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County reps take Caro Center cause to Lansing meeting

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

A group of Tuscola County representatives traveled to Lansing Thursday for a brief meeting in an effort to convince state officials to follow through with plans to build a new psychiatric hospital to replace the aging Caro Center.

A former state representative and a newly-hired consultant, meanwhile, are both encouraging county officials to continue fighting to keep the new state hospital in the wake of reports indicating new Michigan Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon decided in late 2018 to find another location and close the Caro Center altogether.

An ABC12 story recently outlined a series of emails, obtained via a Freedom of Information (FOIA) request, revealed Gordon's stand on the issue dating back to December.

New Gov. Gretchen Whitmer subsequently placed a hold on construction of the new, \$115 million psychiatric hospital in Caro pending another study on the location, in spite of the fact that lawmakers have already approved funding for the new hospital to be constructed in Caro.

Tuscola County officials and others met last week with a subcommittee on the Caro Center.

Among those attending were county Controller Mike Hoagland, ASS-CME Union Local 831 President Matt Campbell, consultant Jean Doss, Tuscola Intermediate School District Superintendent Gene Pierce, and water engineer Keyno Schellenbarger.

Schellenbarger, hired by the county to conduct a feasibility study of using the wells onsite at the Caro Center for the new hospital, determined the wells could be used again at a much lower cost than the option of extending a water line 1.9 miles at a cost of \$2.4 million, a proposal that stalled due to disagreements between officials representing the city of Caro and Indianfields Township.

"We had about 10 minutes to make our point on why the hospital should stay in the county. Keyno talked about the plan he has...on how

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State moving forward with county land sales

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

While the new psychiatric hospital construction in Caro remains in limbo, state officials are moving ahead with plans to market some of the land around the Caro Center.

Last fall the state indicated it was considering giving Tuscola County several hundred acres of land that included part of the Caro Center's hospital acreage as well as a former prison site, provided county officials first established a land bank.

Because it was a good economic opportunity for the county, commissioners immediately launched the process involved in setting up a land bank. But in the midst of doing that, the state gave all of the land to the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority.

State officials posted a notice stating they were seeking proposals for

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ABOUT A DOZEN local residents turned out at Rawson Memorial District Library to meet with new 84th District state Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington) Friday as he traveled across the Thumb to host constituent hours. Green, pictured above at the head of the table, briefly covered several topics, including Michigan's proposed 45-cent gas tax hike, no-fault auto insurance reform and the Air National Guard combat training proposal, as well as the uncertain future of the state's newest psychiatric hospital and whether it will be built in Caro.

Milligan: Congress needs to act on new trade agreement

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Dave Milligan will tell you that today's farmers are producing more food per farm than their predecessors could have even begun to imagine decades ago. He'll also tell you those same producers could be forced to give up farming without a stable and fair export market.

The reason? Simple economics; farmers have been hugely successful in producing more food, but without a dependable avenue to sell all of their crops, they can't get the return on the investment they need to say in business.

Milligan should know. He's a lifelong Cass City farmer, has served as chairman of the Michigan Wheat Program since 2011 and is currently vice president of the National Association of Wheat

Growers.

Milligan is also a strong supporter of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), a vital piece of legislation that updates the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and locks in both access to the Mexican market and improves the wheat grading system in Canada.

President Donald Trump along with Canadian and Mexican leaders inked the plan in late November, but it won't take effect until the governmental bodies in all three countries — including the U.S. Congress — ratify the new agreement.

"Trade is arguably the biggest issue facing agriculture today. We need to sell more product abroad and we need our trading partners to play by the rules — USMCA delivers on both accounts. Now, we just need Congress to give it the

green light," said Milligan, who grows wheat, corn, soybeans, navy beans and black beans with his son, Mike.

Milligan planned to promote that message during a tour of his farm operation Tuesday (April 16) by members of Farm-



Dave Milligan

ers for Free Trade, a non-profit organization that recently kicked off a national tour in an effort to tell the stories of farm families who support expanding trade opportunities for American agriculture.

"Farming is a way of life. For me, the first day of spring is a reminder of this feeling. It ignites that instinct all growers have when we know it's that time again for us to begin planting," Milligan said.

"Farming has been in my family for decades. I grew up on my family's farm in Cass City, and currently live there with my wife Kristine and our two children. Farming is so much in our blood that even my son, after he graduated from Purdue, came back to the farm. He makes the fifth generation of Milligans to continue our operations.

"As a farmer, I do have a great sense of pride, but recently things have been challenging for all growers," Milligan noted. "We have always been told that we need to produce enough to feed, not only our nation, but those that are hungry around the world. Technology and trade have greatly improved the way that we farm. Just look at the numbers. In 1860, each U.S. farm fed an average of 15 people. In 2010, each farm could feed more than 140 people.

"The American farmer has done an amazing job of increasing productivity, and markets overseas have been developed in which consumers look for U.S. and even Michigan-labeled products. However, access to overseas markets is

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Deacons lays groundwork for Ubly's youngest students

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

As Ubly's Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) teacher, Briana Deacons lays the groundwork for childrens' educational and social development.

This is the first school year the Ubly School District has offered the GSRP after previously having no space to house the program. That changed in April 2018, when the district bought the former RE-Store Rustic Shabby Chic Furniture business along with the St. John Evangelical Catholic Church Hall, located at 4454 N. Washington St., and converted it into an early childhood learning center.

"The district had a Head Start program last year, but this is the first year for GSRP. This is the first (structured) learning program for many of them (kids)," Deacons said, noting the program is for three- and four-year-olds.

Deacons, who is from Ubly, taught Head Start last year in the North Huron School District. Ubly's program is her second teaching position.

"We provide a full day of school. GSRP has a special curriculum that is taught. It teaches school readiness skills," she explained. "It focuses on social and emotional skills, and addresses the whole child. Math literacy, cognitive, physical, emotional, language skills, and self-regulation skills are taught."

Deacons earned her teaching degree at Saginaw Valley State University. In order to teach in the GSRP, she had to earn an early childhood endorsement on her teaching certificate.

The first concept a child has to learn in the program is self-regulation skills — a big challenge for both students to learn and Deacons

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UBLY SCHOOL Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) educator Briana Deacons teaches a variety of skills designed to help her students excel academically as well as learn to get along with others as they move from grade to grade, and in life.

Ubly schools announce third marking period honor roll

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Isaac Booms	Allison Lautner*
Joshua Brandel*	Dajnae Leipprandt
Jaelynn Burton	Erin McCarty*
Eli Emming	Reese McLellan*
Amber Essenmacher	Cole Messing
Rebekka Foster*	Shelby Messing*
Katelyn Garner	Madison Michalski
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Anna Greyerbiehl*	Samantha Souva*
Haili Gusa*	Gabriel Sweeney*
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Ethan Lemke	
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Mackenzie Uhl	
Mikaela Van Erp*	
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Carson Woolner	
Nicholas Wright	

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Grace Conley	Joy Auman
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Alexia Vogel	Samantha Warchuck
Sierra Walker*	Samantha Warczynsky
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Isaac Warczynsky	

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Kylee Brandt	Brianna Beaver
Kendra Glaza	Rose Brilinski
Josephine Gusa*	Jadyn Brown
Cole Hagen	Landon Dekoski
Katie Heilig*	Mitchell Foote*
Carson Heleski	Austin Franzel
Amanda Hill	Austin Gentner
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Haley Krueger*	Colin Grifka
	Utah Gusa*
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Grade 9	
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Dr. Aaron R. Bardwell

Cass City grad recently earns degree at NUHS

Dr. Aaron R. Bardwell, son of Thom and Karla Bardwell of Caro and grandson of the late Twila Bardwell, graduated cum laude with a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree and salutatorian of the Masters of Oriental Medicine program at Chicago’s National University of Health Sciences (NUHS).

Dr. Bardwell graduated from Cass City High School in 2009 and completed his undergraduate degree at Northern Michigan University (NMU), where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology with a physiology emphasis, graduating summa cum laude.

While at NMU, Bardwell also earned recognition in the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honors Society, Mortar Board National College Senior Honors Society and the Alpha Epsilon Delta National Health Professional Honors Society, and logged more than 400 hours of community service in the areas of leadership, diversity and citizenship through the university’s Superior Edge Program.

Dr. Bardwell is currently finishing a four-year Doctorate of Naturopathy (ND) Degree at NUHS and will graduate in December of 2019. After graduation, he plans to return to the Caro area and open a clinic offering a full range of chiropractic, integrative, and alternative medicine with a concentration on preventative care and the strengthening of the body’s natural ability to heal itself.

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Tax hikes, not roads, the larger priority?

Guest editorial
by James M. Hohman
director of fiscal policy
Mackinac Center for Public Policy

I don't believe that the state needs \$2.5 billion in additional revenue to fix the roads. I don't believe this because the governor only asks to spend \$1.9 billion more on roads. She calls for \$2.5 billion in higher fuel taxes, though. The difference goes to other budget priorities. Still, there have been regular calls that the state needs \$2.5 billion more for roads. The number is a mystery. It is reiterated with confidence, but there are reasons to doubt it. After all, this is a long-term estimate, and a lot can affect the market for road-building materials and labor. More revenue for roads may also affect the costs of building and fixing them.

The number required to "fix the roads" presumably accounts for their current condition. But state and local governments don't track the condition of all roads.

Good numbers exist for trunkline roads — the M-, US-, and I-designated roads that are eight percent of lane miles but carry over half of the traffic in the state. And there are numbers for local roads that receive heavier traffic. But there is no widely accepted measure for the quality of most roads in Michigan. So there is a big question mark over how much is needed. Frankly, that lack of measurement could understate the needs.

If "fix the roads" only means fixing the roads that are measured, then lawmakers could simply spend more on the roads that they measure and less on those they don't.

The ambiguity around the \$2.5 billion figure also should call into question whether it includes the recent increases in transportation spending. Before the current debate, lawmakers and road interest groups had centered around \$1.2 billion as necessary to keep the roads from falling apart. And they got more than what they asked for, over time.

In fiscal year 2011, Michigan spent \$1.97 billion in state funds on transportation. That amount gradually increased to \$2.59 billion in fiscal year 2016, with a lot of the gains coming from general revenue sources instead of fuel and vehicle registration taxes.

Then lawmakers replaced the general taxes with money from fuel and vehicle registration tax hikes. They also scheduled some of the state's income tax to go to the transportation budget, and rediscovered some extra money from elsewhere in the state budget. Between the new income tax earmark, the tax hike, and the extra money, the state is now spending \$3.64 billion annually on roads. The income tax earmark itself will push state spending up to \$4.10 billion by the 2021 fiscal year.

All told, that's \$2.13 billion more in revenue for the roads, found over a decade. That's a 69-percent increase in state funding above inflation.

If something is a priority, then it ought to take precedence over other budget priorities. Calling for \$2.5 billion in new taxes to spend \$1.9 billion on the roads demonstrates that tax hikes are a larger priority than the roads themselves.

I believe our transportation managers when they say that they need more money to put the roads into better condition. How much is a different question, and the latest calls exaggerate the evidence and ignore the increases that lawmakers have already found.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Rabbit ears or bunny butts?



I'm a Jeopardy lover. I watch the television show every night and have it recorded when I'm gone. There are times when I'm able to answer a question or two. Managing to answer five or six questions right is a good night for me, but that doesn't happen very often.

I love learning little-known facts and collecting trivia information. My saying is "I know a little about a lot of things, but not very much overall." But I still love trivia and little-known facts.

I know "a lot" of money is spent on candy celebrating Easter, but I was surprised to learn just how much. One news report pegged the amount spent on Easter candy at \$29 billion! The average amount spent is about \$150. That is one heck of a lot of jelly beans and chocolate bunnies.

Regarding chocolate bunnies, the same survey asked the age-old question of how people eat their chocolate bunnies. There is a big debate on the proper way to bite a bunny; some people chew off the ears first, while others bite off the bunny's butt first.

According to the survey, about 76 percent of those who eat chocolate Easter bunnies attack the ears first.

Another Easter candy fact: Americans buy more than 700 million Marshmallow Peeps, shaped like chicks, as well as marshmallow bunnies and marshmallow eggs, making them the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

Americans consume 16 billion jellybeans at Easter. If all the Easter jellybeans were lined end to end, they would circle the globe nearly three times.

According to one website, jelly beans did not become an Easter tradition until the 1930s, and they were reportedly produced by Boston candy maker William Schrafft, who ran advertisements urging people to send jellybeans to soldiers fighting in the Civil War.

Also, the survey noted that over 185 million eggs are colored for the holiday. I can't help wondering how much money went into surveying all of those different facts?

This year several websites showed unique ways to decorate eggs. One method was to have a swirl design on eggs. That was done by taking a pile of plain, white shaving cream, mixing in some food coloring and rolling the eggs in that. One suggestion was taking the egg and gently cracking the shell and dipping it in the food-colored water. When the egg was peeled it has the chip designs in color.

A different option called for taking the egg out of the shell and dunking it in coloring to turn the entire egg white a different color. There was a method showing eggs tied up in material and boiled that way so it left an imprint from the material on the egg shell.

Anyway, back to eating chocolate Easter bunnies. What's the best way to approach this treat — the ears or the butt? I really don't remember which part I eat first. I guess I will have to report back when Easter

is over.

May you all have a blessed holiday, and Happy Easter to all of the Cass City Chronicle readers.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent last week reported his staff destroyed by incinerator nearly 199 pounds of old and unwanted prescription pills that citizens have dropped off in the lobby at the sheriff's department in Caro.

"Keep up the good work getting rid of your unused pills so they do not fall into the wrong hands," Skrent stated in a post on the department's Facebook page. "Remember, the entrance to the jail lobby is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. All you have to do is walk in and (empty) your pill bottles into the receptacle."

Some Michigan taxpayers who file a state income tax return may receive a letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury asking for more information to confirm their identity.

The letters are a result of the state Treasury Department's efforts to protect individuals from cybercriminals, who attempt to file state income tax returns on behalf of unsuspecting taxpayers and steal refunds. After a taxpayer confirms his or her identity by taking a short online quiz or submitting paperwork, the tax refund will be issued in about a month.

A phone option is available as an alternative to the online quiz.

"If you receive one of these letters, please follow the instructions carefully," said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, who oversees Treasury's Tax Administration programs. "When we detect something that may not be right with a tax return, we ask for additional information to protect the taxpayer."

Taxpayers who have been recent victims of identity theft are asked to report their circumstances to the state Treasury Department. Reporting identity theft helps thwart cybercriminals who attempt to file returns and steal state tax refunds.

Since 2016, the state Treasury Department's increased security measures protected more than 4,500 taxpayers who confirmed their identity was stolen and used to request state of Michigan income tax refunds. This prevented more than \$19 million from being distributed to scammers.

To learn more about identity theft, go to www.michigan.gov/identitytheft. For more information about state income taxes, go to www.michigan.gov/incometax.

Tax Day, April 15, is always special at the Haire house. Not because of any financial windfall, but because it marks another year of marriage for Karen and I. This year we celebrated our 25th anniversary.

I thought that was pretty extraordinary – and it is – but dulls in comparison to Editor Tom Montgomery and his wife Deb, who have been married for 37 years.

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 26, this year, and the Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for anyone to celebrate the annual tree-planting holiday. Join the Foundation in April and receive 10 free shade trees.

By joining the Foundation in April, new members receive the following trees: red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, baldcypress, thornless honeylucust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple and red maple.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"These trees provide shade in the summer and vibrant colors throughout the fall," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Through the simple act of planting trees, one person can make a difference in helping to create a healthier and more beautiful planet for all of us to enjoy."

The trees will be shipped postpaid with enclosed planting instructions at the right time for planting in April or May. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, visit arborday.org/april or send a \$10 contribution by April 30 to: Arbor Day Foundation, Ten Free Shade Trees, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

The Sanilac County Courthouse has a newly created Victim/Witness Room. According to a story in the Tribune Recorder Leader, grant funding has been secured to create a private space for victims and witnesses to use while awaiting court proceedings.

The room includes a TV, board games, magazines, bottled water and coffee. The grant funding also provides a meal allowance for victims and witnesses that must be present during lunch or dinner hours.

The grant dollars are made available from Crime Victims Rights fees that defendants are ordered to pay as part of their sentences.

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- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 3:30-6 p.m., Humand Development Commission at 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Cass City Area Historical Society program, 7 pm., Rawson Memorial Library. Topic: Thumb Area Antique Car Club. For more information call Rawson Library 872-2856.
- Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

Thursday, April 18

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

Friday, April 19

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

Saturday, April 20

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

Monday, April 22

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
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- 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.
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Tuesday, April 23

- 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.
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- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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

First Sunday:
•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.
•Thumb Area Companions, 3 p.m., hosted by Dawn Woidan at Hills and Dales Boardroom 4675 Hill street. Social support group that strives to benefit from social contact with others experiencing grief/loss.

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 Gagetown.
•Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro.For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

Second Thursday:
•Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Third Sunday:
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Third Tuesday:
•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

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

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

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

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

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- Families Against Narcotics, 6 p.m., Hills and Dales Corporate Services and Regional Education Center, 6667 Main St. Cass City. For more information, call (989) 551-4326.

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.

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

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Sanilac deputies continue probe into recent juvenile crime spree

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies are continuing to sort out a crime spree involving property damage and theft in the Deckerville area earlier this month.

The investigation has since led to the identification of at least eight suspects, most of them juveniles, according to Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki, who reported the probe unfolded April 6 when deputies were dispatched to Wilson Park regarding a four-wheeler being driven recklessly.

"Deputies responded to the area and located an unoccupied four-wheeler and an abandoned 1999 GMC Jimmy," Biniecki said. "Deputies were able to determine

that the GMC Jimmy was stolen from a residence in the 3300 block of Main Street in Deckerville.

"While deputies were processing the scene, a mother of a 17-year-old male from the 2300 block of Maple Street in Deckerville called into dispatch and stated that her son had just arrived home and learned that he had taken her four-wheeler ATV from her mother's shed...without permission," Biniecki said. "It was then learned that a 14-year-old male from Carsonville, in addition to a 16-year-old male from Deckerville, were with the 17-year-old male from Deckerville while they were damaging property at Wilson Park."

Deputies, who utilized the department's drone to help process the scene, arrested the 17-year-old suspect. His name was not re-

leased pending his formal arraignment on charges.

According to Sgt. Matt Armstrong, additional investigation and interviews related to the stolen GMC vehicle resulted in officers recovering stolen property, including guns, and the information gathered could "potentially solve at least nine crimes, with at least eight subjects being involved over the course of several months in the Deckerville area.

"All of the subjects were not necessarily associated with the same crimes, and most of the subjects are believed to be juveniles," Armstrong said, adding, "The Sanilac County Sheriff's Office and the Deckerville Police Department are still working on this very active case."

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

- *Billy L. Manning, 41, Vassar, pleaded no contest to two counts of child abuse, third degree, July 20 in Vassar Township.
- The court proceeded directly to sentencing, ordering Manning to pay court costs and fines totaling \$735.
- *Gary L. Conaway, 43, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Dec. 1 in Juniata Township.
- The court proceeded directly to sentencing, ordered the defendant to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,185.
- *Alicia M. Palmreuter, 28, Reese, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of guilty to charges of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle with a high BAC (blood alcohol content) Oct. 12 in Denmark Township.
- She was placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,308.
- *Roy Kenneth-Edward Little III, 36, Elsie, was sentenced to 74 days in the county jail following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent June 20, 2017, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).
- In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.
- *Nickolas D. Morris, 20, Birch Run, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building June 4 in Arbela Township, and in a separate case he pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance Dec. 28 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$18,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- *Wayne F. Nelson, 42, Otisville, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Dec. 14 in Watertown 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 \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- *Blaine T. McGowan, 30, Caro, pleaded no contest to larceny in a building April 9-14 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- *Debra K. Stepnioski, 45, Clyde, pleaded no contest to charges of attempted disarming a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Dec. 1 in Kingston Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- *William O. Sandlin, 36, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Jan. 2 in Caro.

The court proceeded directly to sentencing, ordered the defendant to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,185.

Deacons laying groundwork

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to teach.

"They have to learn to sit and pay attention (and) learn to listen with a purpose when they would rather go play. They work on being able to stay with a challenging task. They have to learn social skills, they have to learn to ask for a toy rather than just grabbing it when they want it. That is also a big one to teach," said Deacons.

"Because for most of the children this is their first school experience outside of daycare, I would say over half of them don't have any experience with other children of their age group, so getting them to learn routines and rules is a big change. That is the biggest challenge as a GSRP teacher — getting them to learn routines."

The GSRP prepares students to take the next step in their education. "GSRP gives them the skills they are going to have to use," said Deacons. "I enjoy teaching them the skills to get along with other kids, their letters and counting. Those are the tools they will have to use for the rest of their lives.

"This prepares them for going into the young fives program or kindergarten."

Research has shown that children who have a high quality preschool experiences are more prepared for kindergarten, perform at a higher level throughout school, are more likely to graduate high school, and have a greater chance of attending college.

Both GSRP and Head Start are tuition-free preschool programs for those who qualify.

Snover woman hurt in crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Snover area woman suffered minor injuries in a single-vehicle traffic crash Sunday morning in Sanilac County's Lamotte Township, Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported.

The accident was reported at about 10:20 a.m., according to Sgt. Michael Moore, who said the preliminary investigation indicates the 41-year-old driver was traveling southbound on VanDyke Road, near Sanilac Road, in a 2002 Dodge Durango when she lost control of her vehicle on the wet roadway.

"The vehicle entered the ditch on the east side of the road and overturned in the bottom of the ditch," Moore said. "The driver was able to free herself from the vehicle prior to emergency personnel arriving at the scene.

"The female sustained minor injuries and was treated by Sanilac EMS personnel at the scene, but refused further treatment," he noted. "The driver was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, and alcohol does not appear to be a factor."

Moore did not release the woman's name pending completion of the investigation, which is continuing.

The Lamotte Township Fire Department assisted deputies at the scene.

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Reporter’s notebook

Healthy eating?
I’m in trouble...

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Since I’m not in my 40s anymore, I pay more attention these days to watching my diet and trying to eat healthier – more fruits and vegetables, etc. – and it seems to be paying off in how I feel in general. But I’m not patting myself on the back. How can I? Every time I treat myself to something really good, like a brownie, I’m reminded of the ridiculous recommended serving sizes/ portions you can find on just about every package containing said goodies. I’ve always been the sort of guy who leans towards moderation. Okay, so that’s not true at all, but I do put some effort into limiting my brownie intake to, say, two at a time, only to learn that a quarter of one of those brownies is the recommended serving size. In what universe? I mean, what sort of culinary masochist stays up all night coming up with these numbers? Probably the same guy who is certain to tell me that the recommended serving size of fruit is a thousand grapes or six bananas. I’m all for keeping an eye on grams of fat, protein, etc., but even the experts out there can’t seem to decide – or agree for any length of time on – which foods will kill us and which foods will improve our chances of living to be 100. It’s a wonder our parents and grandparents ever survived long enough to raise families, given all those guilt-free egg-and-bacon breakfasts, big juicy steaks and rich desserts served in their homes over the years. Not to mention the fun of being around when grandma was baking cookies or cake, which was always accompanied by the opportunity to snitch a little raw cookie dough or a spatula to clean out the bowl. Now, you pick up a box of cereal you liked as a kid and the directions imply you’re a glutton if you surpass the recommended serving of two-thirds of a cup. Seriously, does anyone really look at the serving size of anything worth savoring and then carefully measure out that one serving, close the package and put it away until next time? I couldn’t resist the temptation to take a look at the “family size” bag of cheddar cheese and sour cream potato chips (yeah, the really good ones) I picked up a few days ago. According to the information on the 10-ounce bag, a portion is one ounce. Whatever. My guess is that some sort of Big Brother agency forces food companies to include all of that useless information on their packaging without having put any thought into the packaging itself. I mean, if they’re really that serious about portion sizes – and not counting on you to wolf down half the box or bag in one sitting – why didn’t they include some sort of Ziploc-type closure to keep the contents nice and fresh? The same goes for those sweet cereals – you’re telling me that after decades of churning out millions of boxes of Lucky Charms, no one has ever thought to incorporate an economical way to give the customer a way to tightly seal the uneaten portion? But I digress. I suppose, in the end, sticking to eating “one portion” probably doesn’t matter all that much, considering longevity is affected by so many factors beyond diet, including lifestyle choices, family history, etc. Sure, you can eat the healthiest diet, force yourself to exercise regularly and drink plenty of water, but you’re going to die anyway, right? Just the same, I do considerable walking and outdoor work, eat two or three pieces of fruit every day, I don’t go crazy with the chocolate, and I’ve cut out some, although not all, unhealthy things altogether. As long as the doctor tells me my blood pressure and cholesterol numbers are still good every year, however, I’m going to have a piece of that strawberry cheesecake, because you can’t measure delicious in grams as far as I’m concerned. Who knows, maybe I’ll even have two portions.

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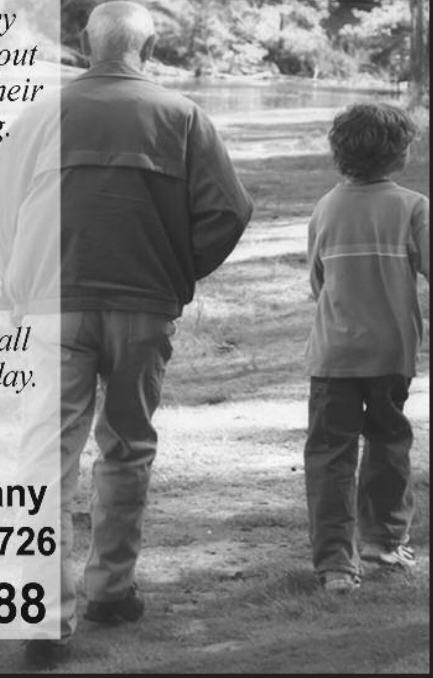
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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

Members of the Deford Dazzlers are gearing up for their third consecutive appearance in the Team America Rocketry Challenge, the world’s largest model rocketry competition, next month in The Plains, Va. Team members are Christopher Hansen, Jesse Stark, Chrysler Parrish, William Webster, Alexander Hansen, Peter Hansen and Caroline Gordon.

Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf recently presented his department’s 2013 Officer of the Year Award to 20-year department veteran Deanna Marshall.

Cass City native David Janssen Jr., a senior at Saginaw Valley State University studying fine art, is exhibiting 10 of his original pieces — artwork combining spray paint, collage, free-hand drawing and a variety of mixed media — at Artistic Expressions Gallery in Cass City this month.

Eric Churchill, Cass City, earned a 2014 Michigan International Racing Association (M.I.R.A.) Rookie of the Year trophy presented to the Red Hawk senior during the M.I.R.A. year-end banquet held at the Midland Holiday Inn. The 19-year-old snowmobile racer finished tops in the Semi Pro Open 600, Semi Pro Stock 600 and Semi Pro Enduro classes to bring home the prestigious award.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

The College of Business and Management at Saginaw Valley State University recently inducted 13 students, including Libby Doerr of Cass City, into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. Membership to the honor society is available to students in programs accredited by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. SVSU received accreditation in 2003. To qualify, undergraduate students must rank in the top 7 percent of their class as a junior or the top ten percent as a senior. MBA students must rank in the top 20 percent of their class.

The fall semester dean’s list at Saginaw Valley State University includes several students from the Cass City area who earned grade point averages of 3.4 to 3.99 while enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes. They are Jessica L. Bellew, Alyssa L. Cryderman, Libby J. Doerr, Paula L. Fluegge, Erik A. Helwig, Aimee M. Hennessey, Allison R. Hillaker, Jessica L. McConnell, Sean W. McFarland, Janell M. Papovich, Lindsey R. Speirs, Jason A. Speirs, Rebecca A. Sweeney, Jennifer L. Tenbusch, Jeffery D. Tenbusch, Jenna M. Timko and Rachel Whitaker.

Several area residents have been named to the president’s list at Saginaw Valley State University for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester. To be named to the list, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes. Area residents named to the list are: Trey A. Helwig, Brittany A. Karavas, Leah M. Sherman and Ashley N. Timon, all of Cass City; Katie N. Swiastyn of Gagetown; Joshua M. Campbell and Candy K. Collins, both of Kingston; Wendy J. Error of Owendale; and Lauren B. Ruthko of Ubly.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Cass City High School Principal Russell Biefer recently announced the valedictorians and salutatorian for the 1993-1994 school year. The 3 valedictorians graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average are David L. Bills, Stacey A. Klinkman and Lindy VanVliet. Sara Wright is this year’s salutatorian, with a 3.977 grade point average.

Terry and Colleen Sweeney of Cass City are the parents of a daughter, Heather Renee, born April 7 at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe. She weighed 8 pounds, 1-1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Heather was wel-

comed home by her sisters, Jennifer and Rebecca. Grandparents are Gerald and Donna Auten and Ed and Janet Sweeney, all of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bader and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fleenor, all of Cass City, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Greyerbiehl and Mrs. Mary Sweeney, all of Bad Axe.

Cass City’s Students of the Week are members of the English Academic Games Track Team. Pictured are Dennis Meck, coach, Lindi Parrott, daughter of Rick and Deb Parrott, Amy Burns, daughter of Jack and Sherry Burns, Sarah Wright, daughter of Art and Sharon Wright. Missing are Lindy VanVliet, daughter of Richard and Mary VanVliet and Lisa Wallace, daughter of Richard and Judy Wallace.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Kingston High School has named the top graduates of the Class of 1984. Cathleen Szostak, daughter of Walter and Eleanor Szostak, Bevens Road, Kingston, is valedictorian. Michael Byers, son of Artie and Chris Byers, English Road, Silverwood, is salutatorian.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchinson, Greg, Jill and Joan and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury arrived home April 8 from Kansas City, Mo., where they attended April 7 the wedding of Rodney Hutchinson and Eileen Huhmann. A reception for the newlyweds was held in Cass City Saturday evening at the Masonic Temple. Other relatives of the groom who attended the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. James Halsey of Pickford and Mr. and Mrs. John Sting of Lafayette, Ind.

Four area residents have been named to the dean’s list for the winter term at Saginaw Business Institute. They are Bonnie Harper and Amy Palmer, both of Cass City, and Janet Lenda and Janet Metzger, both of Owendale. A grade point average of at least 3.5 is needed to be named to the dean’s list.

Rawson Memorial Library has announced winners of its National Library Week contests last week. Children who won Superman posters in a drawing were Tina Mozden, Angie Rhodes, Patti Ondrajka and Peter Khoury. Isla Cook won the American Library Association nylon tote bag by having the closest guess on the number of items checked out during the week. There were 931 items checked out. Her guess was 950.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Esau and Anne had as Easter guests, Mrs. Grey Lenzner and her father, Fred Jaus, of Bad Axe, Horace Croft of Ubly, Miss Mary Beth Esau of Kalamazoo, Mrs. Esther Benkelman, Leonard Striffler and the Misses Katie Crane, Laura Maier and Muriel Addison.

Mrs. Genevieve Erla celebrated her 77th birthday at her home April 12. Eight of her 12 children including six daughters-in-law and many grandchildren were present. Ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. Erla was showered with many gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Russell of Gagetown had as Easter dinner guests, Susan Russell, who attends CMU at Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell and two children of Bay City. Mr. and Mrs. John Elsesser of Reese and their two-week-old daughter, Elizabeth Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Golding, Betty Jo Agar, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Golding, Jr. and daughter Deb and their son, Mike Klinkman of Ann Arbor and Durrell Caister.

Born April 16, in Hills and Dales General Hospital by Caesarean section, twin boys to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Aubry of Cass City, Each baby weighed four pounds and eight ounces. They are named Jonathon Lee and Joseph Lee and were transferred to Saginaw General Hospital. The babies will join

a 7-1/2 year old brother, Delbert, and a 5-year-old sister, Jennifer.

Navy Seaman Recruit Patrick F. Smoly, son of Florence M. Duncan of 6700 N. Van Dyke Road, Cass City, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego. During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy’s 85 basic occupational fields. Included were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid. He joined the Navy in February.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Private First Class John M. Bustos, 20, son of Mrs. Mary J. Bustos of Gagetown, returned to Fort Riley, Kansas, recently following participation in Exercise Reforger I, whereby the 24th Infantry Division was flown to the Federal Republic of Germany to take place in NATO maneuvers. United States Air Force C141 Starlifter Aircraft were used to take the 24th back to Germany and return to the States, an 8 to 10 hour trip from Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas, to Germany. This 24th Division soldier is a member of Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, 9th Cavalry.

SP-5 Eugene Izydorek was honored at a dinner Sunday at Shabbona Hall. Around 50 relatives and friends attended. Izydorek, son of Mrs. Louise Izydorek and the late Val Izydorek, was discharged from the service April 5 after spending a year in Vietnam. Izydorek’s wife met him at Metropolitan Airport Sunday, April 6, and they arrived in Cass City April 7. After a trip to Florida the Izydoreks plan to live in Pontiac.

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

The promotion of Kenneth L. Nowland, 28, of Rochester, N. Y., ball turret gunner on the Flying Fortress, “Sack Artist,” from the rank of sergeant to staff sergeant has been announced by the Eighth AAF Headquarters in England. Staff Sergeant Nowland is the husband of Mrs. Ruth E. Nowland of Rochester, and son of Mrs. Mark E. Nowland of Cass City. Before entering the army, he was a core maker and was formerly a student of Cass City high school.

Cass City friends of Andrew (Andy) J. Bolla, formerly of Cass City, will be interested to learn of his recent marriage. He and Miss Jenny Cook Wilson, third daughter of Mrs. Dickson, of Paisley, Scotland, were united in marriage at the Abbey in the same city by the Rev. C. Guthrie Cooper, D. D. Andy left the States over a year and a half ago and since has been in Iceland and England. He has been in the Army service before Pearl Harbor. Andy and his brother, Daniel C. Bolla, lived in Cass City for 12 years, before he left for the Army.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

I. B. Auten, E. W. Jones and Mrs. A. J. Knapp, members of the Elkland township committee of the Earle Memorial highway, attended a meeting held at Imlay City Friday where little differences regarding the proposition were ironed out and the plans and specifications as outlined in the blue prints exhibited were adopted. A committee was appointed Friday to go to Lansing to appear before the legislature in the interest of the proposition. The adoption of the plans, and specifications is most pleasing news to Cass City citizens as it brings the Earle Memorial highway from a point four miles east straight past the Earle monument to the corner of Main St. and Seeger St.

Corp. John J. McIntosh arrived in Cass City Monday on his way to his parental home in Sheridan after serving several months in overseas service. He will return to Detroit after a short visit in Sheridan, where he has a good position awaiting him with the Superior Sand and Gravel Co. in Cass City.

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A NEW YORK Times best-selling author — Kelly DiPucchio – recently visited with Cass City Elementary School students, who enjoyed listening to her share her stories. She talked about how she became a writer, the writing and editing process, and how to come up with good ideas to write about. DiPucchio has authored several books for children, including “Grace for President” and “Clink.” A native of Warren, she attended Michigan State University, where she graduated in 1989 with a degree in child psychology and development.

Owen-Gage extends school year

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Students in the Owendale-Gage-town School District will have to wait a little longer to celebrate the age-old anthem “No more pencils, no more books...” this year.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education has expanded the school year by one week due to the number of days missed because of bad weather.

“Our district had missed 14 ‘act of God’ days because of the weather. We received the standard six days forgiven by the state, and I applied for the additional three-day waiver and received that,” explained school Supt. Terri Falkenberg. “Then, we have to make up the other days. So, we had to add five more days of school to meet the number of hours and days required by the state.”

With the extension, the last day of school will now be Friday, June 14.

Falkenberg pointed out the date would have been even later had the district not received a state waiver to be able to start classes three days before Labor Day. Previously, schools were prohibited from starting the school year before Labor Day.

Falkenberg said she isn’t sure if 14 days of missed school is a record or not at Owen-Gage.

“I think there was another year where schools missed that many

days. I remember hearing some schools did classes on Saturdays in order to make up the required time,” she added.

Another date to remember is Monday, June 3. That will be the day for parents, grandparents and other senior citizens to have lunch at the school with the children and to see their projects. It will also be a field day for students. If the weather is nice, the event will be in the Gagetown Village Park.


“We have ‘grandparent day’ twice a year. We have one in the spring and in the fall. It started out for just kindergarten through fifth-grade students, but we opened it up last year to be school-wide,” Falkenberg noted. “The NHS (National Honor Society) students do the lunch for the K-five students. For the middle and high school, we use a little different approach — the students in the upper grades serve the elderly lunch.”

According to Falkenberg, there is a reason for multi-generation get-togethers.


“Part of the reasons for doing this is family engagement. Getting parents, grandparents involved. It has had a wonderful response,” she said.

In other business, the board noted teacher contract negotiations are underway with the district’s 11 teachers. The current contract expires June 30.

The board also approved a senior trip to Indianapolis May 22-24, and the high school band’s trip June 1 to Cedar Point.



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Sheriff discusses Internet scams with FBI official

Nearly every week Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent reports that a resident has fallen victim to an internet scam of one sort or another.

Such incidents are becoming so prolific, the supervisor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) - Flint office met with Skrent earlier this month.

““We did discuss...these internet/email scams we are all inundated with,” said Skrent. “He requests if you get this type of scam to please use their (FBI) website to report it. Nationally, they do have a unit that works on them.”

The website is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

Internet fraud is the use of internet services or software to defraud victims or to otherwise take advantage of them. These crime schemes account for the theft of millions of dollars each year from victims and continue to plague the Internet through various methods.

News briefs

Letter campaign set May 4

CARO — There will be a letter writing campaign at the Caro District Library Saturday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to generate additional support in the effort to convince state officials to construct a new psychiatric hospital in Caro, a project previously approved by the Snyder administration but recently placed on hold by the new governor and her administration.

Letters will be written to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, asking her to move forward with the building of the new state psychiatric hospital. Pens, paper, envelopes, talking points, etc., will be provided.

Those unable to attend are asked to send their own letter to Whitmer in care of her office at P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909.

Tire collection dates now set

TUSCOLA COUNTY — Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement and Tuscola County Recycling are again partnering to collect unwanted tires.

The following communities have signed up to participate in the program:

- *Columbia Township will host a collection Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Unionville Village Hall, 6456 Merry St.
- *Gagetown Village will host a collection from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the DPW garage parking lot at 4771 Gilford St.

The tire collections were organized in an effort to eliminate breeding sites for mosquitos, and are made possible through funding from the Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement program. The events are limited to Tuscola County residents only.

Citizens can drop off up to seven tires, which cannot be taller than 48 inches in height or wider than 12 inches. Tires need to be clean and not attached to an axle. And, those participating in the collection should bring their own help to unload tires.

More information is available by calling (989) 672-1673 or emailing recycling@tuscolacounty.org.

4-H workshop slated May 4

UBLY — Huron County 4-H will host its 4-H Beef Nutrition and Showmanship Workshop Saturday, May 4, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Murray Farms, Ubly. Participants are advised to dress appropriately for the weather.

This workshop is for youth ages eight and up who are involved in or interested in learning more about the beef project area, whether they are a beginner or first-time exhibitor. 4-H leaders and adults who want to learn more about the beef project area are also welcome to attend.

Topics to be covered include beef nutrition and fundamentals of showmanship.

While there is no charge for the workshop, registration is required by contacting the MSU Extension Office at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 604) by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30.

Livestock group event slated

BAD AXE — The Huron County Small Livestock Association will be hosting a fundraiser dinner today (Wednesday) at the Pasta House in Kinde from 4 to 7 p.m. The organization will also have a silent auction at the dinner.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. More information is available by contacting Al Kuhn at (989) 550-2991.

Teen, adult volunteers needed

THUMB – This year’s Thumb Area 4-H Camp is scheduled for Monday, July 1, through Wednesday, July 3, at Camp Cavell in Lexington. With the ever-growing number of campers each year, the 4-H Camp Committee is looking for both teens and adults (males and females) to assist with the camp.

Both female and male 4-H teens ages 15 to 19 are needed to serve as counselors. No prior experience is necessary – 4-H officials provide training – but candidates must be responsible and respectable teens willing to work with younger youth ages nine to 14.

Adult volunteers/chaperones are needed to stay overnight and assist with all aspects of Thumb Area 4-H Camp such as setting up before and after meals and helping with various activities. All adult volunteers must have completed the MSU Volunteer Selection Process.

The final training is scheduled for Sunday, June 30, at Camp Cavell. More information is available by contacting Patti Error, 4-H program coordinator, MSU Extension - Huron County, at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609) or via email at errorpat@msu.edu.

Canfield among award winners

LANSING — As part of National Public Health Week, 15 individuals and organizations, including a former state lawmaker from the Thumb, were recently presented with the 2019 Jean Chabut Health Policy Champion awards for their contributions to protecting and improving the health of Michigan residents.

Among those honored with the 2019 Jean Chabut Health Policy Champion awards were Senator John Bizon, Dr. Edward J. “Ned” Canfield, Rep. Abdullah Hammoud, Rep. Kevin Hertel, Rep. Jon Hoadley and Rep. Hank Vaupel.

Canfield (R-Sebewaing) formerly represented the 84th District, comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties.

In 2018, this group of legislators worked together to pass a bi-partisan bill package designed to decrease stigma, increase access to care, and bring the public health code in line with current science for HIV.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

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County reps take hospital case to Lansing

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the water issue can be worked out,” Hoagland said of Thursday’s meeting.

“We didn’t have much time to present our case, but I feel we did a good job of doing that with the time allotted,” Hoagland added.

To hurry the meeting along, the committee asked county representatives for more information and documentation to make their case.

“It’s basically getting together about the same information that we did previously when the state decided to keep the hospital here,” Hoagland noted. “We already have a file that is several inches thick from before we presented to the state for them to keep the center here. We will continue to build on that and more forward.”

Dr. Edward J. “Ned” Canfield, a former state representative serving Tuscola and Huron counties, has indicated he’s cautiously optimistic the checks and balances of the three branches of government — legislative, executive and judicial — will enable the county to prevail in its effort.

Canfield explained the governor and director of the Department of Health and Human Services can submit proposals, but it is the Legislature that approves funding and where buildings will be located.

“Former governor Snyder already agreed to spend \$115 million on building a hospital in Caro,” Canfield said. “To do anything else with the allocated \$115 million to build a 225,000-square-foot hospital in Caro, it would have to go back before the legislators.”

State Rep. Phil Green (R-Millington), who was elected to Canfields 84th District seat in November, agrees, judging com-

ments he shared with a small group of Cass City residents while holding an “office hours” gathering at Rawson Memorial District Library.

“When it comes right down to it, it’s up to the Legislature,” Green said, adding lawmakers approved and then-Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law the provisions for construction of the new psychiatric hospital in Caro.

The governor has the right to pause projects to ensure they are being carried out properly, he added, “but she does not have the right to overturn laws she doesn’t like.”

Time is also a key factor, according to Green. He noted there are currently 125 people on a waiting list to be admitted to a Michigan psychiatric hospital. For those individuals, there are basically two options; admission to a medical hospital, which will be paid only \$100 to care for them, and incarceration in a jail, which costs thousands of dollars, explained Green, who serves as a member on the House Appropriations Committee, including vice chair of the subcommittee on Health and Human Services,

“And are they getting the care they need? No. So, the state needs (psychiatric) beds. They need 200 beds,” he said, adding he believes construction will resume in the fall in Caro “because it’s the most expedient way to get 200 new beds.”

Repercussions stemming from state officials’ actions and internal communications are already being felt in some areas of the Thumb, including the housing market.

Judy King, an associate broker with Osentoski Realty Inc. in Caro, said she’s had two property deals fail because of the news

about the Caro Center.

“One customer who was going to buy a building in Caro has now decided to hold off,” said King. “Another one — a doctor in another state — sold his house to move to Caro. Now, he is not because of this.

“I think that is happening to other (realty) companies as well in the area,” she added.

When the story reporting the MDHHS emails first broke, Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield along with Green and 31st District state Senator Kevin Daley (R-Lum) all expressed their displeasure over the news, with Green saying he was “appalled at the departments, that they would boldface lie to us. This whole pausing on building the Caro Center reeks of politics.”

“This is pure executive overreach and it is not Director Gordon’s job to approve funding or influence opinions — especially when the result clearly puts rural communities at a disadvantage,” Daley said. “The Caro Psychiatric Center has served patients in the mid-Michigan area for over 100 years, and directly impacts over 700 jobs in the Tuscola County community. We cannot let the department continue to toy with our state’s mental health services or the economic prosperity of a rural community that is already struggling.”

The Caro Center is the second largest employer in the county. Aside from jobs, the facility has an economic impact on the region estimated at some \$54 million.

The state has already spent about \$3 million between drafting blueprints for the 200-bed facility and demolishing buildings to make way for new construction.

Editor Tom Montgomery contributed to this report.

Milligan: Congress needs to ratify trade pact

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shrinking, and when you take a market away from a prolific producer you create stockpiles of food that have nowhere to go,” he explained.

“The U.S. population is stable, and so it is those increasing markets abroad that we look to for selling our crops.

“As crop prices plummet, input costs — including land — continue to rise, it has been very difficult for growers to make a living. In some instances, it is causing farmers to sell or rethink whether to continue their operations,” Milligan said. “Growers want to farm, so they need to make a return on their investment in order to stay in production. Sound trade deals and access to global markets can help us achieve this goal and run a successful business.

“Simply put, we need more market access abroad, and more trade deals like the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Agriculture is...important to not only me and my family, but to all of Michigan’s economy and citizens. The agriculture industry in the Great Lakes State is worth \$101 billion a year and employs 932,000 people.”

In wheat alone, Michigan produces 50 million bushels a year worth \$390 million to the state’s economy. State and national statistics estimate nearly 8,000 wheat farmers grow a crop for Michigan’s five major millers, who have been around for 150 years. Those millers in turn sell to the many final users in the Great Lakes region, including cereal and cracker companies.

“In addition to the Great Lakes region, there are other users across the United States, but the markets that don’t get enough attention are those markets abroad,” Milligan said. “A lot of the wheat we produce in this country is exported to Mexico and other countries. In fact, agricultural exports account for 22,800 jobs in our state alone.”

Milligan said roughly 63 percent of the wheat crop Michigan exports goes to Mexico and Canada.

Both countries are vital trade partners that benefit farms across the country, according to Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau president.

“Traditionally, about 25 percent of all our farm products, by value, are exported to other nations,” Duvall said in an opinion piece published in The Hill in late February. “While that key measurement speaks volumes about the demand for U.S. farm products in

the international marketplace, nowhere is our advantage clearer than in our two markets closest to home.

“USMCA will not only help secure the gains for U.S. agriculture made under the previous North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), but according to a study...by Purdue University, USMCA could also increase U.S. net exports to Canada and Mexico by another \$454 million,” said Duvall, who pointed out USMCA would benefit a variety of producers — building new market access for dairy and poultry products, for example.

“U.S. farmers and ranchers have

worked hard to build markets and be reliable suppliers to both (Mexico and Canada),” Duvall said. “Now it’s up to Congress to seal the deal by ratifying USMCA in a timely manner.”

Milligan agreed. “It’s now time for Congress to call for a vote and ratify the deal,” he said.

“I’m proud to be a farmer and I want future generations of Milligans to be able to farm, too. That’s why I’m strongly backing the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement. It updates...NAFTA and locks in our access to the Mexican market while improving the wheat grading system in Canada,” he added.

State officials moving forward with plan to sell land in county

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development of 226 acres of land that included the former prison camp and part of the psychiatric hospital property.

The property is being offered in three parcels, including a 113-acre tract that is part of the Caro Center, bordered by M-81, Chambers Road to the west and the Cass River to the east and south.

The second parcel totals about 40 acres and is part of the former Camp Tuscola. It is bordered by the Cass River on the west and Chambers Road on the east, north and south.

The third property totals roughly 73 acres, is part of the former prison land, and is bordered by the Cass River on the north and west, and privately-owned land on the south and Chambers Road on the east.

All of the land is in Indianfields Township.

“The Michigan Land Bank received four proposals for acquisition/development of the Tuscola-Caro property,” said Gabby Abel, communications manager for the Talent and Economic Development Department.

“Members from the Michigan Land Bank (recently) met with the local advisory committee and had applicants present their proposals. The land bank is currently reviewing the proposals.”

According to Abel, two proposals were received for area one, one proposal was received for area three, one proposal was received for all three areas, and there were no proposals received for area two.

“Priority will be given to projects that create taxable value and create jobs for Tuscola County,” Burgett said.

The mission of the Michigan Land Bank is “to promote economic growth through the acquisition, assembly and disposal of public property, including tax reverted property, in a coordinated manner to foster the development of that property, and to promote and support land bank operations at the county and local levels.”

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SOPHOMORE Kenton Wiseman has delivered on the mound and at the plate during early season play for Cass City.

Team effort results in tourney championship

Red Hawks hold three foes scoreless

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The Cass City baseball team cruised to the Tuscola County Tourney championship over the weekend in Millington in convincing fashion. Coach Josh Stern’s Red Hawks shut out Mayville, Reese and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port to capture the early season title. “I have been very happy with our pitching and our offensive production. The guys have worked really hard to get to this point and everyone is contributing. It has really been a team effort,” Stern said. In Saturday’s opener, Cass City scored seven runs in both the first and second innings on their way to a 15-0 victory over Mayville. Bryce Fernald tossed two innings to collect the win on the mound, while Sandyn Cuthrell worked one inning in relief.

At the plate, Tristan Swiderski, Kenton Wiseman and Kendall Anthes had two hits apiece, while Zack Beecher and Landon Schenk added three RBIs. The Red Hawks then advanced into the championship game behind the arm of Anthes with a 4-0 decision over Greater Thumb West (GTW) foe Reese. The Red Hawks scored all the runs they would need in the first inning, but would add three insurance markers in the 3rd. Anthes allowed just one hit and fanned 14. Beecher clubbed a double to lead the Red Hawks at the plate and was the only hitter on either team to record an extra base hit. In the championship game Cass City defeated GTW rival Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 12-0 to cap the day. The Red Hawks jumped out to an 8-0 cushion after three innings and

never looked back. Wiseman went the distance to earn the 5-inning victory. He surrendered just one hit, fanned 7 and walked 4. Luke Stern, with a triple, and Anthes and Wiseman, with doubles, paced the winners in the batter’s box.

DOUBLE HEADERS

On Friday, Cass City traded decisions with host Memphis in non-conference action. Following a 15-2 Cass City win in the opener, the hosts delivered the Red Hawks a 13-3 setback in the nightcap. Beecher handled the pitching chores in the opener for Cass City and struck out six in the 5-inning affair. Offensively, Wiseman had a pair of doubles and Swiderski was credited with three RBIs to lead the visitors, who recorded 14 hits. In the late game, Memphis struck for 8 runs in the second inning and delivered Cass City its first setback.

Haydn Horne suffered the loss on the mound as a Cuthrell double was the team’s lone extra base knock. On Tuesday, Cass City swept visiting Marlette during its home opener. Game one saw Cass City score in every inning to earn the 10-0 victory. Anthes was the pitcher of record for the Red Hawks. He whiffed 9 and issued one free pass. A Stern home run highlighted Cass City’s effort at the plate. In the nightcap, Cass City led 4-3 entering the 6th inning, where they plated 4 runs to seal the 8-3 victory. Wiseman, Beecher and Stern combined to handle the pitching duties for Cass City. Wiseman collected the win – he recorded 3 strike outs and handed out 3 bases on balls - while Stern was credited with a save. Wiseman helped his own cause at the plate with three hits and four RBIs.

McArdle, Beckrow lone winners for Cass City

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The Cass City track teams traveled to Brown City twice last week to open the Red Hawks’ 2019 campaign. On Saturday, for the Red Hawk boys’ team, Nick McArdle led the way with Cass City’s lone first place effort. The sophomore distance specialist captured the 3,200 meter run with a new personal best time of 4:54, helping Coach Jon Zdrojewski’s squad to a middle of the pack team finish. Reese won the 14-school invite with 93 points, while Mayville was the runner-up with 72 points, edging third place finisher Capac with a score of 69. Cass City came in 6th with 37 points. “I was very pleased with our results with the young team we are fielding this season. We only have two returning seniors and are relying on underclassmen for our points. This meet awards points

and medals for the top six places and we earned eight medals on the day,” Zdrojewski said. Collecting second place medals for Cass City were freshman Dylan Halpin in the high jump with a height of 5’ 8” and junior Justin Schaufele with a leap of 18’ 7.5” in the long jump. Anthony Boscaglia also had a stand out meet for the Red Hawks and came home with three medals. The sophomore sprinter took 6th in the 100 meter dash, setting a new personal record (PR) of 12.10 seconds. He also took 6th in the long jump with a distance of 17’ 6” and was also part of the 6th place 400 meter relay team along with senior Zac Brunke, senior Alie Kalokoh and freshman Alex Hopper. Other medal winners for Cass City saw McArdle taking third in the 3200 meter run with a solid early season time of 10:49 despite a strong wind, while the 3,200 meter relay team that took 5th. The relay team of McArdle, senior

Gabe Farver, junior Lucas Swiderski and sophomore Brandon Witherspoon was clocked in 9:40. Other notable finishes according to Zdrojewski include a 7th place finish in the shot put for freshman Connor Herford at 37’ 7”, junior Leevy Matthews taking 9th in the long jump with a new PR of 17’ 4” and freshman Alex Hopper taking 10th in the 100 meter dash with a new PR of 12.39, while Witherspoon, who has added the 1600 meter run to his repertoire this year, finished in 8th in the event with a new PR of 5:20. Witherspoon is also working on the 800 meter run and set a new PR in that event as well crossing the finish line in 2:22. Turning to the women’s competition, Brown City won its own invite with 111 points, while Reese with a tally of 79 and Marlette with 63 round out the top three teams in the standings. Cass City came in 7th with a score of 41. The Lady Red Hawks’ best

showing came in the field events, as Madison Beckrow won the pole vault with a height of 8’ 6”. Sophomore Beckrow also was 4th in the 100 meter dash with a time of 14:04 and ran a leg on the 400 meter relay team – along with Haven Bouverette, Brittany Hamilton and Layna Mathewson – that placed third. Senior Hailey Schmotzer looked in mid-season form in the hurdles and placed was the runner-up in the 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 17:41 and came in 5th in the 300 Meter Hurdles at 55.76. Schmotzer collected her third medal on the day in the 800 Meter Relay that also included Autumn Sutton, Bouverette and Hamilton. Completing the list of individual medal winners for Cass City was sophomore Riley Copeland. She was 4th in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 13:45. Copeland ran a leg on the 3,200 meter relay team – along with Mathewson, Marla Muter and Mary Muter - that was 4th to the finish line with

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Several Hawks shine

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BROWN CITY QUAD

Earlier in the week, at the Brown City Quad, Cass City recorded a pair of second place team finishes.

In the boys' field, Lapeer came out on top with 101 points, followed by Cass City with 69, Brown City with 42 and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port with 34.

"I was very pleased with our results finishing runner-up to the very large school Lapeer and defeating the host, Brown City who we will face again in Regionals. We have a very young team dominated by 9th and 10th graders, so I was very happy with our performance on Tuesday," Zdrojewski said.

First place efforts for the Red Hawks came from junior Leevy Matthews in the 110 meter hurdles, freshman Dylan Halpin in the high jump, junior Justin Schaufele in the long jump, sophomore Jacob Shantz in the pole vault and sophomore Anthony Boscaglia in the 100 meter dash.

"The sprints have been difficult for Cass City to break into in the

past several years as these races are very competitive. But in the 100 meter dash we had Boscaglia taking first and freshman Alex Hopper finishing in 5th place. Both set new PRs with Boscaglia finishing in 12.70 seconds and Hopper in 13.04. Both very fast for such young athletes. I have very high expectations for these two young men as the season progresses," said Zdrojewski.

In the women's field, Brown City was the team winner with 112 points, while Cass City scored 57, Elton-Pigeon-Bay Port, 44 and Lapeer, 42.

"Even though we were not full strength due to a softball game the same night, our team depth was apparent," said Cass City Coach Adam Dorland.

Despite several top three finishes, only the 400 meter relay team was first to the tape as Madison Beckrow, Layna Mathewson, Raeven Periso and Hailey Schmotzer posted a winning time of 1:00, while second place finishes for Cass City went to Hailey Schmotzer in the 100 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles, Madison Ware in the 400 meter dash, Mary Muter in the 800 meter run, Riley Copeland in the 3200 meter run, Mathewson in the high jump, and Beckrow in the pole vault.

Lady Hawks making defensive changes

It's been a mixed bag for the Cass City Red Hawk softball team to this point in the season.

After kicking off the 2019 season with sweeps over Memphis and Marlette, Coach John Hacker's Red Hawks went 1-2 Saturday at the Tuscola County Tournament hosted by Millington Schools.

Saturday's action started with a 7-4 defeat against Millington's junior varsity squad, before the Red Hawks rebounded with a 15-0 win over Sandusky.

"I knew the Millington game was going to be tough. Those girls play together all year, they have an awesome program," said Hacker, adding, "I was happy to see how we bounced back against Sandusky, who will be in our district."

The Cardinals – they advanced to the championship game to take on the Millington varsity team – plated two runs in the second and three runs in the third to lead 5-0 and then held on late as Cass City was able to close the gap to 5-4, but couldn't get over the hump.

Dawson Klein suffered the pitching loss for Cass City and was the victim of some shabby defense according to Hacker.

"We're going to move a couple of people around. We're moving Jalene Krol to third base and moving Brianna Mester to the outfield. We missed Kacey Haire in center field," he said, noting Haire was injured early last week and sat out during the weekend tournament.

Macey White and Klein split four hits in vain for Cass City.

Against the Redskins, Cass City led 4-0 after one inning and 11-0 after two.

A hit parade for Cass City had Hailey Beckrow and Brittany Hamilton with three hits each.

Abbey Halabis tossed a complete 4-inning game to earn the win. She yielded four hits and whiffed two to advance Cass City into the consolation final against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

There, the Lakers and Red Hawks battled to a 6-6 tie after three inning of play, before the winners tallied the deciding run in the bottom of the fourth.

At the plate for Cass City, White, Beckrow and Krol each had two safeties.

Dawson was bested by Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Ports' Kristyn Wurst for pitching honors.

TWIN BILLS

Prior to the weekend tourney, Cass City recorded sweeps over Memphis and Marlette.

Against host Memphis Friday, Klein shutdown the Yellowjackets in Game One, while Cass City bats came alive in Game Two.

Klein scattered three hits in Game One en route to an 18-1 decision.

The top of the order for Cass City produced a dozen hits, including five by White, four by Abbey Salcido and three by Mester.

In the late affair, Cass City's bats remained hot and slugged out a 15-10 victory.

Beckrow and Maddie Tschirhart each had a pair of doubles for Cass City, while Mester and Morgan Russell added triples.

Halabis worked six innings on the hill to earn the win, while Krol was credited with a save for Cass City.

On Tuesday, Cass City recorded a pair of mercy rule wins over Marlette in their home opener.

In the initial game, Cass City cruised to a 15-0 victory, followed by a 20-1 win in Game Two.

Hamilton with a 3-bagger and Klein, Krol and White with 2-baggers led the hosts at the plate in Game One, while in Game Two Beckrow belted a homerun to highlight Cass City's 11-hit attack.



RED HAWK Hailey Beckrow is congratulated by Marlette third baseman Lilly Wilson after hitting her first career home run.



THE 2019 Owen-Gage Bulldog softball team members are: (front row, l-r) Amber Haldane, Libby Ondrajka (middle row) Jessica Partaka, Cristal Crandall, Kaitlyn LaCroix, Allison Haldane, Dagon LaCroix, Madelyn Haldane (back row) Asst. Coach Alyssa Briolat, Katriana Curtoys, Monee Schember, Aaliyah Gonzales, Cydnee Waske, Carlee Rievert, Carley Haldane, Megan Fritz and Coach Bob Haldane.

Owen-Gage trades decision with Wildcats

Owen-Gage and Mayville traded mercy rule softball wins last week in North Central Thumb League crossover play.

Big first innings helped decide the outcome in both contests.

In the opener, host Mayville struck for 13 runs in their first at bats and cruised to a 16-5 victory.

Carly Hoag earned pitching honors for the Wildcats, allowing just two hits, but walking 13. She fanned eight.

Carley Haldane was the victim of little offensive support and was tagged with the defeat. The Owen-Gage hurler gave up six hits and two earned runs.

For Mayville, Alexis Rutter came

up big at the plate with two hits, two runs scored and four RBIs.

For Owen-Gage, Libby Ondrajka and Monee Schember had the lone hits.

In the late affair, it was Owen-Gage striking first as 10 runs in the first inning led to a 15-0 victory.

Madelyn Haldane tossed a 3-inning no hitter to pick up the pitching win for the Bulldogs. She walked one and fanned three.

Carley Haldane knocked in three runs for Owen-Gage, while Carlee Rievert added two RBIs.

Turning to the action on the baseball field, Owen-Gage handed Mayville a 4-3 defeat in the

opener, but the Wildcats were able to rebound nicely with a 12-0 win in the late game.

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BOYS' BASEBALL

(VARSITY)

W-L

8-1

DATE	OPPONENT
4/4.....	Game 1: CC 12-Imlay City 0 Game 2: CC 13 - Imlay City 1
4/9.....	Game 1: CC 10-Marlette 0 Game 2: CC 8 - Marlette 3
4/12.....	Game 1: CC 15-Memphis 2 Game 2: Memphis 13 - CC 3
4/13.....	Game 1: CC 15 - Mayville 0 Game 2: CC 4 - Reese 0 Game 3: CC 12 - Lakers 0
4/18	Bad Axe
4/23	Sandusky
4/25	Vassar
4/29	Ubly
5/2	USA
5/6	Brown City
5/9	Harbor Beach
5/13	EPBP Lakers
5/17	Caro
5/20	Deckerville (no JV)
5/22	Reese
5/29-6/1	Districts @ Lakers - time to be announced



All games begin at 4 p.m. unless noted


GIRLS' SOFTBALL

(VARSITY)

W-L

6-2

DATE	OPPONENT
4/9.....	Game 1: CC 15-Marlette 0 Game 2: CC 20 - Marlette 1
4/12.....	Game 1: CC 1 - Memphis 0 Game 2: CC 18 - M 1 Game 3: CC 15 - M 10
4/13.....	Game 1: Millington 7 - CC 4 Game 2: CC 15 - Sandusky 0 Game 3: Lakers 7 - CC 8
4/18	Bad Axe
4/23	Sandusky
4/25	Vassar
4/29	Ubly
5/2	USA
5/6	Brown City
5/9	Harbor Beach (no JV)
5/11	Hemlock Tourney
5/13	EPBP Lakers
5/17	Caro
5/20	Deckerville (no JV)
5/22	Reese
5/29-6/1	Districts @ Lakers - time to be announced



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TRACK

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DATE	OPPONENT
4/2	Caro/Bad Axe at 4:30 p.m.
4/9	Brown City/Lakers at 4:30 p.m.
4/12	Brown City Invite at 4:00 p.m.
4/16	USA/Ubly/Bad Axe at 4:30 p.m.
4/18	Marlette Invite time to be announced
4/23	USA Invite at 4:00 p.m.
4/25	Bad Axe/Brown City/Sandusky at 4:30 p.m.
4/26	Vassar Invite at 4:00 p.m.
4/30	Ubly Invite at 4:00 p.m.
5/3	Reese Invite at 3:30 p.m.
5/7	Capac/Brown City/Ubly @ 4:30 p.m.
5/8	Reese 9/10 Invite time to be announced
5/10	Bad Axe Invite at 4:00 p.m.
5/14	GTW League Meet at USA @ 4:00 p.m.
5/17	Regionals @ Brown City time to be announced
5/21	Tribune Meet of Champs @ Bad Axe time to be announced
5/28	Thumb Meet of Champs @ Caro time to be announced
6/1	State Finals time to be announced

GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT
4/23	Verona Hills - Bad Axe time to be announced
4/25	GTC Jamboree @ Caro at 4:00 p.m.
4/26	Ubly Invite at 8:15 a.m.
4/29	GTC Jamboree @ Vassar at 3:30 p.m.
4/30	GTC Jamboree @ USA at 4:00 p.m.
5/6	GTC Jamboree @ Bad Axe at 4:00 p.m.
5/7	GTC Jamboree @ Cass City at 4:00 p.m.
5/10	GTC Jamboree @ Lakers at 4:00 p.m.
5/15	Brown City Invite at 8:00 a.m.
5/17	Warner Memorial Invite @ Vassar time to be announced
5/20	GTC League Meet @ Ubly time to be announced
5/22	Mayville Invite time to be announced
5/24	Verona Hills - Bad Axe time to be announced
5/29	Regionals @ Verona Hills time to be announced



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DATE	OPPONENT
4/10	Vassar/Reese
4/15	Bad Axe/Brown City
4/17	Caro/Marlette
4/22	Lakers/Marlette
4/24	Brown City/Memphis/H.B.
4/29	Ubly/USA/HB/Reese/Capac/BA
5/1	Vassar/USA
5/6	Harbor Beach/Sandusky/Caro
5/8	Capac
5/15	GTC West League Meet @ Reese time to be announced



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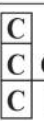


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Kingston Schools chips away at making up days missed to winter storms

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Kingston School officials are continuing to make calendar adjustments to offset a portion of 15 missed days of classes this school year due to inclement weather.

Officials cancelled a scheduled countywide professional development day March 1 to make up for one day, and a second will be reclaimed Monday, April 22.

The original calendar called for students to have April 19 through April 22 off. Good Friday is the 19th, and that will remain as a no-school day for students, but students will now have to return to class on Monday, April 22.

School officials have also moved up the end of the third marking period in order to make the last two quarters more even.

In other district matters, elementary Principal Justin Diegel and fourth-grade teacher Andrea Van Camp have applied for grant funds to create a community and school garden. They received a \$1,000 grant to purchase materials and will be creating a garden of edible plants. The plan is to use the space where the old part of the elementary school building was demolished as the area for a garden.

Another Kingston educator, science teacher Melinda Freeland, received a \$1,000 grant to have her students conduct a study of agriculture soils.

Also, Kingston School officials recently named longtime volunteer Janette Kratz as the district's Thumb Meet of Champions Friend of Youth award nominee.

School board vacancy

School officials are seeking someone interested in filling a vacancy on the district's board of education.

"Trustee Scott Boyl resigned. He has moved out of the district. Therefore, he cannot serve on the school board," explained Drake.

The term expires in 2024 and must be filled by May 1. Interested candidates must apply in writing.

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Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE –Patti Miller, an unmarried woman, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 20, 2017, and recorded on January 25, 2017, in Liber 1367, on Page 241, and assigned by said mortgagee to Quicken Loans Inc., as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$119,695.66). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 2, 2019 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 15 of Williamsburg Estates No. 2, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 5. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the MCL

600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under 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. Quicken Loans Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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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 May 9, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Clifton L Sullins and Hazel M Sullins, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: JP-Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Mortgage: May 6, 2010
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 13, 2010
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$96,471.16
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 986 feet North of the Southwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence East 57 rods, thence North 334 feet, thence West 57 rods, thence South 334 feet to the place of beginning, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan
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: April 10, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.

1381064
4-10-4

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 Tus-

cola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Scott A Soderlund and Colleen Soderlund, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Mortgage: November 14, 2002
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 13, 2003
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$56,093.84
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The north 16 rods of the West 100 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, Michigan
The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a.
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: April 10, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.

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4-10-4

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 Angela L. Tyson, an unmarried woman, mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Company, a dissolved Michigan corporation, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated September 4, 2009, and was recorded on September 18, 2009, in Liber 1183, on page 1258 of the Tuscola County records, subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1200, Page 1040, further subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1265, Page 735, further subject to a Modification Agreement recorded at Liber 1409, Page 1393, further subject to an Assignment of Mortgage recorded at Liber 1245, Page 936 and further subject to a Partial Discharge of Mortgage recorded at Liber 1391, Page 1016. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$59,957.74, including interest at 4% per year variable. 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 May 9, 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 City of Caro, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Part of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, T12N, R9E, Village (now City) of Caro, Indianfields Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the N line of said Section 4 which is N 88°59'00" W, 1885.0 ft from the NE corner of Section 4; thence continuing along said N line, N 88°59'00" W, 726.82 ft; thence S 00°22'00" W, 537.97 ft; thence S 88°59'00 E, 729.95 ft; thence N 524.00 ft to the point of beginning.

Excepting that part of the NE 1/4 of said Section 4, described as beginning at a point on the N line of said Section 4 which is N 88°59'00" W 1885.00 ft from the NE corner of said Section 4; thence continuing along said N line, N 88°59'00" W 266.00 ft; thence S 524.00 ft; thence S 88°59'00" E 266.00 ft; thence N 524.00 ft to the Point 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 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 foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

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Dated: April 2, 2019
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)

Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee

900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

4-10-4

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 May 16, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Shane Michael Shoens, a single man
Original Mortgagee: First Place Bank
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
Date of Mortgage: June 24, 2011

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 12, 2011
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$62,190.25
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 56 rods South of Northwest corner of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 7 East; thence East 39 rods; thence North 12 rods; thence West 39 rods to Section line; thence South on Section line 12 rods to place of beginning.

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: April 17, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.

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4-17-4

State of Michigan
Probate Court
County of Tuscola

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 19-36418-DE

Estate of DONNA L. MCCOLLUM, Deceased
date of birth: 02-27-1935

TO ALL CREDITORS:*
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Donna L. McCollum, died 03-27-2019. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James E. McCollum Sr., personal representative, or to both the probate court at 40 N. State Street, Caro, MI 48723 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

4-15-2019
Attorney: Duane E. Burgess (P30248)
121 W. Grant Street, Suite 2
Caro, MI 48723
(989) 673-1990

Personal Representative: James E. McCollum Sr.
1985 W. Darbee Road,
Caro MI 48723
(989) 670-5255

4-17-1

Obituaries

Diane Bullock

Diane Kay Bullock, 63, of Decker, died peacefully Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 in Sanilac County Medical Care Facility, Sandusky. She was born October 23, 1955 in Cass City, the youngest of four children born to Ernest and Emma (Kitchin) Bullock.



Diane attended Cass City Schools. She enjoyed knitting, doing beautiful work. Diane loved horses and riding when she could. She enjoyed going to rodeos with her brothers. Diane loved flowers especially roses. During the time it was difficult for her to get out of the house, Dale would take her for long car rides. She enjoyed music and loved the Dino Kartsonakis concert she attended. She was a lifelong member of her family church, Mizpah Missionary Church. Diane is survived by her siblings: Donald (Virginia) Bullock of Decker, David (Penny) Bullock of Saginaw and Dale (Fay) Bullock of Decker; seven nieces and nephews; 22 great-nieces and nephews; 11 great great-nieces/nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emma and Ernest Bullock.

A memorial service will be held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 22, in Mizpah Missionary Church with Pastor Dale Bullock officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Township Cemetery with her parents. Memorials may be made to Mizpah Missionary Church. 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.

Amy Ford

Amy Louise Stover Ford, 83, of Cass City died following a lengthy illness, Wednesday, April 10, 2019 in McLaren Bay Region, Bay City. She was born March 18, 1936 in Cass City, the eighth of fourteen children born to Elliott Glenn and Jennie Marie (Crawford) Churchill.

She married Charles Fay Stover July 30, 1955. He died September 11, 1998. She later married Billy Joe Ford December 22, 2008 in Cass City.

Amy attended Sand Hill Country School. She worked for General Cable and Walbro Manufacturing until retiring in 1998. In earlier years, Amy enjoyed visiting Charlie's family in Mancelona. She was a good cook and baked great lemon merengue pies. Amy enjoyed crafts and made many pine cone wreaths. She was fond of reading devotional and inspirational books. Amy loved a meal of Billy's biscuits and gravy. She would travel down South with Billy, but only if he drove around the mountains.

Amy is survived by her husband, Billy; children: Louann (Loren) Iseler of Peck, Deeanna Bruce of West Branch, Charles Stover, Jr. of Deford and Mark (Brenda) Stover of Cass City; step-children: Pam Ford-Moslander of Mancelona, Milton Ford of Lum, William Ford of Lum and James (Michelle) Ford of Otter Lake; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; 8 step grandchildren; sisters: Marion Hunter of Mayville, Margaret Springstead of Pigeon, Bonnie (Ron) Miller of Elkton and Jacqueline "Sue" Osborn of Shelby Township.

She was preceded in death by her son, Dean Stover; siblings: infant sister, Phyllis Churchill, Virginia (Amasthes) Anthes, Marie (Jim) Brown, Wattie (Orville) Mallory, Helen Mellendorf, Clarence (Thelma) Churchill, Glen Churchill, John Churchill, Glendora Babcock.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 15, in Cass City Missionary Church with Pastor Phil Burkett officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to Revive Ministries. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Ellen Krebs

Ellen Krebs, 67, of Cass City, passed away Friday, April 12, 2019 after a long battle with kidney disease.

She was born on September 23, 1951 in Cass City, daughter of the late Ted and Marilyn (Loney) Morgan.

She was a loving mother of three and proud grandmother of six. She enjoyed spending time with her loved ones, especially attending her grandchildren's school plays and events, and was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Cass City.

She graduated from Cass City High School in 1969, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She went on to become a Registered Nurse through the Bronson School of Nursing in Kalamazoo, and after many years of practicing nursing, she earned her Bachelor's degree from Davenport University in 2004, graduating first in her class. She remained a dedicated RN until her retirement in 2013.

Ellen is survived by her daughters Susan (Marion) Lee of Caledonia, MI, Carolyn O'Hara of Birmingham, MI and Kristen (Steve) Noaker of Gagetown, MI; grandchildren, Morgan, Lillian, Ellen, Zoey, Hunter and Karson; brother, James Morgan of Decatur, TX; niece, Delynn Morgan; and aunts, Nancy Vernon and Linda Morgan.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Phillip Morgan, and several aunts and uncles. Visitation will be Tuesday, April 16, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Thabet Funeral Home, 6255 Main Street, Cass City and Wednesday, April 17, at First Baptist Church, 6420 Houghton Street, Cass City, from 10 a.m. until an 11 a.m. service with Pastor Christian Wright officiating. Burial will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Cass City. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

Edward Nemeth

Edward Theodore Nemeth, 85, of Kingston, died Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in Covenant Medical Center, Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

He was born January 8, 1934 at home on the family farm in Deford the youngest of five sons born to Charles and Veron (Kocsis) Nemeth, Sr.

He married Wilda Ruth Zemke February 26, 1955, in Caro. She died December 9, 2003.

Ed graduated from Cass City High School with the class of 1952. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Ed worked at the elevator in Deford, for Active Industries then for Saginaw Steering Gear, retiring after 30 years of service. For a short time, Ed worked as janitor for Kingston Community Schools. In the early years Ed was a Little League coach. He raised rabbits and enjoyed woodworking. Ed was a member of the Kingston Lions Club and volunteered as a "lunch buddy" at Kingston Elementary School mentoring and reading with students there. In the later years he enjoyed "coffee hour" with friends and feeding birds who visited his bird feeders. But most important to Ed were family gatherings with his children, grandchildren and extended family.

Ed is survived by his children: James (Trish) Nemeth of Wyoming, MI, Sherry (Eric) Fischer of Perry, Sue Nemeth of Kingston, Scott (Lori) Nemeth of Harrison Township and Steve (Kim) Nemeth of Marietta, GA; grandchildren: Matt Nemeth, Natalie (A.J) Quimby, Brandon (Dominique) Nemeth, Aaron (Kaitlyn Mullinex) Fischer, Brianna (Barry Prichard) Fischer, Kayla Nemeth, Avery Nemeth and Reed Nemeth; great-grandchildren: Grace, Dane, Matthew, Lilly, Daisy, Luke and Logan; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his infant son, Thomas Allen Nemeth and his four brothers.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 12, in Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Mark Harriman of Kingston United Methodist Church officiating. Interment is in Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Kingston Lions Club or Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Kingston.

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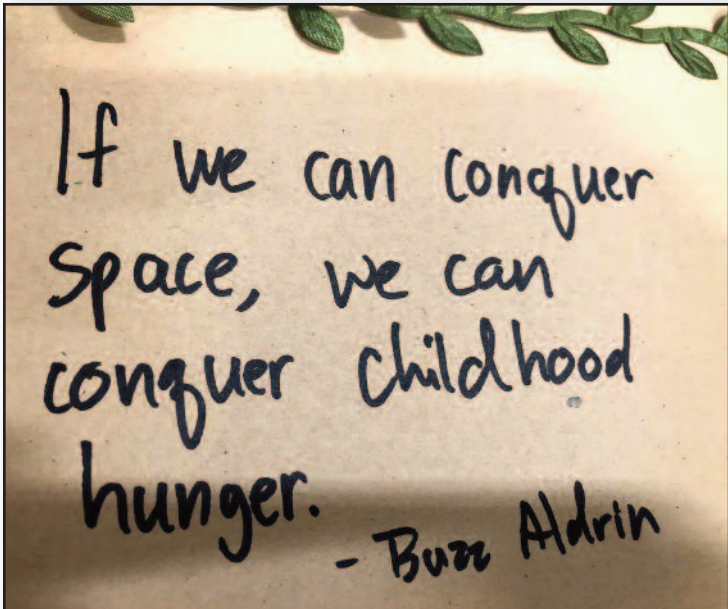
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Cass City Elementary School
GSRP, Young 5's, Head Start and
Kindergarten/Preschool Enrollment 2019



Tuesday, April 30
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

in the elementary cafeteria

GSRP

Cass City offers a half-day GSRP Program
*Please bring your 2018 tax return,
child's birth certificate and proof of residency (drivers license).

Young 5's & Kindergarten

Cass City offers an ALL DAY Kindergarten Program
as well as a Young 5's Program

ENROLLMENT:

This sign-up is for all young 5's and kindergarten students as well as anyone interested in the GSRP Program and Headstart Program for the 2019-2020 school year.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Child's Birth Certificate •Complete Immunization Record
- Call (989) 872-2158 with any questions after April 30.
Parents Only, Please!
This meeting is for any child who will be 3, 4 or 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2019.



Open House

Walbro LLC 6242 Garfield Avenue, Cass City

Saturday April, 27, 2019 | Noon – 4:00



Tour the Walbro Plant



Smokey BBQ/Ice Cream



Games, Prizes, Raffles Face Painting/Balloons



Giveaways ** Craft Table For Kids **Plant Tours ** Fun for All ** Come Meet The Neighbors!