialty physicians, Dr. Brian Perry, ENT, and Dr. Gerald Schell, pain management," Anthony noted. "We're getting ready to welcome Dr. Blake Putman, family practice, to our Caro clinic. We received our accreditations in lab, sleep study and CT. And we were named one of the Best Places to Work in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare for the second year in a row!"

Speaking of the Hills and Dales Sleep Lab, officials reported the specialty unit, which is part of the hospital's respiratory therapy department, is now accredited through the American Academy of Sleep Medicine — a year-long process that was completed in the fall.

According to Brenda McComb, respiratory manager, patients can visit an in-facility sleep study lab or take equipment home for an in-home study, depending on their situation. You can learn more by contacting McComb or Joe Avalos at (989) 912-6292.

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- 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, January 10

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

Saturday, January 12

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

Monday, January 14

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

Tuesday, January 15

- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
- Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Saturday:

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

First Sunday:

- Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

First Monday:

- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

- Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gageton.
- Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

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- Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

Third Thursday:

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

Third Friday:

- Senior Citizen Movies, Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City at 1:30 p.m.

Third Saturday:

- Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

Fourth Monday:

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

Fourth Wednesday:

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Last Wednesday:

- Cass City Chamber meeting, 8 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Every Monday:

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

Every Tuesday:

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

Every Wednesday:

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

Every Thursday:

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

Every Saturday

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

County waiting on state okay to pursue new hospital water option

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although a new year is underway, officials in Tuscola County are continuing to grapple with an issue that arose in 2018 and remains a key ingredient in the planned construction of the new state psychiatric hospital near Caro.

"The critical Issue of providing water to the new Caro Regional Center is not resolved," said county Controller Mike Hoagland. "The original plan was the city of Caro would extend the waterline to the new facility. This plan has developed major problems, with many issues between the city and Indianfields Township officials."

Among those issues are concerns related to annexation, tax base, tax revenue, limitations on the amount of water the city would make available for future development along M-81, and the lack of a plan by the city to finance the estimate \$2.7 million cost to construct the waterline.

"These issues are deep seeded and have not been resolved after

many months of city and township meetings. There are many local officials who do not believe these points of impasse can be resolved," Hoagland said.

As a result, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners stepped in last October and hired Schellenbarger Engineering and Surveying to evaluate the possibility of rehabilitating and using the current Caro Regional Center's three wells and a water tower to serve the new facility. Commissioners also approved paying the \$5,000 cost of the feasibility study to determine if the current system can be upgraded and provide quality water to the new facility.

But that plan remains stalled pending state approval.

Commissioners have sent a letter to the state, encouraging them to promptly approve the feasibility study.

"Assuming it is feasible to upgrade and use the current system, the county would then develop a financing plan and issue bonds to enable system upgrade implementation to meet the state construction schedule. After the bonds are

issued and the system is installed, the county will operate the system," Hoagland explained.

"The commissioners are committed to finding the appropriate cost-effective solution to providing quality water to the new Caro Regional Center Facility."

Time is of the essence because construction of the new \$115 million, 225,000-square foot hospital is schedule to get underway in the spring and be completed in 2021. When completed, the hospital will house 200 patients — 50 more than are currently housed — and boast an expanded staff with the addition of 150 more jobs to the existing workforce of about 349 employees.

To make way for the new facility, which will be located on Wells Road, just off Chambers Road (south of the administration building), seven former residential houses and Murray Hall have been demolished.

The Caro Center's history dates back May 1914 when it was originally founded as the Michigan Farm Colony for Epileptics at Wahjamega.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Matthew C. Huston, 29, Fenton, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail following his pleas of guilty to attempted malicious destruction of fire or police department property, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor July 8 in Caro.

He was also placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus \$500 in attorneys fees. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*Bryan D. Gilkerson, 50, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 12 months probation following his pleas of no contest to two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and assault or assault and battery July 13 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time and probation, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$668.

*Jose E. Nazario II, 19, Cass City, was sentenced to 90 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to two counts of criminal sexual conduct, second degree (involving personal injury), between May 1 and May 15, 2017, in Cass City.

He was also placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$826 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Ronzell D. Robinson, 50, Saginaw, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer July 3 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,594.

*Justin A. Brinkman, 39, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile, malicious destruction of property totaling \$1,000 to \$20,000, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) July 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In a separate case, Brinkman pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, June 17 in Caro.

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,970 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Tammy L. Randolph, 48, Brown City, was ordered to pay

costs and fines totaling \$1,485 following her plea of guilty to charges of possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, subsequent offense, and operating a motor vehicle with the presence of a controlled substance in her body June 15 in Wells Township.

*Joshua T. McKinney, 27, Silverwood, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$385 following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent Oct. 6 in Dayton Township.

*John L. Kubik, 55, Caro, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$385 following his plea of no contest to being a disorderly person March 3 in Wells Township.

*Jasmine M. Smeaton, 18, Millington, pleaded no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Aug. 11 in Millington Township.

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

*John S. Borcharding, Jr., 41, Millington, was placed on probation for 36 months following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle with the presence of a controlled substance in his body Nov. 16, 2017, in Arbel Township. He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Dennis S. Jager, 55, Millington, pleaded no contest to charges of driving without insurance, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 30 in Millington. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Timothy W. Beringer, 42, Sebawaing, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 2 in Akron.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Robert P. Robinson, 42, Gagetown, pleaded no contest to uttering and publishing involving a \$1,992 check drawn on Baxter Credit Union Nov. 11, 2017, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior) felony conviction.

A pre-sentence investigation was

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

*Melvin W. Drier Jr., 28, Mayville, pleaded no contest to charges of child abuse, third degree, and domestic violence in September 2018 in Fremont Township.

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

*Duane N. Metro, 37, Millington, pleaded no contest to three counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 24 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$7,500 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jeffrey A. Streeter, 46, Flint, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content), third offense, and possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, second offense, Sept. 9 in Arbel Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Kory T. Krauseneck, 39, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 2 in Juniata Township.

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

*Brady M. Wilber, 25, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his conviction on charges of delivery/manufacture of five to 45 kilograms of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, or 20 to 200 plants, and delivery/manufacture of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent July 12, 2017, in Millington Township.

In a separate case, he pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 18, 2017, in Millington.

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,516.

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Reporter's notebook

So thankful for a true community

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I've been a newspaper editor for more than 30 years and reported on thousands of stories, most of them leaving my memory not long after yet another week's edition has hit the newsstands.

But there are a few stories that have never left me because they were so devastating, so difficult to tackle, they left me feeling physically ill.

That feeling overwhelmed the Chronicle staff last week as we learned of the death of Clarke and Karen Haire's 21-year-old son, Parker, who was reported missing on New Year's Day morning and recovered a day later in Huron County's Sebawaing Township.

Many of you knew Parker well. You knew the MSU honors student was full of life and never lacked for friends, a standout Cass City High School athlete and student whose academic prowess was paving the way for a promising career.

Like so many others in the community, we were stunned by the loss of Parker. Frankly, there still are no words for the heartbreak we feel for Clarke and Karen and their daughter, Kacey, and the profound loss their entire family will continue to struggle with as they try to come to terms with this senseless loss.

Honestly, I don't know if the words exist.

I'm a father, but I've not experienced the pain that comes with the loss of a child, the sort of indescribable grief they're feeling.

But I do know I was struck, once again, by this community's response to a horrible tragedy.

That response was all about caring and compassion and came in the form of residents of all ages offering to help in any way they could, and in hundreds of notes conveying love and support and prayers for the family throughout this ordeal.

Over the course of just a few hours overnight Tuesday, a post on the Chronicle's Facebook page, sharing information related to the search for Parker, was shared by nearly 400 people and had reached an audience of more than 16,000. Hundreds of area residents shared the same information on other pages, garnering many hundreds more shares as the entire region hoped and prayed for the best.

The community's response was underscored by dozens of students, teachers, parents, grandparents and others who gathered in Sebawaing early Wednesday morning to join in the search, and then – after learning that Parker had been found – joining together to pray for the family.

Isiah Gray, who posted some pictures and a video of the gathering, said it best in his post: This is a true community.

He was, and is, right.

There are all sorts of communities in the world, but Cass City and its neighboring towns have set the bar high when it comes to reaching out together in crisis. No matter our differences or beliefs, there is never any sort of hesitation when it comes to running – not walking – in the direction of a friend, neighbor, even a stranger, in need.

I don't know if I have ever been as touched by this absolute demonstration of humanity as I was last week, especially as fellow Chronicle staffer Krysta Boyce and I struggled to figure out what we could do to help ease the Haire family's pain.

Once again, we found the answer in the word "community", and we'll always be thankful for the example set by so many in so many ways.

Commissioners elect '19 chairman, vice chairman

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

The first order of business in the new year for county commissioners in the Thumb is to conduct re-organizational meetings, and the boards of commissioners in both Tuscola and Huron counties held their sessions last week.

The status quo on the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners changed a little with the start of the new year.

During the reorganizational meeting, County Clerk Jodi Fetting gave the oath of office to new Commissioner Dan Grimshaw, who will now represent commission District Five, and to returning commissioners Thom Bardwell, Tom Young, Kim Vaughan and Mark Jensen.

The next order of business was selecting the chair and vice chair of the board. District Two Commissioner Bardwell was voted as

chair once again for a two-year term. Bardwell, an Ellington Township resident, represents the townships of Almer, Ellington, Kingston and Novesta, and the city of Caro.

Young, who represents District One, was named board vice chairman. He represents the townships of Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner. Young fills a vacancy left by former Commissioner Matthew Bierlein, who did not seek re-election in favor of making a bid for state office.

In other business, standing committee assignments were approved.

Jensen and Young will serve on the finance committee. Vaughan and Bardwell will serve on the personnel committee, and Jensen and Grimshaw were appointed to the building and grounds committee.

The board agreed to continue conducting its committee of the whole meetings at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, and to conduct regular board meetings at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the Purdy Building at 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro.

Commissioners also discussed the possibility of scheduling some afternoon and/or evening meetings.

The board's next committee of the whole meeting is slated for Monday, Jan. 14, at 8 a.m., and the next regular board meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 17, also starting at 8 a.m.

In Huron County, meanwhile, District One Commissioner Sami Khoury will continue to serve as board chairman, while Commissioner John Bodis was selected as vice chairman.

The board will continue to meet at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, with committee of the whole sessions followed by board meetings, and 9 a.m. meetings of the committee of the whole on the third Tuesday, followed by full board meetings at 9 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday.



Thom Bardwell



Tom Young

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Private Cody J. Ross, 18, of Cass City, recently graduated from U.S. Marine Corps basic training Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego. Ross successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego as one of 81 recruits in the Third Battalion Mike Company Platoon 3267. While in recruit training, Ross was in the top 10 percent in physical fitness and combat training, qualified as an expert rifleman, and was awarded a National Defense Ribbon for voluntarily enlisting during a time of conflict. Following time home on leave, Ross will report to Camp Pendleton for Marine Corps combat training followed by Military Occupation Specialty School in 29 Palms, California. Ross is the son of Steve and Andrea Ross.

Mikayla Fisher has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester. She is a student at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa. Fisher is the daughter of David and Tracy Fisher of Snover. She graduated from Carsonville-Port Sanilac High School.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

The area's first baby of the new year arrived Friday, Jan. 2, at 10:10 a.m. Chrisinda Bean of Cass City gave birth to a daughter, Anna Haven Bean, at Huron Medical Center. Anna weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Mother and baby were welcomed home recently by 2 sisters, Jazmin, 4 and Kelli, 5, and grandparents Steve Bean Sr. and Lisa Bean, also of Cass City.

Laura Elizabeth Horning of Fenton and Andrew William Krohn Stoeckle of Rochester Hills were married June 28, 2008 at the Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fenton. Pastor Todd Gould of Cass City gave the message, and Pastor James Mascow officiated the ceremony. Laura is the daughter of Gary and Mary Horning of Fenton. She is the granddaughter of Walter and Dorothy Horning of Fenton. Andrew is the son of Mark and Carol Stoeckle of Cass City. He is the grandson of RosaMae Krohn of Elkton, and Helen Stoeckle of Bay Port. Andrew is a graduate of Michigan State University, and is currently an engineer with the Marriott Walker Corporation in Birmingham.

Lucas Powell has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for December. Powell played the trumpet in Owen-Gage's band during his first 3 years of high school. He was also in the marching and pep bands. Powell has also been the lead electric guitar player with an area rock band called "The Loyal Conviction". Academically, Powell has been on the honor roll and a member of the district's 3.0 Honors Club throughout high school. He is a member of the school's yearbook/newspaper staff as well. Powell is the son of Mike and Amy Powell of Owendale. His future plans include attending Grand Rapids Community College next fall to pursue a degree in music recording. After receiving his degree, he hopes to attend a larger university.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Nicholas Whittaker arrived at Saginaw General Hospital at 12:36 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, and weighed in at 9 pounds, 3 ounces. He is the first baby of the New Year from the Cass City area. The boy is the second child of Robert and Kerry Whittaker of Deford. The Whittakers moved to Deford from Monroe about a year ago. Robert was originally from the Cass City area before moving with his family to Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Marchand and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Speer of Waterford came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Doerr Friday, Jan. 7, with dinner and birthday

cake for Mr. Doerr's birthday. The day was spent playing cards.

Charles and Tanya Creason of Caro are the parents of a son, Alekzander Bryan Daily Creason, born Dec. 15 at Saginaw General Hospital. Paternal grandparents are Barbara Shagens Caseville, formerly Cass City, and Charles Daily Creason Jr. of Cass City. Maternal grandparents are Dale and Faye Fox of Vassar.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

The Cass City schools are moving cautiously into the computer age. Intermediate school students who finish eighth grade in 1985 will be the first ones to go on to high school with a full three years of computer training. The students like working on the computers, according to math teacher Diana Williams, who teaches all the seventh grade computer classes, "because they love to put a program on and see what it can do. They just get really excited." With nine computers, that works out to three or four students at each, unless some sit and do other things while waiting their turns. One or two students per computer is ideal, according to Miss Williams. With two, "they help each other."

Kurt Proctor of Cass City was one of 12 students recently inducted into the Ferris State College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honor society. Proctor, who is majoring in pharmacy at Ferris, is the son of Tom and Elaine Proctor, N. Seeger Street, Cass City. ODK recognizes and encourages achievement in scholarship, athletics, social, service and religious activities and campus government, journalism, speech and the mass media, and creative and performing arts. Students must also be in the upper 35 percent scholastically of their school and for the academic year, Membership qualifications include exemplary character, responsible leadership and service in campus life, superior scholarship, genuine fellowship, and consecration to democratic ideas.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olsow, Jr. of Gagetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy Marie, to Dale Snay of Elkton, son of Floyd Snay of Elkton and the late Pearl Snay. A summer wedding is being planned.

Lynn Haire of Westland earned her master's degree in German from Michigan State University in October. She earned her bachelor degree from MSU in 1978, after spending her junior year in Freiburg, Germany. Upon completion of her BA she returned to Germany and spent an additional year studying at the University of Cologne. Miss Haire is now teaching high school German in the Livonia public school and English as a second language in the adult education program in the Wayne-Westland School District. She is also working on a master's degree in English at the University of Michigan.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Pfc. Larry E. Guilds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guilds of Third St., Cass City, is presently home on leave from Fort Bragg, N. C., where he worked as a personnel specialist. He will leave Jan. 31 for a 12-month tour in Vietnam. Guilds is a 1967 graduate of Cass City High School and was employed at Bulen Motors before entering the service April 25, 1968.

Arnold O. Sattelberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Sattelberg of Route 2, Unionville, was promoted to Army specialist five in December in Vietnam, where he is serving with the 4th Infantry Division. Spec. Sattelberg, a maintenance specialist in Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion of the division's 12th Infantry near Pleiku, entered the Army in February 1967 and completed

basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He was stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala., before arriving overseas last May. The 23-year-old soldier graduated from Sebawaing High School in 1965 and his family formerly resided in the Cass City area.

Robert M. Donahue, N. Seeger, Cass City, has been named to the Academic Dean's List at Delta College for attaining a 3.5 or better grade point average during the fall semester, it was announced today. Donahue was graduated from Cass City High School.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

Marvin W. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore, of Cass City, received his silver wings at the graduation exercises of Class 44-A of the Army Air Force Pilot School (Advanced Single Engine) at Eagle Pass Army Air Field at Eagle Pass, Texas, on Friday evening, Jan. 1. Lt. Moore arrived in Cass City Wednesday for a ten-day furlough with his parents in Grant township and friends here. He will be located at Enid, Oklahoma, where he will be a basic instructor. Marvin is a member of the Class of '41 of the Cass City High School.

Early June is the date set for the ceremony which will unite in marriage Miss Wanda Joyce Karr, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Karr, and Cadet Harold E. Huffman, only son of Mrs. Alice Huffman, of Caro. Cadet Huffman, who is pursuing a course in engineering at Indiana University, was an outstanding all around athlete while attending Caro High School. He was given honorable mention for being on the All-State Football Team. Miss Karr is a teacher in the Cedar Run School near here.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Tours, France, November 24, 1918. Dear father and mother: "Well, at last I have both time and an address with which to write you. I have not received any word from you for about six weeks and I miss your letters very much. Well, our whole outfit was broken up and I am now in the Finance and Accounting Division of the Chief Sure, con's Office. I have been here now for a week. I have been working on a machine and if it was only a good one would be right at home. I am glad of something to do now that the fight is over and we have to wait for final settlement. It gives something to think about to say the least. Our office is away down town and it is quite a place too. I have not seen much as yet but expect to go around some soon. I went down to see the Cathedral of Saint Gotten and it's the most wonderful piece of architecture I have yet seen. I am enclosing some cards of the things I see here and will tell you more about them when I get home. I am also enclosing a couple of group pictures taken before our bunch was broken up. I was sorry to lose them as they are the best officers I have had the privilege of coming in contact with. We do not see officers here except at a distance so cannot pass judgement on them. I must close for this time but hope to be about to write more often from now on. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all as I expect, this will arrive in holiday season. With best love to all. I am your son. PVT. JAMES A. HAMILTON, Finance and Acct'g Div. C. S. O.-1 Medical Dept., American Exp. Forces A. P. O. 717.

Mrs. Clark McKenzie and daughters, Margaret and Jean, who have spent the past month at the home of Mrs. McKenzie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Auten, returned to their home in Kalamazoo Monday.

Miss Helen McGregor, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. McGregor, returned to Ann Arbor Monday. She is a junior in the literary department of the University of Michigan.

Obituaries

Parker Haire

Parker Jack Haire, 21, of Cass City died unexpectedly Tuesday, January 1, 2019 in Huron County. He was born September 29, 1997 in Saginaw, the first of two children born to Clarke Roy and Karen (Burck) Haire.

Parker graduated in 2016 from Cass City High School, where he excelled both academically and in athletics. He graduated 11th in his class and was a National Honor Society member. He was a stand-out athlete in football, basketball and track and field, and was a Paul Smarks Outstanding Athlete Award recipient. At the time of his death, Parker was a junior at Michigan State University in East Lansing, where he earned Dean's List honors studying Actuarial Science. During fall semester 2018, Parker was a T.A. for a pre-calculus class at MSU. Parker loved the outdoors, especially northern Michigan. He was an avid downhill skier and enjoyed waterskiing, boating and hiking. Parker loved and supported Michigan State University. He truly appreciated his college life and taking part in all there was to offer in East Lansing, and looked forward to his summer internship at Aon Corp. in Chicago, IL.

Parker is survived by his parents, Clarke and Karen Haire; sister, Kacey Haire of Cass City; aunts and uncles: Lynn Haire and Larry Sroka of Plymouth, BJ Haire and Roger Salo of Plymouth and Ken and Laura Burck of Clinton Township; his cousins: Susi Sroka (Randy) Kost and their children Annabelle and Henry, James (Elizabeth) Sroka, Jeffrey Sroka, Madeline Salo, Grace Salo, Cynthia Salo, Suzanne (Marcus) Zevalkink and their children Lily and Max, Alex Nielsen, Tyler Konwinski and Joseph Burck; step-grandmother, Esther Allen Haire of Freeland.

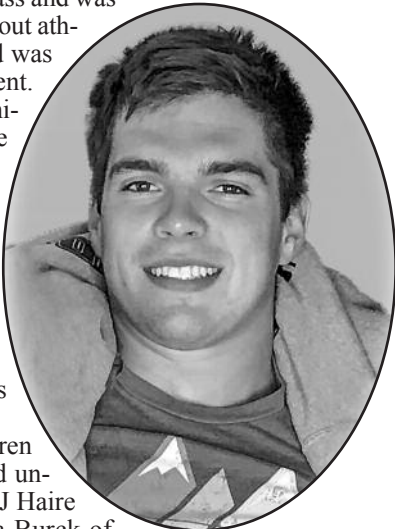
He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Ronald and Rosemary Burck, John and Dorothy Haire.

A funeral service was held Sunday, January 6, in Kranz Funeral Home Cass City with Brad Spiers of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Pallbearers for Parker: James Sroka, Jeffrey Sroka, Matt White, Kyle Lewis, Tommy Grafh, Justin Newberry, Daymon Tabako, Michael Rader, Keith Lounsbury and Drew Loomis.

Memorials may be made to Parker J. Haire Memorial MSU Scholarship Fund. If you have a photo of you and Parker, please add it to the funeral home website. Parker's family encourages family and friends to share fond memories at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Elaine LaJoie

Elaine Barbara LaJoie, 73, of Cass City died peacefully in her home January 3, 2019. She was born February 19, 1945 in Pontiac, one of the first twin children of Alvin "Tom" and Blanche (Goniwicha) Houghton.

Elaine attended Kingston schools and earned an Associate's Degree of Nursing Science from Delta College in 1977. She worked at various hospitals, home care agencies and briefly as a substitute school nurse for Cass City School until retiring in 2013. Elaine served on the Tuscola County Health Board and was a member of the Red Hat Society. She loved spending time with her family and playing cards with her sisters and aunts. Elaine was skilled in sewing and mending. She enjoyed volunteering and assisting teachers at the Cass City Elementary School.

Elaine is survived by her two sons: Eric (Kristen Sanderson) LaJoie of Sandusky and Brian (Teri Botoroff) LaJoie of Lapeer; two grandsons: Patrick LaJoie of Lapeer and Eric LaJoie of Lapeer; granddaughter, Macy Renae LaJoie of Sandusky; brothers: her twin brother, Gerald (Betty Jo Schwind) Houghton of San Benito, TX, Marvin (Vicky) Houghton of Fayetteville, NC, Donald Houghton of Essexville, Daniel (Sandra) Houghton of Campbellsville, KY, Harold (Patricia) Houghton of Charles Town, WV and John (Tracey) Houghton of Port Huron; sisters: Jane (Burt) Lester of Kingston, Donna (Curt Adams) Krumenaker of Sebawaing, Mary Lou (John) Burns of Cass City, Christine (Mike) Diegel of Cass City, Winifred (Jeff) Jensen of Cass City, Angela Houghton of Saginaw, Jacqueline Houghton of Caro and Diana (Mike) Campbell of Caro; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; baby granddaughter, Sydney Lynn LaJoie; young brothers: Howard Alvin Houghton and Alan Joseph Houghton; her sons' father, Henry August LaJoie.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in the summer. Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



Grant sought to address opioid crisis

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"I am working with Thumb Rural Health Network on an Opioid Network Planning Grant. These are federal funds being put forth for planning," Ann Hepfer, health officer for both the Huron and Tuscola county health departments, told Tuscola County commissioners during her request for a letter of support from the county board.

The Thumb Rural Health Network is composed of the Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola county health departments, Scheurer Hospital, Hills and Dales General Hospital, and McKenzie, Marlette and Harbor Beach hospitals. The Thumb Opioid Response Consortium (TORC) will carry out planning activities to address opioid abuse in the Thumb.

"The project will cover Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties and rural census tracts in Lapeer County. The overall project goal is to improve opioid abuse prevention, treatment and recovery efforts by leveraging existing resources at the regional and local levels," Hepfer explained. "Outcomes of the project include more effective shared data and information, strategically aligned services, strengthened referral systems, community support and improved coordination."

Deaths linked to opioids were reported in each of the three upper Thumb counties in 2018. There eight drug-related deaths in Tuscola County in 2017.

"To address the impact that substance abuse has in the Thumb, various organizations respond to opioid abuse both individually and collectively. This planning project will analyze current efforts, research best practices, and create a strategic plan across the service continuum from prevention to recovery," Hepfer said. "Key prevention providers include local education institutions, substance abuse prevention programs, law enforcement, health departments, hospitals and primary care providers."

Treatment from referral to recovery support includes involvement of primary care and emergency medical services, health departments, behavioral health agencies, hospitals, human service agencies, private behavioral health providers, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and even tele-psychiatry services.

"This project will explore ways that all consortium members and supporters can increase prevention efforts, remove system barriers, align referral processes and ensure comprehensive support — housing, employment, and peer support — for individuals who are in recovery," she continued.

Hepfer added the funding will be used to complete core activities, including developing and strengthening the consortium; analyze current needs; create a workforce plan to address identified gaps, and complete a sustainable plan.

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Cass City companies sharing in grants targeting employees

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Nearly 23,900 workers across the state — including some in the Thumb area — will be able to update or gain new skills, thanks to \$29,123,829 in grant dollars awarded through the Going PRO Talent Fund.

The Going PRO Talent Fund, formerly known as the Skilled Trades Training Fund, awards grants to employers to assist in training, developing and retaining current and newly hired employees.

Training funded by the talent fund must be short-term and fill a demonstrated talent need experienced by the employer. Training must lead to a credential for a skill that is transferable and recognized by industry.

The program is implemented locally by the Michigan Works! organizations which conduct outreach to inform employers of the program. Employers with a need for skill enhancement, including apprenticeship programs and advance-technology training programs for current employees

or individuals to be hired, may be eligible to apply for the grant.

The state is broken down into regions. Region VI, which includes the greater Thumb area, received several grants.

Among the recipients is the Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) Cass City plant, which received \$19,480. Another Cass City-based business, MI-Tech Tooling Inc., was awarded \$13,500.

The Gemini Group Inc., in Bad Axe, received \$20,047. Thumb Tool and Engineering, Bad Axe, received \$14,480, and Tower International in Elkton received \$12,000. In addition, Pepro Enterprises (Gemini Plastics Inc.) in Ubyly received \$12,000; Regency Plastics Inc., Ubyly, received \$22,000; and the Sanilac Medical Care Family of Sandusky was awarded \$13,376.

In all, employers in Region VI were awarded a combined \$1,013,535 of the total \$29,123,829 in available funding.

The grants have helped Michigan businesses create more than 10,430 jobs and retain more than 37,000 jobs over the past five years.

A professional trades shortage exists in Michigan and is expected to continue through 2024. Professional trades will account for more than 500,000 jobs in Michigan's economy, and roughly 15,000 new job openings are expected annually in the state during that time.

The talent fund provides an opportunity to close that gap by providing re-skilling and up-skilling for Michigan workers to improve and evolve with the changing demands of a 21st century economy.

"As Michigan works to close its talent gap, programs like the Going PRO Talent Fund provide resources for employers and their employees to keep up with an ever-changing, high-tech global economy," said Talent and Economic Development Chief of Staff Jeremy Hendges. "This fund is part of Michigan's comprehensive approach to ensuring it can compete in the global race for the most and best talent while ensuring our companies can continue to invest in homegrown talent."

The talent fund is part of a comprehensive strategy to connect Michiganders with high-demand, high-wage careers here at home.

News briefs

Village police probe break-in

CASS CITY — The Cass City Police Department is continuing its investigation into a breaking and entering incident reported over the Christmas holiday break at Huron Industrial Supply on Doerr Road.

Anyone with information related to the crime is asked to contact Deputy Chief James Freeman at (989) 872-2911 or via email at ccpdfreeman@casscity.org.

Help land grant for school

CASS CITY — A few minutes of time and couple of clicks of a computer mouse can help the Cass City School District win some much-needed funding for its STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program.

The grant program is America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, which is a philanthropic arm of Bayer.

Nominated public school districts can compete for a \$10,000 or \$25,000 grant to enhance STEM education for their students. It only takes five minutes to nominate and potentially help schools support bigger and brighter futures for their students.

Grow Rural Education awards \$2.3 million in STEM grants to public school districts annually and has awarded more than \$16 million since 2011.

To nominate Cass City High School, go to America's Farmers Grow Rural Education website and follow the directions.

Local BPA students shine

CASS CITY — Several Cass City students who attend the Tuscola Tech Center recently performed well in a Business Professionals of America (BPA) competition.

Those students, under the direction and guidance of instructor Amy Schuette, include: Anthony Pawloski, placed first in the Computer Animation Team and sixth in Administrative Support Concepts; Shane Hoppe, placed first in Computer Animation Team; Logan Severance, placed third in Computer Security and fourth in Computer Network; Kristofer Nika, placed fourth in Financial Math and Analysis; and Olivia Schuette, placed third in Database Applications.

Join the Ravenous Readers

CASS CITY — The staff at Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine St., is inviting patrons and new visitors alike to start the new year off right by joining the local library's Ravenous Readers Book Club, which meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from September through May at noon.

The next five meeting dates are Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24 and May 22.

There is no cost to be a member of the Ravenous Readers Book Club. However the library does provide a small number of the next month's book at a reduced cost of \$9 to members. These books are available to purchase at meetings or at the circulation desk on a first come, first served basis.

Feel free to bring a sack lunch. The library provides tea and coffee, and desserts and goodies are provided by book club members.

Anyone interested in joining the group can learn more by inquiring at the circulation desk or by calling (989) 872-2856.

Color yourself calm Jan. 14

CASS CITY — Cass City area residents in need of a little stress relief are invited to participate in the next "Color Me Calm" event at Rawson Memorial District Library, slated for Monday, Jan. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

This free drop-in activity is for adults, who are welcome to take part in 90 minutes of stress-free coloring.

Coloring pencils, markers and coloring pages are all provided by the library, or you can bring your own materials. More information is available by calling the library at (989) 872-2856.

Year ends in flurry of bills

LANSING — Former Gov. Rick Snyder signed a flurry of bills as his final term in office came to an end last month, including legislation targeting anti-bullying efforts and creation of mental health treatment courts.

To further Michigan's anti-bullying efforts, Snyder today signed legislation making cyberbullying a crime.

"Cyberbullying can cause just as much trauma as traditional bullying so it's important that it be considered a crime," Snyder said. "With this bill, we are sending a message that bullying of any kind is not tolerated in Michigan."

House Bill 5017 holds individuals accountable for using the anonymity of the internet to bully or shame someone. The bill is now Public Act 457 of 2018.

To improve mental health treatment options for minors, Snyder signed legislation creating mental health courts and expanding access to assisted outpatient treatment in Michigan.

House Bills 5806-5808 move participation of minors from traditional problem-solving courts into specific juvenile mental health courts.

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A NUMBER OF mourners decorated mason jars used to hold candles during Friday night's vigil in front of the high school.

Community mourns loss

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a helicopter to assist in the search.” Shortly after noon, a Michigan Sugar Company employee flagged down a Michigan State Trooper who had also come to the area to assist, and reported seeing a vehicle out of place and stuck in mud on the other side of a treatment pond fence on the Bay Shore Camp property. Responding police and fire, which included Tuscola’s K-9, responded to the scene and began searching.

Additional manpower arrived from Unionville and Cass City, as well as the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department’s drone. The search was suspended Tuesday night, with crews returning the next day at about 8 a.m.

“The victim was located at approximately 8:35 a.m. on the north side of Sebewaing River Point, over one mile west of the Sebewaing County Park. This was over two miles from where the victim’s vehicle was found...locked and stuck in the mud at Bay Shore Camp,” Hanson reported Wednesday morning.

“Though it’s not completely clear what path of travel he took to get there, or why for that matter, it is believed he walked south down Miller Street to Union Street, then westbound to the location he was found,” he said. “The path of travel on the river point involved eventually veering to the north where he ended up on ice. There he got on approximately three inches of ice and continued westbound, paralleling the point.

“It is then estimated he continued nearly 100 yards until he got next to a phragmites patch where the ice thinned enough not to support him,” Hanson continued.

The sheriff noted that the deputy along with another officer wearing ice rescue gear had left their airboat and were trying to walk on the ice to check the area as thoroughly as they could. “While doing so, they both broke through a couple of times before Parker was found in waist deep water. He was also very difficult to see, as the phragmites camouflaged him.”

Agencies assisting in the search included the Sebewaing Fire and police departments, Sebewaing EMS, Caseville Fire Department, Huron and Tuscola county sheriff’s departments, U.S. Coast Guard, Cass City police, Michigan State Police, Unionville Fire Department, Tuscola and Huron County Sheriff’s Office, St. Clair County Sheriff’s Department and the Sebewaing Village DPW.

“Thumb Drone Works was also on scene and the Bay Shore Camp...supplied shelter and refreshments (for rescue crews),” Hanson said. “The family wishes to extend a sincere thank you to the many volunteers who offered support or gave assistance throughout this tragic ordeal.”

Haire is the son of Cass City Chronicle Publisher Clarke and Karen Haire, and the grandson of the late Dorothy Haire and John Haire, owner and publisher of the Chronicle for nearly 60 years before his death in 2009. He is also the grandson of the late Ronald and Rosemary Burk.

Haire excelled both academically and in athletics at Cass City High School and was an honors student at Michigan State University, where he was a junior majoring in actuarial science.

During his years in high school, he was a standout athlete in football, basketball and track and field, and was a recipient of the district’s coveted Paul Smarks Outstanding Athlete Award.

A complete obituary can be found on page 6 of this edition of the Chronicle.

Hospitals required to post prices for services

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CEO Jean Anthony said of the motivation behind the new federal rule, which expanded on an Affordable Care Act (ACA) requirement that already forces hospitals to make the same information available to the public each year.

The difference is that the new rule requires hospitals to make their “chargemaster” data – the term used for the comprehensive list of charges for every inpatient and outpatient service provided by a hospital – available to the public in “machine-readable” format. In other words, in a form that can be automatically read and processed by a computer.

The problem with that, Anthony pointed out, is that PDF and Word documents are not considered machine readable, nor are most Microsoft Excel files, all programs commonly purchased for use on home computers.

Even if a patient can access the information, she noted, they’re going to find a comprehensive list of coded charges spanning hundreds of pages.

Healthcare experts throughout the United States have cautioned that the charge information is not helpful to understanding individual patient expenses, and instead will lead to further confusion.

Those concerns are supported by the sheer complexity of determining any patient’s bill based on their individual treatment needs and complications, according to Anthony.

Officials with the Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) have echoed that fact, noting much of a hospital’s costs are for employees’ wages and benefits, which means the price a patient sees on a hospital bill reflects

the people who care for them and otherwise work in the hospital — not just the services, goods or medications provided.

“They’re (patients) not going to understand” how a list of standard charges posted by hospitals translates into their own circumstances and final bill, Anthony said. One reason, she explained, is that each bill includes a professional component as well as a hospital component, so the figures do not include individual physician fees such as those charged by an anesthesiologist, radiologist, surgeon or other specialist, etc.

The numbers also don’t reflect a patient’s health insurance coverage. “Patients have to realize they also have those deductibles and co-pays,” Anthony said. “We have (patient) advocates and financial advisors who can talk patients through it based on their insurance.”

MHA officials point out that health insurance companies contract with hospitals to care for their customers. Hospitals are typically paid contracted rates by insurance companies, which generally are less than the amount listed on a hospital’s chargemaster. As a result, chargemaster amounts are rarely billed to a patient or received as a payment by a hospital.

The same is true of services provided to low-income patients, with hospitals being paid less than cost for care given to patients covered by governmental insurance programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

So, how can a patient more effectively explore their potential financial obligations for medical care?

MHA officials recommend that they reach out to their hospital and

ask detailed financial questions, especially before scheduled services.

While area residents are welcome to view the charges listed on the Hills and Dales General Hospital website, Anthony says her best advice to anyone looking to get a handle on what their upcoming procedure will cost is to approach the numbers carefully.

It’s vital that they understand the charges for any given treatment can vary widely, because every patient is unique, she said, adding, “Be cautious and feel free to pick up a phone and call.”

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Members of the Cass City boys varsity basketball team, coaches and spectators bow their heads during a moment of silence Friday night in memory of Parker Haire.



Hawks beat Hatchets with 4th quarter rally

by Bill Petzold
 For the Chronicle

The Cass City girls' varsity basketball team scored 27 points in the fourth quarter to come from behind and claim a 58-46 Greater Thumb West victory Thursday against visiting Bad Axe.

The Red Hawks trailed through three quarters, putting only 18 points on the board in the first half. Cass City was playing without senior Kacey Haire, whose older brother, Parker, a 2016 Cass City graduate, died in a tragic accident Tuesday.

"She hasn't been with us since (Parker's death), and rightfully so — basketball is the last thing on your mind when something like this happens," Cass City Coach Justin Ketterer said. "We all reached out to her, and I encouraged the girls to call her and let her know that we're all thinking about her and her family. A lot of them, growing up with Kacey, knew Parker. It's a really tough, tragic event for the whole community."

Somehow, the Red Hawks were able to turn their sadness into motivation.

Junior Tiara Anthony, who started the game in Kacey's absence, came up big for Cass City. She led the Red Hawks with 17 points and helped fuel the team's furious fourth-quarter rally with 14 trips to the free throw line.

"It was really cool for her to step up and play as well as she did," Ketterer said. "We just had a barrage in the fourth. Once they started going in, it just seemed contagious and everyone got going."

Brittany Hamilton added 11 points for Cass City. Cass City improves to 4-4 overall and 1-1 in the Greater Thumb. The Red Hawks host Vassar on Tuesday.

Hot shooting lifts Bad Axe over Red Hawks

by Bill Petzold
 For the Chronicle

Visiting Bad Axe used consistent shooting and solid defense to hand the Cass City boys' basketball team a 65-42 loss Friday night.

The game capped off an emotional evening and week for Cass City players, coaches and fans. A candlelight vigil was held Friday before the JV game, and the varsity game began with a moment of silence for Parker Haire, a 21-year-old Cass City High School graduate and former Red Hawk athletic standout whose tragic death shocked the community on New Year's Day.

Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald said those emotions were definitely on his and his player's minds as the team took the floor — not so much concerned about getting a win, but about moving forward.

"He was just a nice kid," Fernald said of Haire, whom Fernald coached during his high school career. "I could get on him at practice and then we'd be leaving and he'd say, 'Have a great day, coach,' or I'd see him in the hallway and he'd say, 'How you doing, coach?' (Parker was) just a nice kid, and respectful. Always worked hard and he loved basketball. I saw him at homecoming and we had a little conversation. He was just always friendly, and a lot of kids don't do that. I'm gonna miss him."

The closely-contested JV game ended with a big shot that foreshadowed the Hatchets' long-ranger barrage in the varsity

nightcap. After a hard-fought game that saw players battling for each basket and diving across the floor for each loose ball, Cass City seemed to have the game in the bag with a 41-39 edge.

Bad Axe JV Coach Eric Glaza called for a time-out with 1.5 seconds remaining on the game clock. On the ensuing inbound play, freshman Noah Kervin took the pass, turned and launched a rainbow from about eight feet behind the three-point line. Improbably, the shot found the bottom of the net, giving the Hatchets the buzzer-beating one-point win and sending Bad Axe players and fans into a frenzy of exhilaration.

"That was huge," said Bad Axe Head Coach Mark Krug. "I always tell the JV coach, 'You guys set the tone for us,' and they certainly set the tone with that tonight."

Kervin's big shot seemed to provide all the confidence the Hatchets needed to rain down three-pointers all game. In all, Bad Axe sank eight three-pointers as a team and converted on seven of nine free throw attempts.

Cass City showed a lot of fight, countering the Hatchets' three-pointers with its own and playing solid team basketball to stay even through one quarter and within striking distance through the first half. The Red Hawks trailed 34-27 at the break.

Bad Axe seemed to find its rhythm in the third, however, widening its lead to 15 points and maintained a sizeable cushion down the stretch. Cody Talaski led the way for the Hatchets with 25 points, while sophomore Jensen Emerick and junior Jack Clancy also reached double digits with 11 points apiece.

"I think we locked down a little bit on defense," Krug said. "We came out and we pressed in the first quarter and we weren't getting back. In the third quarter we got our footing. I think our defense did the trick; it helped out offense."

Collen Wrubel scored eight points to lead Cass City on a night when basketball was not the first thing on many of the players' minds.

"I think some kids were struggling a little bit," Fernald said. "We talked about that, you've got to put that behind you and try to play the best you can. We're not going to make any excuses. We need to work harder and play harder. It's been a tough week — it was a tough week for everybody. I think (the game) kind of took their mind off of (Parker's death) for a little while, even though it was probably still in the back of their mind. At least we had an activity to go out and kind of forget about it for a little while. I think they needed that."

"We'll work through it. We just got done talking about it. We've got to support each other. Everybody is going to react differently to a tragedy like this, and we just

need to respect how they are going to react to it and be there for each other," Fernald added. "In the end, hopefully it will make us a tighter team."

Bad Axe players shared their sympathies with Cass City, and the loss was also personal for Krug, who coached Haire as a member of the 2016 All-Thumb All-Star Basketball Team.

"He was just a wonderful kid," Krug said. "He was a wonderful competitor coaching against him, and then having the privilege of coaching him in that all-star game...All the kids took to him, and I liked his sense of humor. Just a wonderful kid. A polite kid, and when he was on the floor, he worked his tail off. His work ethic was second to none."

"It's just a very unfortunate thing. I feel very bad for the Haire family," Krug said. "The team really wants to express their condolences to the family and to the community, as well as the school. I know he was a big part, and hopefully time will heal, but it's a difficult situation. Our kids were very respectful of that, they talked about it all week."

Cass City falls to 3-5 with the loss, and next hosts Vassar on Wednesday.



Red Hawk Haydn Horne puts up a jump shot over Bad Axe's James Kervin.

Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	
USA	1	0	4
EPBP	1	0	6
Bad Axe	1	0	4
Vassar	0	0	3
Reese	0	1	5
Cass City	0	1	3
Caro	0	1	1

NCTL - Stars			
	W	L	
Flint Int.	3	0	3
North Huron	2	0	5
Mayville	2	1	3
Kingston	1	1	5
Dryden	1	1	3
Genesee	0	1	1
Deckerville	0	3	2

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	
Reese	2	0	6
Caro	1	0	3
EPBP	1	0	2
Vassar	0	1	2
Bad Axe	0	1	1
USA	0	1	2
Cass City	0	1	1

NCTL - Stars			
	W	L	
Deckerville	3	0	5
Kingston	1	0	5
Genesee	1	0	3
Dryden	0	1	3
Mayville	0	2	1
North Huron	0	2	4

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2018-19 Basketball Picks



Ray Maurer



Clarke Haire



Geoff Morgan

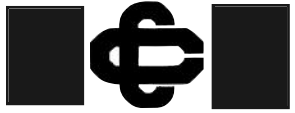


Doug Hyatt

BOYS' BASKETBALL	Ray Maurer	Clarke Haire	Geoff Morgan	Doug Hyatt
TUESDAY, Jan. 8 Owen-Gage at Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 9 EPBP at Reese Vassar at Cass City USA at Caro Ubly at Harbor Beach	Reese Cass City USA Harbor Beach	Reese Cass City USA Harbor Beach	Reese Cass City USA Harbor Beach	Reese Cass City USA Harbor Beach
THURSDAY, Jan. 10 Deckerville at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
FRIDAY, Jan. 11 Cass City at USA Vassar at Caro Reese at Bad Axe Harbor Beach at Sandusky Ubly at Capac Akron-Fairgrove at Owen-Gage	USA Caro Reese Sandusky Capac Owen-Gage	USA Caro Reese Harbor Beach Ubly Owen-Gage	USA Vassar Reese Harbor Beach Ubly A-Fairgrove	USA Caro Reese Harbor Beach Capac Owen-Gage
GIRLS' BASKETBALL				
TUESDAY, Jan. 8 Lakers at Reese Vassar at Cass City USA at Caro Ubly at Harbor Beach Capac at Sandusky Kingston at North Huron Owen-Gage at Peck	Reese Cass City Caro Harbor Beach Sandusky Kingston Peck	Reese Cass City USA Harbor Beach Sandusky Kingston Peck	Reese Vassar Caro Harbor Beach Sandusky Kingston Peck	Reese Cass City USA Harbor Beach Sandusky Kingston Peck
THURSDAY, Jan. 10 Cass City at USA Vassar at Caro Reese at Bad Axe Harbor Beach at Sandusky Ubly at Capac	USA Caro Reese Sandusky Ubly	USA Caro Reese Harbor Beach Ubly	USA Caro Reese Harbor Beach Capac	USA Caro Reese Sandusky Ubly
FRIDAY, Jan. 11 Deckerville at Kingston Akron-Fairgrove at Owen-Gage	Kingston Owen-Gage	Kingston A-Fairgrove	Kingston A-Fairgrove	Kingston A-Fairgrove
LAST WEEKS' RESULTS	8 - 3	7 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 4
SEASON RESULTS	36-14/72%	33-17/66%	32-18/64%	32-18/64%

Cass City Jr./Sr. High School

2018-19 Winter Sports Schedule



BOYS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
11/30	CC 79, Owen-Gage 25
12/5	Sandusky 50, CC 39
12/7	Ubyly 47, CC 44
12/11	CC 53, Deckerville 51
12/14	Lakers 62, CC 37
12/19	CC 57, Marlette 55
12/28	Imlay City 55, CC 38
1/4	Bad Axe 65, CC 42
1/9	Vassar
1/11	USA (F, JV, & V)
1/18	Caro (F, JV, & V)
1/21	Mayville
1/23	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/25	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
2/1	Bad Axe
2/6	Vassar
2/8	USA (F, JV, V)
2/15	Harbor Beach
2/20	Caro (F, JV, & V)
2/22	Reese (F, JV, & V)
2/25-3/1	DistrictsTBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL (FRESHMEN/JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/4	Sandusky 26, CC 18
12/6	Ubyly 49, CC 29
12/10	CC 58, Mayville 9
12/13	Lakers 31, CC 24
12/18	Marlette 41, CC 40
12/21	CC 50, Deckerville 38
12/27	CC 55, Capac 31
1/3	CC 58, Bad Axe 46
1/8	Vassar
1/10	USA
1/17	Caro (F, JV, & V)
1/22	Reese (F, JV, & V)
1/24	Lakers (F, JV, & V)
1/31	Bad Axe
2/5	Vassar
2/7	USA
2/12	Harbor Beach
2/19	Caro (F, JV, & V)
2/21	Reese (F, JV, & V)
2/28	Lakeville (JV, V).....5:30 p.m.
3/4-8	Districts.....TBA

All games begin at 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/5	Lakers/Mayville/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
12/8	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/12	Vassar/Ubyly	6:00 p.m.
12/15	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/19	Capac/Caro	6:00 p.m.
12/21	Millington/Caro/Mayville	1:00 p.m.
12/28	Mayville Individual Tourney	TBD
1/9	Lakers/ Brown City/Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
1/16	Sandusky/Memphis	6:00 p.m.
1/19	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/23	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/26	Caro Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
2/2	GTC League Meet @ Mayville	TBA
2/7	Team Districts @ TBA	TBA
2/9	Individual Districts @ TBA	TBA
2/13	Team Regionals @ TBA	TBA
2/16	Individual Regionals @ TBA	TBA
2/22-23	Team State Finals @ TBA	TBA
3/1-2	Individual State Finals @ TBA	TBA

GYMNASTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/1	Holt Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/8	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/12	Fraser Invitational	9:00 a.m.
1/15	Fenton Tri-Meet	6:30 p.m.
1/21	Bounce Meet - Hartland	6:30 p.m.
1/26	Huron Valley Inv. @ Lakeland	8:00 a.m.
2/2	Haskett Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/9	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/16	Vassar	10:00 a.m.
2/21	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

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Legal Notices

Case No. 16-29580-CH CIRCUIT COURT SALE In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on OCTOBER 22, 2018, A.D., in a certain cause therein pending, wherein FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION was the Plaintiff and JAMES L. KIMMEL, PATSY L. KIMMEL, AG VENTURES, INC., M-66 TREE FARMS, LLC, AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, were the Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public vendue, at the Tuscola County Circuit Courthouse, (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019, A.D., at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property:

PARCEL A Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 36, which is South 00°09'13" East, 1839.91 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 36; thence continuing South 00°09'13" East, 307.68 feet; thence North 89°27'21" West, 1307.74 feet to the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence along said West line North 00°14'58" West, 487.99 feet; thence South 89°27'21" East, 958.55 feet; thence South 00°09'13" East, 180.30 feet thence South 89°27'21" East, 350.0 feet to Point of Beginning. PARCEL B Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan The Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East;

EXCEPT land sold to State Highway Department; ALSO EXCEPT, Beginning at a point 218.53 feet South of the North 1/4 corner of said Section 36; thence South, on the 1/4 line, 763.20 feet; thence West, 495.00 feet; thence North 916.26 feet, to the South line of M-46; thence East, 307.01 feet; thence South 53°05'07" East, 235.71 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL C Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan Part of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the

Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, which is South 89°19'15" East, 1311.35 feet along the North line of Section 36 and South 00°14'58" East, 1317.72 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 36; thence continuing along said East line, South 00°14'58" East, 1251.73 feet; thence 66.00 feet Northerly of and parallel to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 36, North 89°35'28" West, 243.49 feet; thence North 00°14'58" West, 1252.31 feet; thence along the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 36, South 89°27'20" East, 243.50 feet to the Point of Beginning;

PARCEL D Covering Land described as: Situated in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 36, which is South 00°09'13" East, 1314.61 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence continuing along said North-South 1/4 line, South 00°09'13" East, 276.39 feet thence North 89°27'21" West, 350.00 feet; thence South 00°09'13" East, 68.61 feet; thence North 89°27'21" West, 958.55 feet to the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 36; thence, along said West line, North 00°14'58" West, 345.00 feet, to the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 36; thence, along said North line, South 89°27'21" East, 1309.12 feet; to the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 36, and Point of Beginning. This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. DATED: 12-5-18 MICHAEL URBAN, Deputy Sheriff

JOHN W. BUTLER (P 33908) Attorney for Plaintiff 24525 Harper St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 586-777-0770 12-5-7

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by

KEVIN PARRISH AKA KIVIN R. PARRISH, an unmarried man, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of October, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of November, 2006 in Liber 1101 of Tuscola County Records, page 515, said Mortgage having been assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONAS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES III TRUST on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Eight & 28/100 (\$65,658.28), by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of January, 2019 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, with interest thereon at 6.62500 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK K, JAMES L. HITCHCOCK'S SECOND ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 ON PAGE 5A OF PLATS, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed 30 days after the foreclosure sale or when the time to provide the notice required by the statute expires, whichever is later. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will

be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor or the Mortgagee's attorney Dated: 12/19/2018 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONAS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES III TRUST Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Servicer 700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 362-2600 BSI PARRISH 12-19-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 7, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): James Burnham Jr., a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Flagstar Bank, FSB Date of Mortgage: March 27, 2003

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 1, 2003 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$36,807.77

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The East 1/2 of Lot 19, Lot 20 and the West 27 feet of Lot 21, Block 2, Johnson's Addition to the Village of Fairgrove, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 28A, 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: January 9, 2019 Trott Law, P.C. 1-9-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David Renee Bootz and Sharon L. Bootz of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI dated the 24th day of April, 2002, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of June, 2002, in OR Liber 882 Page 611 - 625 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$21,807.76 (twenty-one thousand eight hundred seven and 7/100) plus accrued interest at 7.125% (seven point one two five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been insti-

tuted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 7TH day of February, 2019, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Village of Cass City, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Lot 8, Block B - James L. Hitchcock's First Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 4A, Tuscola County Records.

Commonly known as: 4209 South Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726 Parcel Number: 035-500-320-0800-00 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 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. The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 9, 2019 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 323 W. Lakeside Ave. Suite 200 Cleveland, OH 44113 WWR# 10147469 1-9-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

Case No. 18-30552-CH

US BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, BY ITS SERVICER CALIBER HOME LOANS, HON. AMY GRACE GIERHART Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, DEVISEES OF MICHAEL C. DAVIS, Deceased and SHANNON DAVIS and MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Defendants.

TROTT LAW, P.C. By: John P. Kapitan (P61901) Attorneys for Caliber Home Loans 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, MI 48334-5422 248-723-5067 T# 440122L03

AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

This matter having come before the Court on Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion to Amend Order for Service by Publication; and the Court having reviewed the motion; and the Court granting the motion; and the Court otherwise advised"

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following be published in a newspaper in Tuscola County:

To the Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns of Michael C. Davis:

1. You are being sued in this Court by the Plaintiff in an action to Quiet Title to the mobile home affixed to the real property commonly known as 4160 Birch Ln., Vassar, MI 48768-9123.

2. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this Court at the Court's address of 440 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723, on or before the 28th day after publication of this order is completed.

3. If you fail to answer or take

other action permitted by law in this Court on or before the 28th day after this order is completed, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

4. A copy of this order shall be published once a week in a newspaper in a newspaper in Tuscola County for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed with the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no mailing of this Order is required. IT IS SO ORDERED. This is not a final order. Dated: 12-18-18 Hon. Amy Grace Gierhart 1-9-3

MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Dale R. Tewksbury, a single man, mortgagor, to Mayville State Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated December 17, 2009, and was recorded on December 23, 2009, in Liber 1189, on page 1341 of the Tuscola County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$18,938.18, including interest at 4.25% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Village of Mayville, County of Tuscola, Michigan and described as:

Parcel 1: Beginning at the SE corner of Lot 1, Block 10, Village of Mayville, Tuscola Co., Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 35; thence N 84 ft; thence W 80 ft; thence S 84 ft; thence E 80 ft to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 1, Block 10, Village of Mayville, Tuscola Co., Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 35; thence N 84 ft; thence E 52 ft; thence S 84 ft; thence W 52 ft to the place of beginning.

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If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the Mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

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Dated: January 4, 2019 By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)

Attorney for Mayville State Bank, Mortgagee

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NOTICE FOR GILFORD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Take notice that at a Regular Meeting of the Gilford Township Board of Trustees of Tuscola County, Michigan, held on Thursday, December 13, 2018, conducted at the Gilford Township Hall, upon Motion made, seconded, and carried, the Gilford Township Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance No. 2018-01 to prohibit marihuana establishments in Gilford Township. The ordinance is summarized as follows:

Section I. Short Title - the ordinance is known as the Gilford Township Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance.

Section II. Definition - defines various words as specified in MCL 333.27951 et seq.

Section III. No Marihuana Establishments - specifies no marihuana establishments are permitted in Gilford Township pursuant to MCL 333.27951.

Section IV. Violation and Penalties - specifies violations and penalties for violation of the ordinance.

Section V. Severability - specifies that if any clause of the ordinance is declared void or unenforceable, the remainder of the ordinance will continue in full force and effort.

Section VI. Repeal - repeals any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance.

Section VII. Effective Date - specifies that the ordinance will take effect on December 13, 2018.

A copy of the complete ordinance may be inspected or obtained at the Gilford Township Hall located at 6230 W. Gilford Road, Fairgrove, Michigan, during regular Township business hours.

Dated: December 21, 2018

Respectfully Submitted:
Robert L. Haines,
Gilford Township Clerk
6230 Gilford Road
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Cass City Public Schools will receive sealed proposals for construction trade work from qualified Bidders for 2018 Bond Projects at the Cass City Public Schools Administration Office – 4868 N. Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726.

Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to Cass City Public Schools – Administration Building, 4868 N. Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726. Proposals are due prior to 3:00 pm (local time) on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:05 pm in the Administration Building (located at the High School) – 4868 N. Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726. All proposals received prior to the due date and time will be evaluated after the bid opening. All proposals received after 3:00 pm of the due date will neither be considered nor accepted and will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

All proposals shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided in the Construction Project Manual section 00305, completely filled in, and executed (copies of the bid forms are acceptable). Facsimile, electronic mail or telephone proposals will not be accepted.

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The Owner will award contract(s) on or about the 28th of January 2019.

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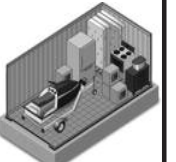
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THE RITUAL

Perry: visits home always welcome, familiar

Editor's note: Ty Perry is a native of Cass City and a 2010 graduate of Cass City High School. He worked at Rawson Memorial District Library from 2009 to 2014 and was active in the Cass City Area Historical Society and other community organizations.

Today, Ty lives in Las Vegas, Nev., with his wife and daughter, where he serves with The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry as a ministry representative and writer for Israel My Glory magazine.

by Ty Perry
For the Chronicle

There's something terribly unwelcoming about the penetrating chill that Michigan greets its guests with in the winter months. For Las Vegans, walking down the jet bridge after a day-long journey, the greeting is especially rude. We're a delicate people, when it comes to cold. Give us 110-degree heat and scorching sun; but that frosty stuff, forget it.

My wife and I recently made just such a trip back to Michigan, and the greeting, though more mild than it has been in previous trips, was no less inhospitable. As soon as we reached the baggage claim, we unzipped our bags and pulled out the winter coats that have hung in our closets since last year's visit. We wrapped scarves around our necks, gloved our hands, and sunk our heads into our thick winter hats, then braced ourselves for the six-yard-walk from the baggage claim doors to the waiting car.

Life is hard. We've heard all the excuses there are for why we can't handle the winter weather, and we've used many of them ourselves. "You've just acclimated to that desert heat." "But this is a particularly cold winter." And my favorite— "Your blood's just thinned".

The truth is, we're just wimps, plain and simple.

For all the violent shivering and the use of Baptist epithets against the frigid breath of the Mitten state— "Good grief!"— there is one thing that warms the body and the heart against it all: the sight of home.

As our car rounds the M-81 bend, there is Katie Jackson's house, welcoming visitors and those returning home to Cass City. Although Katie is now gone, as are the candles in every window that added so much to the sensation of "homing", the house will forever be "Katie's" and will always signal to the Cass City native, wherever they are coming from, that the trip home is complete.

Into town we drive, the broad Main Street (99-foot-wide, to be precise) lined with two-story brick buildings, the faces of many of which have looked down onto the same parades, families and even some businesses for well over a century, stand at attention. Some have been refreshed with 21st-century facades and signage; others' peeling paint and empty windows speak of better days. But all of them are familiar faces that seem to smile back a "welcome home".

Down through town, past the theatre, the corner drugstore, the village clock that is always 5 to 10 minutes slow, up the hill past the large homes built by the town's former luminaries, and into my parents' neighborhood.

If I'm to be honest, and I will be, the trip to my parents' home does not require a drive down Main Street; it's out of the way, in fact; but it's part of my routine, part of the Ritual of returning to the Thumb of Michigan.

I spent the first 23 years of my life in this area, the sixth generation of my family to call it home. Every building, every street, contains memories — mine and those

I've adopted from others. The Ritual I follow whenever I return to the area, done almost without thought, exhumes these recollections, and brings with them a melancholic smile to my face.

The Ritual changes little from visit to visit — that's what makes it a ritual. But there is one deviation; when visiting in the summer months, my first stop is my grandparents' home (they spend their winters down south, so I'm out of luck at Christmastime; hence the deviation).

Most often, grandpa can be found in his garage behind the house, where he is working his craft, bringing new life to aged autos. His shop smells of work, of body filler, lacquer thinner, and metal dust. I purposely scuff my feet on the concrete floor as I walk through the garage door. I don't want to startle him. He's deep in thought as he examines his work and plots out the next movement of his hands. Bending. Sanding. Painting.

We talk about his latest project, and he asks me about my travels; where I've been, where I'm going. After a while, I ask him where grandma is (I always know the answer, but it's part of the Ritual). "She's in the house," he says. "Go on in and see her." "See ya later," I say. "So long," he says.

Inside, Grandma stands in the kitchen, where she's busy washing dishes.

"Hellooo," she says to me. I'm expected. It's part of the Ritual.

We sit at the table and talk about my trip, the latest local happenings, family developments and such. If she's been to Turner's Blueberry Farm, she gets a bowl for me, and pulls a half gallon of milk out of the fridge and the sugar bowl from the cupboard. I eat the sun-warmed blueberries, as we talk. Before long, it's time to go.

Then to the library—if grandpa and grandma aren't home, it's the first stop. As the doors open, I smell the unsurprising, but still pleasing, aroma of books.

In many towns and cities, the library is a receptacle of knowledge; a place where anyone, no matter their race, religion, creed, or social standing, has equal access to information. That's good.

What's great is Rawson Memorial District Library. Here, the community gathers under the pretense of acquiring books, and that we do; but we gather there, also, to connect with neighbors, to organize ourselves, to exchange news — both that which is true and that which we heard is true. The library is all those things for me and more.

My visits always include conversations with the library staff, my former co-workers. We update one another on family and community news. We ask each other for more details on status updates we read on social media. We talk about books we've recently read. And we do this because...it's what you do when you're at the library.

The Ritual includes other places, too.

There's the cemetery, where I visit the graves of loved ones departed. I don't talk to them — they aren't there; but it's a good practice to remember them, to think about the ways in which our lives intertwined, and to consider the brevity of my own life. As one gravestone there reads: Where you are now, I once was. Where I am now, you will be. Prepare, in time, for eternity. I am prepared; but a visit to the cemetery is good for a soul nevertheless.

There's the antique shop in a neighboring town, where I peruse

the latest finds by local consigners. Sometimes I purchase small things; but usually not. It's just part of the Ritual.

I drive down River Road and look down into the Cass River, lazy in the summer, frozen solid in the winter.

I drive by my boyhood home on Shabbona Road; Lightning Hill, we called it. My corner bedroom looks so much smaller than it did when I was five. Could it be the same place?

At least one morning of each visit, I have breakfast at "Nick's", the local restaurant. The menu there changes little, if any, from visit to visit; but that's part of the charm. A bowl of oatmeal or a couple slices of toast hits the spot. I always come prepared to pay, but often, I find that someone else — sometimes an anonymous someone else — picks up the tab.

I now live in a city of two million. We have every form of entertainment you can imagine and enough dining options to make your head spin. There are well over 30 movie theaters in the city, many of them open exceptionally late. We have an Amazon fulfillment center close to us, meaning if we can't find it in the store, we can get it delivered to our doorstep very quickly. It's great. I enjoy it.

There is, however, no house at the curve to tell me I'm almost home; no grandparents to hug and talk with; no buildings smiling at me as I come into town; no talks with friends at the library; no roots and no memories.

For those things, I have to go home. I have to go back to the Ritual. And I'm glad it's there.



THE AUTHOR, Tyler Perry, with his wife, Elisabeth, and their six-week-old daughter, Charlotte.

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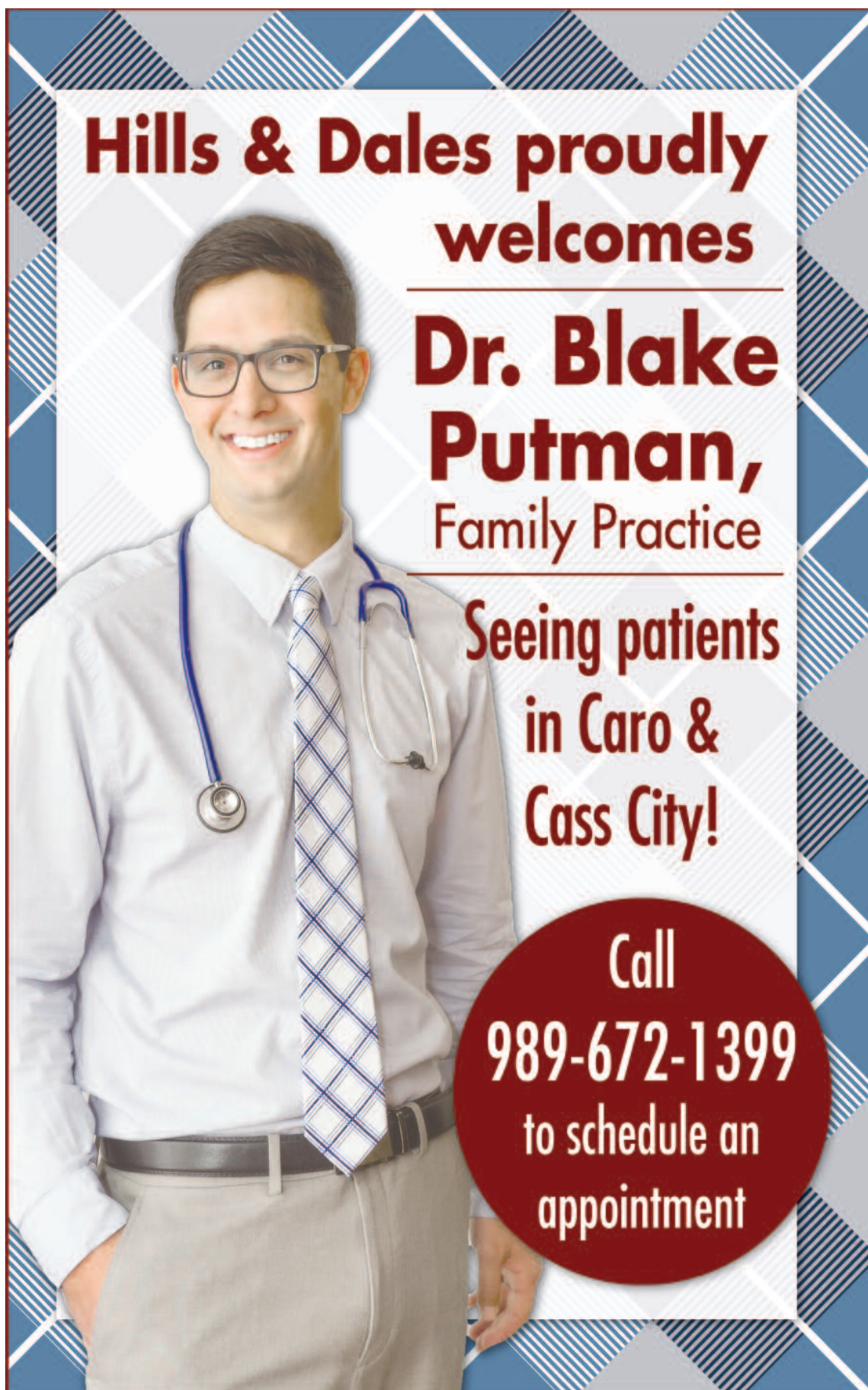


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