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## Capt. Beach returning home for Memorial Day

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thumb residents will honor the nation's fallen heroes during the upcoming holiday weekend just as they have for decades; with Memorial Day observances demonstrating area communities'

respect, gratitude and desire to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

This year's gathering in Cass City Monday morning promises to be something special, as the guest speaker has been described as a living American hero: U.S. Navy Chaplain Captain Stanley J. Beach (retired).

Beach now resides in Seminole, Fla., but he has strong ties to the Thumb – he's a Gagetown area native and 1953 Cass City High School graduate – and has an impressive record of service to this nation.

Beach retired with the rank of captain after more than 35 years in the military. His assignments have included Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard units at

sea, ashore and overseas, including combat action with the Third Marine Division in Vietnam, where he suffered life-threatening wounds.

During Beach's combat tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines.

On Sept. 28, 1966, he was critically wounded during Operation Prairie when the Third Battalion was engaged in pushing back the NVA's 324th Division on Mutter's Ridge. While continually traversing the battlefield, ministering to the wounded marines and carrying

them to the rear for medical treatment, Beach suffered severe leg and stomach injuries from mortar fire which ultimately led to the loss of his leg.

During his seven months in the combat zone, Beach distinguished himself. Please turn to page 8.



Capt. Stanley Beach (right)

## School takes aim at "capturing kids' hearts" in 2019-20

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Local school officials are planning to "capture kids' hearts" in an effort to do a better job of connecting with every youth who walks through their halls and into each classroom.

The Cass City Board of Education Monday unanimously approved the district's participation in the Flippen Group's Capturing Kids' Hearts program starting with the 2019-20 school year.

The program costs about \$25,000 – most of the expenses are related to staff training — and will focus on more effectively connecting Cass City educators with students in grades six through 12. The approach was founded in 1990 by psychotherapist and New York Times best-selling Author Flip Flippen, whose organization describes its mission as "building relationships and processes that bring out the best in people."

A small group of Cass City staff members who recently attended a training session in Grand Rapids gave the Flippen Group rave reviews, saying they have been impressed with the response of students and teachers alike as they recently began to introduce a couple of basic elements of the program, including greeting and shaking hands with every student when they enter a classroom, and encouraging teachers and students alike to share positive things happening in their lives each day.

School Supt. Jeff Hartel also highly recommended the program, noting local staff members have also observed the program in action during

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## Village set to issue shut-off warnings

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Some Cass City village taxpayers could receive unwanted mail in the near future in the form of shut-off notices stemming from unpaid water service charges.

Residents who are behind in their payments will now get warnings that their water service could be discontinued due to delinquent fees following Monday's meeting of the village council, held a week early due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 185 on a 7-0 roll-call vote during the nearly 90-minute gathering. The new rules go into effect in 30 days.

In addition to dealing with the water bills – which actually include

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## Village pool opening delayed

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Despite the best efforts of contractors, area residents looking forward to taking a dip in the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool in Cass City will have to wait a bit longer than expected this year.

Although renovations to the pool have been progressing, the project has run into an issue that cannot be overcome with hard work.

"Due to the weather, the project has been delayed and we will not be open for Memorial Day," Cass City Village Manager Debbie Powell announced last week. "We need some cooperation from Mother Nature."

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THE CASS CITY Homeschoolers' Phightin' Phragmites – (from left) Cody McArthur, Kirstin Mika, Tabbytha Sanchez, Pearl Daskam and Addy Battel – are pictured above presenting to the Michigan Envirothon judges about the Cass City nature trails project. The team claimed the state Envirothon championship last week, earning a spot in national competition this summer in North Carolina.

## State champions!

Local homeschooling group claims Envirothon title

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A group of local homeschooled high school students took this year's Michigan Envirothon competition by storm, claiming the championship last week at the Fort Custer Training Center in Augusta and earning a trip to nationals this summer in North Carolina.

"We weren't surprised when they announced our Cass City Homeschoolers high school

team (won) first place in the agriculture category. But when they won medals in all but one category, we looked around and began to realize they had a shot at the state title," commented Sue Stuever Battel, whose daughters, Addy, 16, and Dori, 13, were both involved in the competition.

"Sure enough, Cass City Homeschoolers brought home the Michigan Envirothon state champion trophy, making them eligible to compete at the national level at NCF (National Conservation Foundation) - Envirothon at North

Carolina State University at the end of July.

"Winning the competition is not too shabby for such a young team – two juniors and three sophomores," Battel said. "Only two of them had taken part in Envirothon before, so we went in eyes wide open. We were the only homeschool team there; all the others were public school teams except for a 4-H club."

"Our next step is to raise enough funds to get there, Please turn to page 11.

## Commissioner breaks ranks in effort to keep hospital in Caro

by Mary Drier  
For the Chronicle

Signs have gone up and resolutions have been approved in an effort to keep the new state psychiatric hospital in Tuscola County, but not everyone is supporting the campaign.

In fact, while several municipalities and officials support keeping the hospital local, one Tuscola County Commissioner's support has been lackluster, and officials in another county have launched their own campaign to lure construction of the multimillion-dollar

project to their region.

Commissioner Dan Grimshaw doesn't think relocating the proposed new psychiatric hospital elsewhere would have the impact that has been projected, and he says Genesee County has better and more resources to help the mentally ill.

Grimshaw voiced that opinion during Thursday's Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting after county Clerk Jodi Fetting voiced concern about Genesee County wanting the new hospital.

Genesee County commissioners

passed a resolution last week stating its intention to become the new site of the psychiatric facility.

Fetting questioned if the lobbyist hired by Tuscola County, Jean Doss, had informed local commissioners about the matter, and if this is a "panic" situation.

"Panic might be too strong of a word. I'm concerned. We need to get out in front of this," Fetting said.

Newly-hired county Controller-Administrator Clayette Zechmeister said Doss had informed her of the matter shortly after Genesee

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# Hills and Dales awarded 2019 governor's excellence award

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City has received the Michigan Peer Review Organization's (MPRO) 2019 Governor's Award of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement in Effective Reporting and Measurement (critical access hospital).

This year, more than 130 Michigan hospitals, physician practices, nursing homes, inpatient psychiatric facilities, ambulatory surgery centers and home health agencies were honored with the Governor's Award of Excellence.

The award recognizes partici-

pants for their dedication and success in improving healthcare quality and patient safety in Michigan. To be eligible for the honor, participants must have achieved, maintained and continually improved in specific and rigorous milestones related to the award they received.

"We are fortunate to be able to partner with Hills and Dales General Hospital and all the other dedicated organizations across the state of Michigan," said MPRO President and CEO Leland Babitch, M.D., MBA. "To be able to recognize these outstanding accomplishments with the Governor's office highlights the importance of improving healthcare quality in our state."

The Governor's Award of Excellence was first developed in 2003. The current award is based upon work from 2017 to 2018 in the following areas: improving heart health, increasing adult immunizations, lowering the risk of infection in hospitals, effective reporting and measurement, improving care in nursing homes, increasing identification of behavioral health conditions, and improving diabetes management.

Jill Lackowski, director of quality improvement, infection control and employee health at Hills and Dales, said, "I'm really proud of all of our staff for their hard work and dedication to quality care. This award is really the result of great teamwork from everyone."

MPRO is a non-profit organization and national leader in healthcare quality improvement and medical review.



**HILLS AND Dales General Hospital has received the Michigan Peer Review Organization's (MPRO) 2019 Governor's Award of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement in Effective Reporting and Measurement (critical access hospital). Pictured above are (from left) Jill Lackowski, RN, director of quality at Hills and Dales; MPRO President and CEO Leland Babitch, M.D.; and Jennifer TerBush, RN, patient services, Hills and Dales.**



## In honor of Parker...

**THERE WERE** some tearful moments during last Wednesday's annual Cass City High School Senior Honors Night, including the presentation of the Parker Haire Memorial Scholarship, established in honor of Parker Haire, a Cass City graduate who lost his life in an accident early this year. Above, Lynn Haire, Parker's aunt, presents the \$1,500 award to Parker's sister, Kacey, who is valedictorian of the Cass City High School Class of 2019. The scholarship fund, which already totals roughly \$23,000, was established to assist local graduates pursuing higher education at Michigan State University.



**Cass City Junior-Senior High School Principal Chad Daniels and Student of the Month Landon Scott.**

## Scott named Student of the Month

Cass City student Landon Scott was recently nominated for the Student of the Month Award for April by math teacher Garrett Gordon.

"Landon is one of my top eighth graders. He comes prepared every day to learn and work," Garrett stated in his nomination letter. "He truly cares about understanding the material. He asks questions and gets clarification when he needs it."

"I greatly appreciate his efforts, his attitude in class, and his kind and courteous behavior," he added. "He is an outstanding young man, and a pleasure to teach. He deserves to be recognized for this award."

Landon's favorite subject is math and his hobbies are watching TV, walking and listening to music. On the weekends he enjoys visiting family, going shopping and relaxing. His favorite movie is Titanic and his favorite snack is Pop-Tarts.

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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Tom Montgomery  
Editor

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Memorial Day - lest we forget



## Remember those who have served

*Memorial Day has increasingly become a holiday weekend devoted to family gatherings, trips to the beach, barbecues and fireworks, with some folks giving very little thought to the men and women who have died while serving their country.*

*We're proud to say, however, that a host of citizens in Cass City and in our surrounding communities still give Memorial Day the respect it deserves.*

*Sure, our families enjoy outings, camp fires and cookouts over the holiday weekend, but there is a sense of deep appreciation that coincides with what the members of our armed services — specifically those who have paid the ultimate price — stand for: patriotism, honor, dedication and sacrifice.*

*In the Cass City community, folks still remember to remove their hats when they recite the Pledge of Allegiance or hear the first note of the Star Spangled Banner.*

*You can see that same demonstration of patriotism in each and every one of the 600 or so flags volunteers with the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society place on the graves of veterans resting at Elkland Township Cemetery a week prior to the Memorial Day holiday. You can also see it in the faces of members of Cass City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3644 as they set up their impressive "Avenue of Flags" in honor of their comrades.*

*These folks aren't teenagers, and yet regardless of age, they go about placing this tribute with a sense of purpose. And respect.*

*Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars.*

*Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service — a practice that continues in the Thumb as area residents gather at cemeteries in Elkland, Novesta and Grant townships, among others.*

*Memorial Day typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, and we wish all area residents a safe holiday weekend.*

*We also encourage everyone, in their own way, to take a moment to remember the many servicemen and women who are not here today because of their sacrifice for the freedoms the rest of us enjoy to this day.*

*It's the very least we can do. It's the right and honorable thing to do.*

With Memorial Day only a few days away, most people are thinking about ways to enjoy the extra day off from work, and making plans for the summer.

The extra day off comes with a price — the lives of many men and women who served their country and paid the ultimate price. Memorial Day commemorates Americans who fought for our country and died in wars.

Some do not understand that there is a difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

Veterans Day is to thank and honor all who served in the armed forces, no matter during wartime or peacetime.

While I have always had a great respect for veterans, it wasn't until my son, Army Sgt. Charles Drier, was killed while serving in Iraq in 2005, that the real meaning of Memorial Day truly hit home. For those who haven't lost a loved one to war, Memorial Day mostly just means the kick-off of summer with a three-day weekend to enjoy barbecues and such.

Several of Chuck's friends and some of his Army buddies still stay in touch with me. They send me photos of Chuck along with patriotic photos, messages and encouragement. One of the messages was about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Arlington National Cemetery is open seven days a week, 365 days a year, and the tomb is guarded around the clock in all weather conditions.

The following information on the tomb's guard requirements was sent to me: "The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off-duty time is spent studying the names of all of the notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

"A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. They must commit two years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the

rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way."


I'm not sure how much of that information is actually true; but even if some of it is, that duty rules the rest of their life.

While it hurts that my son is gone, it is a comfort having his gravesite close to home, knowing I can visit him.

A few years ago, I did an interview with a mother whose son has been missing in action since the Vietnam War. She is a strong, resolute woman. I greatly admire her. I cannot imagine the pain of family members who have a loved one who is missing in action.

I looked up more information about being a tomb guard. It is questionable if all of the info sent to me is true. Even if the guard information is wrong, it is fitting there is a memorial to the "unknowns" who gave their life for their country. And, that although their family can't visit them, they are never alone and not forgotten.

During this upcoming extra day off, take a few moments to think about those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy.



### Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Cass City Junior-Senior High School Principal Chad Daniels always makes a point of lauding veteran school office staffer Ruth Fluegge during the district's annual Senior Honors Night, saying her tireless efforts ensure the awards ceremony runs smoothly. Last Wednesday's honors night was no exception, and Fluegge was armed with a lengthy list of seniors' names and their scholarship awards.

The totals are always interesting — and impressive. Fluegge reported that this year's senior class amassed more than \$390,000 worth of university scholarships plus another \$32,000 in local scholarships for a total of \$423,000 in awards that will benefit local seniors as they pursue their college educations.

Congratulations, seniors!

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I believe that Cass City schools retirees Dave Hoard and Russ Biefer are two of the better high school softball umpires in the Thumb. After all, Hoard worked at last year's state final contest in East Lansing.

That being said, I don't feel they should be working the Lady Red Hawk home games. Not because they show any favoritism — in fact they may give the benefit of the doubt to the visiting team to avoid any appearance of preferential treatment — but I've heard fans of visiting teams grumbling about being home-red.

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The personal-finance website WalletHub recently released its report on the States with the Biggest Drug Problems in 2019. This study compares the 50 states and the District in terms of 22 key metrics, ranging from arrest and overdose rates to opioid prescriptions and employee drug testing laws. Michigan ranked #2 in their study, with only the District of Columbia fairing worse. You can find some highlights below.

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- \* 16th — Share of Teenagers Who Used Illicit Drugs in the Past Month
- \* 12th — Share of Adults Who Used Illicit Drugs in the Past Month
- \* 10th — Opioid Pain Reliever Prescriptions per Capita
- \* 15th — Drug Overdose Deaths per Capita
- \* 20th — Share of Adults Who Needed but Didn't Receive Treatment for Illicit Drug Use in the Past Year
- \* 14th — Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities per 100,000 People (12 Years and Older) Using Illicit Drugs

To view the full report, please visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/drug-use-by-state/35150/>

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Don't forget that next week the Chronicle office will be closed on Monday to observe Memorial Day. That means our May 29th issue will hit the newsstands on Wednesday - instead of Tuesday - and area subscribers should get their paper a day later.

## Letters to the Editor

### Greenleaf Township should sell warehouse

Editor,

As a resident of Greenleaf Township, I attend regular township board meetings, and I must express my disappointment in the financial train wreck this township is in!

As of tonight (May 15), the township owes over \$150,000 in attorney fees for lawsuits found to be in favor of the plaintiffs, residents of the township, who filed legitimate lawsuits against the township. As of this evening, with the various accounts the township maintains, we have about that amount of cash.

It is noted a large portion of that amount is in a fire fund that, as I understand, cannot be touched and is only for fire-related services. The solution discussed tonight is to ask the people in Greenleaf Township for additional mills. This is a solution that I don't agree with. It is my opinion that the purchase of the warehouse on Bay City-Forestville is and has been the cause of past, present and future lawsuits. It is my understanding that more lawsuits are forthcoming.

My opinion is to sell the warehouse and use the proceeds to pay off attorney fees, and use the old township hall on Gilbert Road until the township is once again solvent. I'm confident that lawsuits will stop if the warehouse were sold. Granted, rent from a business generates \$30,000 a year, but the cost of the building, and a lawsuit that in my opinion was a direct result of purchasing the warehouse, plus the current attorney fees for a lawsuit that, in my opinion was a direct result again of the warehouse purchase, puts the cost of a rental unit somewhere near \$500,000. At \$30,000 a year, the township doesn't break even for 15 years.

I would urge township residents to attend meetings, voice your opinions, and tell the folks that we employ that enough is enough!

Norm Parker  
Greenleaf Township

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We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.



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### Wednesday, May 22

- 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.
- 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.

### Thursday, May 23

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

### Saturday, May 25

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

### Monday, May 27

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

### Tuesday, May 28

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

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## McKenney named detective sergeant

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki recently announced Sgt. Steve McKenney has been assigned to the role of detective sergeant in the sheriff's department's detective bureau.

"Detective Sgt. McKenney will take on the role as the sheriff's office's lead investigator, along with managing the detective bureau, its investigations and coordinating investigative services with the (Sanilac County) Drug Task Force," Biniecki explained.

McKenney has been with the sheriff's department for 21 years and has held many positions, including corrections deputy, uni-

form services deputy, uniform services sergeant, drug task force investigator, drug task force supervisor, firearms instructor/supervisor and special response team member. He has also conducted numerous presentations and trainings on narcotics awareness, and active shooter response and preparedness.

He is a life-long Sanilac County resident and resides in the Marlette area with his wife, Michele, and their two children.

"This new assignment for Detective Sgt. McKenney is sure to offer him new opportunities and challenges as we continue to move forward as a team in assist-

ing the public," Biniecki said.



Detective Sgt. McKenney

## Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Christena M. Martinez, 42, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of no contest to a charge of identity theft from Aug. 1, 2017, to the present in Vassar Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

She was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,006 plus restitution of \$1,000.

\*Ashlee G. Fox, 38, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following her pleas of no contest to uttering and publishing Nov. 22, 2017, in Millington Township. Court records state the charges involved checks for \$200 and \$300, both drawn on Frankenthum Credit Union.

Fox was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$826 plus restitution of \$500.

\*Miranda K. Craig, 33, Kingston, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, with work-

site privileges, following her plea of guilty to larceny in a building Feb. 8 in Wells Township.

She was also placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus restitution of \$300.

\*Jacob A. Cruz, 33, Caro, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and unlawful use of a motor vehicle Dec. 24 in Wisner Township.

He was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,426.

\*Cassandra L. Clark, 34, Marion, pleaded no contest to two counts of attempted interfering with electronic communications between Nov. 14, 2015, and Sept. 30, 2016, in Vassar.

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

\*Elizabeth H. Deline, 27, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following her pleas of no

contest to interfering with electronic communications and malicious destruction of a building totaling less than \$200 Oct. 15 in Fremont Township.

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

\*Linda R. Vanderpool, 66, Reese, was sentenced to 180 days in jail following her plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 21 in Caro.

She was also placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008.

\*Ramon G. Ruiz, 54, Akron, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 17 in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

## Commissioner breaks ranks in hospital vote

Continued from page one.

County commissioners had acted, and Doss said she is continuing to lobby for the county.

"We have strong support in Lansing for this," said Commissioner Mark Jensen.

Fetting responded, "We need to keep it that way."

That discussion preceded the adoption of resolutions asking surrounding counties and others to support construction of the new state psychiatric hospital in Tuscola County, and before commissioners approved hiring an additional consulting firm to help the county lobby for the state hospital.

"We need them (K. C. Communication Consulting) more than ever after what is happening in Genesee," said Commissioner Kim Vaughan.

The only commissioner who voted "no" on both issues was Grimshaw, who represents the townships of Denmark, Juniata and Vassar and the city of Vassar.

Grimshaw said he feels everyone is overreacting regarding the economic impact the loss of the Caro Center would have on the county.

According to Grimshaw, Genesee's proposed site for the new hospital is about 30 miles away, Genesee County has better hospitals, more resources to handle mental health patients, and there are no Tuscola County residents housed at the center.

"I can't support this resolution," Grimshaw said.

According to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, the Caro Center generates an estimated \$54 million in revenue for Tuscola County. The center boasted about 349 employees last year, before the state started downsizing earlier this year, and 398 other jobs indirectly benefit from the center. Locally-gathered data also shows that about one-third of the center's employees live in the Caro area.

According to Information gathered by the Tuscola Economic Development Corporation (EDC), the Caro Center has \$8,951,400 in direct operational expenditures — food, drugs, fuel, utilities, contract services, supplies, material expenses, etc. The pay for professionals at the center ranges from \$16 per hour to \$88 per hour. The annual payroll totals about \$13

million, and 70 percent of the center's employees live in Tuscola County.

EDC officials note the center treats patients who along with employees make local purchases from various retailers. Working with a conservative average of \$20 per week for patients and employees, that adds up to an annual expenditure of some \$519,000 per year. With the conservative assumption that patients have at least one person visiting them on a monthly basis and those visitors are making expenditures for meals and lodging, this translates into a direct expenditure of \$174,600 per year.

The Caro Center is one of five psychiatric hospitals in the state. It treats adults with serious mental illnesses houses individuals deemed not competent to stand trial on criminal charges, as well as those who have been determined to be criminally insane.

State lawmakers and then-Gov. Rick Snyder approved building

the new 200-bed hospital in Tuscola County last year, breaking ground for the 225,000-square-foot, \$115 million project in October.

Those plans were put on hold earlier this year by new Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon, who ordered a re-assessment of the viability of building in Caro. They cited a number of concerns, but information revealed through a Freedom of Information Act request revealed Gordon had all but already decided to relocate the project in December.

In the meantime, the City of Caro, village of Cass City, Akron Township and several other municipalities throughout the county have approved resolutions of support or have gone on record urging the state to keep its promise and locate the new hospital in Tuscola County.



EVAN Osentoski of Osentoski Real Estate, Caro, puts the final touches on a sign in the former Big Acre parking lot in Caro, urging state officials to keep their promise to build the state's new psychiatric hospital in Tuscola County.

**Reporter's notebook**

**Yup, we're still hanging in there**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



When you feel like you're at the bottom of the news media food chain, it's easy to get discouraged on occasion when you compete against larger newspapers with bigger staffs and budgets, and multiple publishing days each week.

I doubt most readers take those factors into consideration. They judge their local newspaper – and rightly so – based on its content, even if they may not fully understand the demands inherent in deadlines or the effort involved in gathering all the news, features, sports, etc., that fill each edition.

Or our dedication to get the facts straight before we go to press, even though we sometimes fall short.

Sure, some readers get a kick out of making fun of the local newspaper – believe me I've heard just about every wisecrack imaginable – but they still look for us on the newsstands.

Thankfully, faithful readers of the Chronicle have enabled us to continue a publishing tradition dating back more than 113 years.

I keep that in mind when I begin to question the value of continuing to do what I've been doing for a living for more than 33 years now.

And, fortunately, readers like Phil Workman occasionally let us know they believe we're on the right track, even as more and more newspaper readers across Michigan and the nation are finding themselves without a local newspaper these days.

Workman, who along with his wife lived in the condos in Cass City from late 1992 until late 2000 when they moved to Mason (near Lansing), sent me a copy of a Wall Street Journal story predicting the further demise of the local newspaper.

The story recalls how American newspapers suffered an historic meltdown a decade ago, forcing them into a race to transform into digital businesses, hoping that strategy would save them from the accelerating decline of print.

"The results are in: A stark divide has emerged between a handful of national players that have managed to stabilize their businesses and local outlets for which time is running out," the authors wrote, noting local papers have suffered sharper declines in circulation than national outlets, and are having a much more difficult time converting readers into paying digital customers.

The result? An avalanche of newspaper closures and large-scale layoffs. The Wall Street Journal article cites some startling statistics revealing nearly 1,800 newspapers closed between 2004 and 2018, leaving 200 counties with no newspaper and roughly half the counties in the country with only one.

Which means more and more Americans are losing out on access to local news, published close to them by a local newspaper.

Much of the story focuses on media outlets far larger than anything remaining in this region, which has also seen its share of newspapers close their doors.

I don't know if the Cass City Chronicles of this world are even considered when it comes to predicting the future of newspapers in this country anymore.

Nonetheless, we're still alive and well, striving to do what our predecessors poured themselves into for generations: publishing local news and features that are important to our community.

That's a simplistic but accurate view that hasn't escaped readers like Phil Workman.

"We've subscribed to the Chronicle these last 19 years," Workman wrote. "You are doing an excellent job as a rural, small town editor. The paper is full of local news. I think (freelance reporter) Mary Drier has helped, lessened the load and broadened coverage."

"I know circulation has fallen from the heyday, but the product sure is excellent."

"Enjoy your columns. The grandpa and trout fishing piece is like the New York Sun and "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Clause".

"Best to you and Deb and family," Workman added. "Hang in there!" Thanks, Phil.

We will.

**News briefs**

**Greenleaf historical meet**

GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP – The Greenleaf Township Historical Society is inviting area residents to attend the organization's first-ever display of locally owned antiques.

The event is scheduled for Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the old township hall, located at 7510 Gilbert Rd.

Organizers say the display will offer something of interest to nearly everyone, from old trading post ledgers to school board books from country schools to an 1850 Treadle sewing machine. There will also be antique tools, guns and more.

More information is available by contacting Judy Doerr at (989) 658-8625.

**County jail in compliance**

CARO – Michigan Department of Corrections officials recently reported the Tuscola County Jail is in full compliance with administrative rules for jails and lockups following a recent inspection of the facility.

The inspection was conducted by Ron Trachet, regulation agent, County Jail Services Unit.

"It should be noted that this agent found exceptional documentation and preparation for the inspection by (jail administrator) Lt. Brian Harris and his team," Trachet wrote in his report. "The Tuscola County Jail is an example of a well-managed correctional facility."

**Daley: "No" on abortions**

LANSING — State Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum) last week supported a Senate plan to ban dismemberment abortions in the state.

"As a caring society, we simply cannot allow this practice to take place in Michigan," said Daley, who represents the 31st District.

Senate Bills 229 and 230 would expand Michigan's existing partial-birth abortion ban to stop doctors from the dismemberment abortion procedure, in which a doctor uses a medical instrument to remove a living and developed fetus in pieces.

The bills include an exemption to protect the life of the mother and would punish the person performing the dismemberment abortion, not a woman seeking or obtaining it.

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in 2017 the dismemberment procedure accounted for 1,777 abortions reported in Michigan that year, including more than 80 percent of late-term abortions.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

**Down Memory Lane**

by Tina Pallas



**5 YEARS AGO (2014)**

Cass City seniors Elisabeth Milligan and Shania Chambers shared this year's A.A.U.W Outstanding Female Athlete award, based on their athletic excellence, scholarship, citizenship and sportsmanship.

Jacob Perry accepted a check for \$180,000 in scholarship money during Cass City Jr./Sr. High School's annual Senior Awards Night. After attending college, Perry will serve in the Navy.

**10 YEARS AGO (2009)**

Senior Sarah Reed, presented by Jonelle Tichnell, director of bands for the Cass City Public Schools, was honored with this year's Harold Ferguson Award during the annual awards night last Wednesday at the high school.

Bob and Shari O'Dell of Cass City, Jeff Randall of Kingston, and Dawn Hartwick of Cass City announce the engagement of their children, Megen O'Dell and Micah Randall. Megen is a 2007 graduate of Cass City High School. She is currently a hair stylist at a Spencer Gellise Salon in Bay City. Micah is a 2007 graduate of Cass City High School and is currently attending Delta College. He works for The Lighthouse Rehab in Caro. A July 2010 wedding is being planned.

**25 YEARS AGO (1994)**

Mark Battel of Cass City was recently designated the 1994 Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) Technician of the Year. The award was presented at the association's in-service conference last month in Lansing. Battel is providing service to 34 herds with a total of 3,032 cows. "He enrolled 5 new herds in 1993 and always shows an excellent interval for the herds in his unit,"

DHIA officials said. "His herd owners appreciate the good service he provides."

Patricia A. Boldizar of Cass City has graduated summa cum laude from Saginaw Valley State University, where she has earned a bachelor of social work degree, with a triple minor in sociology, psychology and criminal justice. Boldizar is presently enrolled at Wayne State University School of Social Work in the advanced standing master's degree program. Her future plans are focused upon community corrections and family therapy involving adolescents at risk. Boldizar is the daughter of the late Edward and Colleen Musial, Memphis, Mich., and Chester and Patricia Middleton, Fort Gratiot.

**35 YEARS AGO (1984)**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Threloff of Ohio surprised her mother, Mrs. Emerson Peters, Sunday, May 13. Other dinner guests at the Peters' home were Phil Profit and Marge Hackworth of Clarkston and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Easton of Cass City.

Jamie Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fox of Cass City, has been chosen as a member of Tower Guard, Michigan State University's honorary service organization. Tower Guard is composed of 75 of the top 200 freshmen students. The organization of sophomores has been active on campus for 50 years. Members are selected on the basis of service, scholarship, character and potential leadership abilities. Members were tapped at a special service May 4 at Beaumont Tower. Miss Fox has a 3.95 grade point average and is taking a course in pre-medicine.

**40 YEARS AGO (1979)**

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee and

family of Lapeer and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nemeth of Deford were Mother's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Root. Joining them in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Root and children. The family also celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Clayton Root, which was Saturday.

Essays written by youth of Salem UM church on mothers were judged and the writers and their mothers were honored Sunday during the morning worship service. Designated as mother of the year was Mrs. Mary Inbody, in the essay written by her daughter, Lori. The three runners-up were Robyn Powell for her mother, Mrs. Betty Powell, Andy Jeung for his mother, Mrs. Yun Jeung, and Laura Robinson for her mother, Mrs. Sharon Robinson.

**50 YEARS AGO (1969)**

Randy Lobdell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lobdell of Caro, has received the first Caro Rotary Club scholarship of \$500. The Caro High School senior is the son of Herb Lobdell, an employee at Cass City IGA. The family are former Cass City residents. Lobdell will enter Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant in the fall. Besides, the \$500 grant he has received another \$100 scholarship.

Hugh Connolly, who has been employed with Detroit Edison for nearly 25 years, has retired effective June 1. Connolly started his career with the firm while living in Royal Oak and moved to this area in 1946 and has since worked out of the headquarters at Caro. Mr. and Mrs. Connolly expect to spend the month of June with relatives in Florida and to spend much of the summer at their cottage in Ontario.

Born May 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Witherspoon, a son, Richard Charles, at Hubbard Hospital, Bad Axe. He weighed eight pounds and four ounces. They also have two daughters, Kimberly and Karoline.

**75 YEARS AGO (1944)**

Sgt. Arthur Haley returned to his home here Tuesday evening for the first time since July 25, 1942, when he was inducted into the army. He was given his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and from there was sent to an embarkation camp on the west coast. In January, 1943, he arrived in the Solomon group of islands. He relates that for a period of 12 months he never saw a city nor a white woman. He took part in two campaigns, one of which was the battle of New Georgia. He arrived in California on April 29 and has returned to civil life, but is carried on the army's reserve list. He arrived home in time to see his cousin, Harold McComb, of Great Lakes, who is home on leave.

A-C Gerald Kercher, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kercher, was graduated from the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command at Moody Field, Valdosta, Georgia, on Tuesday, May 23. He is now Lieutenant Kercher of the Air Corps of the Army of the United States. His parents are expecting him home this week for a furlough, his first since his enlistment about 16 months ago.

**100 YEARS AGO (1919)**

Audley Kinnaird arrived at Camp Dix, N. J., from overseas last week and reached home early Wednesday morning, having motored across country from Saginaw. Irish is surely looking fit and expresses himself as being right glad to shove his feet under the home table again.

T.L. Tibbals and family motored to Brown City Sunday and spent the day at the Benj. Foster home. Master Laurence Tibbals, who has been visiting several days with his grandmother, returned home with them.

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# Obituaries

## Lilian Jane Auten

As the parents of Lilian Jane Auten we are sad to announce that our daughter was born still, Sunday, May 12, 2019 in McLaren Thumb Region, Bad Axe. As Lilian's parents, Chaz and Kristen Auten, we thank you for your prayers and for sharing our sorrow. The Lord has special plans of His own for this little girl. She was born still, but she is in a perfect place now with no suffering or pain. I miss you so much my perfect little angel. Love you forever and always, until we meet again - Love Dad and Mom.

Lilian will also be missed by her big sister, Laina; brother, Paul; grandparents: Paul and Debra Auten of Decker, Laura and Jamie Pobanz of Pigeon and Daniel and Karrie Elenbaum of St. Louis; great-grandparents: Beverley and Lester Auten of Cass City, Elinor and Richard Loeding of Snover, Marilyn and Ron Elenbaum of Mayville and Wendy and Larry Harrison of Cass City; great-great-grandmother, Shirley Gerstenberger of Sebring, FL; and many aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Larry McIntire. Lilian's funeral service was held Thursday, May 16, in Evangelical Free Church of Cass City with the Rev. Todd Gould officiating.

Lilian's body will be buried in Evergreen Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Evangelical Free Church of Cass City in memory of Lilian. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.



## Robert Marker

Robert R. Marker, of Deford, passed away at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Bob was born October 24, 1942, to the late Jacob and Marie Marker and grew up near Saginaw Bay.

Bob enlisted in the Navy on February 15, 1960 after graduating from Unionville High School. Growing up near the water, the Navy seemed to be a good fit for him. He lived life to its fullest, as he thought of it as a gift each day.

Prior to retiring, Bob worked for Tuscola County in the Maintenance Department in Corrections for the Sheriff's Department and Marine Division for many years.

Bob enjoyed spending time with friends and family and leaves behind many cherished family members and loved ones. He will be missed and remembered by his children; Rob (Kris) Marker of Kilmanagh and Darrin (Julie) Marker of Tennessee. Grandchildren; Danielle (Jason) Manor of California, Ashley Marker of Tennessee, Aaron Marker of New York, Eric (Kathryn) Marker of Illinois and Amy Marker of Kilmanagh. Great-grandchildren: Jaxson, Brody and Liam Manor of California; siblings; Jim (Dee) Marker, Peggy (Tom) Wark, Vicky (Tom) Thorold; and sister-in-law, Eleanor Marker. Special friends include; Val Hudson, Jerold and Joanna Bechtel; plus many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his loving parents, Jacob and Marie Marker, siblings; John Marker, Ruth McShane, Rose Luther and Kathy Gugel.

Funeral services will be held at Juengel & Mellendorf Funeral Home in Sebawaing, on Wednesday, May 22. Visitation will be from 10:00 - 12:00. The funeral service will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

In accordance with Bob's wishes, memorials may be made to the Shabbona United Methodist Church. Share a memory at [www.jmfuneralhome.com](http://www.jmfuneralhome.com).



## Charles Watson

Charles "Chuck" James Watson, 85, of Traverse City, formerly of Cass City and Birmingham, Michigan passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Samaritas Senior Living.

Chuck was born August 24, 1933 in Caro, to the late Vern and Eva (Huffman) Watson. He married the love of his life Carol Howarth on June 23, 1956 in Cass City.

Chuck proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force, where his interest in electrical engineering began. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State University in 1961. Over the course of his career, Chuck had been employed with Westinghouse, Boeing and finally Ford Motor Company, where he retired after 26 years of employment. While with Boeing he was the electrical engineer to sign off on the original 737 aircraft. At Ford, Chuck led the development of the cruise control system in the Heavy Truck division.

He was a member of the U.S. Sail and Power Squadron and the Northern Michigan Ford retirees. He loved to travel, taking countless camping trips with his family, being out in nature enjoying wildlife and playing golf with family and friends. He was a proud supporter of MSU. He encouraged and generously helped support his children's and grandchildren's education. Above all, spending time with family and friends was his greatest joy. He was a kind and loving man and will be missed.

Chuck is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Carol; two daughters and a son: Wendy (Eric Otting) Watson, Rebecca (Alan Morris) Watson and Daniel (Victoria) Watson. Also surviving are seven grandchildren; Grace and Clare Otting, Morgan and Aidan Watson-Morris, Clark "Jonah", Elijah and Mkenna Watson; and a sister, Charlotte Sangster, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters: Bill Watson, Robert Watson, Shirley Lynch and Nancy Naren.

A funeral service honoring Charles took place Wednesday, May 8, at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to the American Diabetes Association - West Michigan, 1550 E. Beltline AV. SE, Suite 250, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Chuck's family at his tribute page at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



# Legal Notices

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - John H. Berlin, a single man, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2001, and recorded on January 4, 2002, Liber 854, on Page 663, and modified on September 1, 2011, recorded November 14, 2011, in Liber 1234, on Page 1250, and assigned by said mortgagee to Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Nine and 69/100 Dollars (\$50,659.69).

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, on June 13, 2019. Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at a point 20 rods North of the Northwest cor-

ner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East 330 feet; thence South 280.50 feet; thence West 330 feet; thence North 280.50 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period will be one year from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless 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. Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 1385039

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 June 20, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Donna J. Proper and Dwain A. Proper, husband and wife  
Original Mortgagee: Citicorp Trust Bank, FSB

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Towd Point Mortgage Trust Asset-Backed Securities, Series 2016-3, U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee

Date of Mortgage: August 19, 2006  
Date of Mortgage Recording: September 6, 2006  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$90,215.85

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Section 23 Town 14 North Range 8 East commencing at a point that is South 89 degrees 08 minutes 29 seconds West 1861.29 feet from East 1/4 corner of said Section, thence South 00 degrees 51 minutes 31 seconds East 33 feet thence South

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# Click It or Ticket campaign underway in Thumb

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thumb law enforcement officials are reminding motorists that failure to wear seatbelts can result in a \$65 ticket – or much worse if they're involved in a traffic accident.

The annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign kicked off Monday and will continue through Sunday, June 2.

As the Memorial Day holiday approaches, police officers through-

out Michigan will be on the lookout for unbuckled motorists in an effort to spread a simple message: seatbelts can reduce the risk of serious injury or death in a crash by 45 percent.

"This annual campaign is part of the national Click It or Ticket high-visibility enforcement crackdown. The national seatbelt campaign runs concurrent with the start of the busy summer travel season to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries," Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki explained.

"During the Click It or Ticket campaign, we'll be working with our fellow law enforcement officers across the state to ensure the message gets out to drivers and passengers to buckle up," Biniecki said.

"We cannot overstate the importance of wearing a seatbelt. It's the law, but more than that, buckling up is the simplest thing you can do to limit injury or save your life during a crash," he added. "We see the results of not wearing a seatbelt all the time. We see the loss of life. So often, it could have been prevented with the simple click of a seatbelt."

Michigan has a primary seatbelt law, which means police officers can stop and ticket motorists solely for not being buckled up.

The law requires all drivers and front seat passengers to be buckled up, along with all passengers ages eight to 15 years (regardless of seating position).

The law requires children younger than four to ride in a car seat in the rear seat if the vehicle has a rear seat. If all available rear seats are occupied by children under four, then a child under four may ride in a car seat in the front seat. A child in a rear-facing car seat may only ride in the front seat if the airbag is turned off.

Children must be properly buckled in a car seat or booster seat until they are eight years old or four-foot-nine-inches tall.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) statistics, in 2017 there were 10,076 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes across the nation.

Nearly twice as many males were killed in crashes compared to females. Of the males killed in crashes in 2017, more than half (51 percent) were unrestrained and 39 percent of females were not buckled up. Among young adults ages 18 to 34 who were killed in crashes the same year, more than half were unrestrained, the highest percentages of all age groups.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the Click It or Ticket campaign are taking a no-excuses approach to seatbelt law enforce-

ment, writing citations day and night. In Michigan, the penalty for a seatbelt violation is \$65 plus associated local fees.

"If the enforcement crackdown wakes people up to the dangers of unrestrained driving, we'll consider our mission to be a success," Biniecki said.

"If you know a friend or a family member who does not buckle up, please ask them to consider changing their habits. Help us spread this lifesaving message before one more friend or family member is killed. Seatbelts save lives and everyone — children and adults in the front seat and back seat — needs to remember to buckle up—every trip, every time."

More than 14,000 vehicles were stopped during the 2018 Click It or Ticket campaign.

Law enforcement officers from 142 local police departments, sheriff offices and Michigan State

Police posts statewide conducted 14,384 traffic stops, resulting in 4,364 seatbelt and child restraint citations between May 21 and June 3.

In 2017, seatbelt use in Michigan was 94 percent, slightly higher than the national seatbelt use rate of 89.7 percent, according to the statistics from the NHTSA.

Over the 2018 Memorial Day holiday weekend, 15 people lost their lives in 11 traffic crashes. Of the 11 deadly crashes, restraints were not used in one and their use was unknown in four.

In addition to issuing seat belt violations, officers made 97 drug-related arrests, 64 alcohol-related arrests, and 69 other felony arrests.

The Click or Ticket campaign is funded through federal highway safety grants and coordinated by the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

## Memorial Day observances

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himself as a "Chaplain of Marines", earning him the Bronze Star for Valor, the Navy Commendation Medal for Valor, and the Purple Heart.

Today, the Navy Chaplain School's Chaplain Stanley J. Beach Student Leadership Award is presented by the commanding officer of the Navy Chaplain School to the graduate who most exhibits "exception potential for leadership in ministry to the sea services." In June 2012, the facility housing the U.S. Naval Chaplaincy School and Center in Fort Jackson, S.C., was named Stanley J. Beach Hall in honor of the former director of what was then called the Naval Chaplains School.

Beach is married to the former Ellen Sickler of Cass City, and the couple have two married children, Laurie Dewey of North Reddington Beach, Fla., and Randal of Pensacola, Fla. They also have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Elkland Township

Beach is scheduled to speak during the Elkland Township Memorial Day Service, which will kick off Monday at about 10:30 a.m. next to the cemetery chapel following the annual parade, which is slated to get underway at 10 a.m. at the corner of Main and Seeger streets in Cass City.

Line-up for the procession will begin at 9:30 a.m., according to Joe Merchant, commander, VFW Post 3644, who noted local VFW members will continue the tradition of placing a wreath at the downtown veterans' memorial before proceeding east to the Elkland Township Cemetery.

Of course, those planning to attend can look forward to viewing the VFW Post's impressive "Avenue of Flags", a display of roughly 120 flags posted along the main drive at the cemetery.

The flag display is an integral part of the day's observance, serving as a powerful reminder of what the holiday is all about – honoring the memory of men and women whose service to their country paved the way for the freedom their fellow citizens enjoy to this day.

This year's service at the cemetery will again be led by Master of Ceremonies Mark Zmierski, senior chief, U.S. Navy (retired), who indicated he's honored to have Beach join him at the podium.

"He's just a wonderful man and a great representative of a true American," said Zmierski, who informally invited Beach to return to Cass City for the Memorial Day observance during a conversation the pair had at the Vietnam veterans memorial dedication at VFW Post 3644, Cass City, last year.

In a letter to Zmierski, Beach said of the dedication, "Great job, and it was encouraging to note the strong patriotism of the community. Much of that is from the visible presence and efforts of the local VFW. Thank you and your community for all you do!"

"It's an honor and privilege," Zmierski said of his role as master of ceremonies. "This is an event that is very important to Cass City. It's a blessing to be a part of a community that really supports the veterans' efforts.

"We want to continue to remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice and never came home," he added. "We can never forget that sacrifice. This is how we honor them.

"We have the freedoms we have today because of those" men and women who have served and died defending this nation, Zmierski said. "I am just in awe of that commitment to duty. I don't believe we can honor our veterans enough."

In keeping with tradition, the Cass City Junior-Senior High School Band will perform the national anthem and Taps during Monday's service, and local VFW members will be placing a memorial wreath at the cemetery, with the post's firing squad presenting its annual salute.

Members of Cass City VFW Post 3644 are looking for volunteers to assist with setting up, taking down and storing the larger flags that make up the post's Avenue of Flags. The flags will be set up Sunday starting at about 2 p.m. at Elkland Township Cemetery, and local veterans will start the task of taking them down Monday at about 1:45 p.m.

### Novesta Township

Zmierski will also serve as master of ceremonies for the Novesta Township Memorial Day ceremony, which will also take place Monday, starting at 1 p.m. at the Novesta Township Cemetery, located on Cemetery Road across from the Novesta Church of Christ.

He took over the role of master of ceremonies for the Novesta Township observance from World War II veteran Lawrence Englehart, a longtime Novesta Township resident and VFW Post 3644 member, in 2008. Englehart died in 2010 after playing a key role in the annual Memorial Day program for many years.

### Grant Township

In Huron County's Grant Township, meanwhile, residents will be hosting their 80th annual Memorial Day service at the Grant Township Cemetery, located on Bach Road, Sunday, May 26, beginning at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"There will be special music by Ray Fibranz, Cody Guigar, the Owen-Gage High School Band and Steve and Karen Bouverette," said township resident Stephanie Krohn, who noted the ceremony will also include a history reading.

"Everyone is invited for ice cream after the service, provided by Jamieson Tiling," Krohn added.

## Funding boosts seatbelt effort

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Studies have shown seatbelt use in Huron County is lagging behind the state average.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson intends to do something about that, and he's armed with some federal funding to help get the job done.

"Our office was notified in March by the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), that it was pre-approved for up to \$19,360 in federal overtime funds, to be the lead agency in our county to attempt to increase seatbelt awareness and usage," Hanson announced over the weekend.

"The state average in Michigan for seatbelt use is estimated to be 93.4 percent. However, the office of safety planning has determined, through accident data and observation surveys, that our county is under 90 percent," he said.

"Whether one agrees or disagrees with using a seatbelt, the fact has remained for many years that their use has resulted in fewer fatalities and serious injuries to those drivers and passengers involved in traffic accidents," Hanson added. "So, starting Monday (May 20) through June 2, our deputies will be working overtime patrols, focusing on the areas of Colfax, Winsor, Brookfield and Sherman Townships."

The sheriff noted the Bad Axe Police Department will also be a part of the effort and will be focusing on the Bad Axe area.

"All (officers) will be looking for other violations as well, such as running stop signs, and failing to yield. It will not be uncommon to see our deputies on side roads or patrolling from our Mule ATV," he said.

"I ask all drivers to understand that our intent is in no way to see how many tickets can be written, but rather it's to encourage safety belt use for good reason and to keep drivers focused on safe driving."



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**KACEY HAIRE** was named this year's winner of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) Outstanding Female Athlete Award, presented by Cass City High School Athletic Director Don Markel.

## Haire, Stern named outstanding athletes

by Tom Montgomery, Editor

Cass City Public Schools Athletic Director Don Markel will tell you that narrowing the field of candidates vying for the local district's top athletic awards each year is never an easy task.

Markel repeated those words during last Wednesday night's annual Cass City High School Senior Honors Night.

"Both the AAUW (American Association of University Women) Outstanding Female Athlete Award and the Paul Smarks Award recognizing the outstanding male athlete are voted upon by the varsity coaches and school administrators," he said. "It was agreed that all of the athletes who had applied for the awards were worthy applicants, making the decision very difficult."

In the end, Markel presented the AAUW Outstanding Female Athlete Award to senior Kacey Haire, while senior Luke Stern was named the 2019 recipient of the Paul Smarks Award, named after Paul Smarks, who coached in the Cass City School District back in the mid-1920s.

Haire has collected 10 varsity letters during her high school career in the sports of cross country, basketball, volleyball and softball.

A recipient of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Scholar Athlete Award along with fellow senior Layna Mathewson, Haire earned all-conference honors in each sport in which she has competed, including first team all-conference honors in volleyball.

Haire, named valedictorian of this year's graduating class with a grade point average of 4.0-plus, has been named an academic all-conference selection in each of her sports. Named to the academic honor roll throughout high school, she is president of the local National Honor Society (NHS) chapter and vice president of the student council executive board.

She was also named this year's Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year and was crowned homecoming queen.

### Paul Smarks Award

Stern has earned nine varsity letters in the sports of baseball, basketball and football, earning all-conference honors in both baseball and football. He was also a first team academic all-state selection in football.

Stern earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.88 and has been an academic all-conference pick in each of the sports in which he has competed throughout his high school career.

He has been an honor roll student in all four years of high school and is a member of the local NHS chapter.



**CASS CITY** Athletic Director Don Markel presents the 2019 Paul Smarks Award to senior Luke Stern during last week's annual Senior Honors Night.

## Cass City advances five to Division 3 State Final meet

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Caro, in the men's competition, and host Brown City, on the women's side, cruised to easy team championships Friday at the Division 3 track and field event.

The Tigers tallied 148 points to turn back runners-up Bad Axe and Marine City, both finishing a distant second with 83.5 points. Cass City posted a score of 40.5 to finish seventh in the team standings.

Still, for the Red Hawks, three thinclads – junior Justin Schaufele, sophomore Nick McArdle and freshman Dylan Halpin – were able to qualify for the elite State Final meet at Jenison High School slated for June 1.

Schaufele entered the regional as the top seed in the long jump and he didn't disappoint, winning the event with a new personal best leap of 20' 10 1/2". Also in the field events, Halpin took fourth in the high jump, but his height of 6' 0" was an additional qualifier for the State Finals, while McArdle, who entered the 3200 meter run seeded well out of the qualifying time of 10:07 - his previous best was a 10:30 and the top 2 seeds, Yami Albrecht from Caro and David Knarian from Bad Axe, have been unbeatable all season - ran the race of his life and took 28 seconds off of his previous best time running a 10:02 in the event, allowing him to be an additional qualifier for the State Final meet.

"The additional qualifiers (that must meet a predetermined standard) are allowed so that the best in the state will have the opportunity to compete at the State Final meet," explained Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski, noting that the top two finishers in each event automatically advance to the season ending meet.

Other individual medal winners for Cass City, awarded to the best eight finishers, had Brandon Witherspoon take eighth in the 800 meter run, Connor Herford taking eighth place in the shot put and Vaughn Severance taking eighth place in the high jump.

But it would be Halpin that drew praises from his coach following the meet.

"Dylan Halpin competed and medaled in all four events he competed in," Zdrojewski said, "He qualified for State Finals in high jump, finished fourth in the long jump, fourth in the 400 meter dash and was part of the eighth place 1600 meter relay team along with Witherspoon, McArdle and Alie Kalakoh."

McArdle also was a multiple in-

dividual medal winner for Cass City. He added an eighth place showing in the 1600 meter run, and capped an outstanding day running a leg on the 3200 meter relay that was eighth to the finish line along with Witherspoon, Gabe Farver and Lucas Swiderski.

"This was an excellent meet for our young team, the majority of state qualifiers are seniors, so having three underclassmen qualify is a great testament to where our team is heading in the near future," said Zdrojewski.

Turning to the women's field, Brown City held off fellow Greater Thumb Conference foe Reese 120-82 for team honors. Cass City finished eighth with 43.5 points.

"The streak is over! Not since 2013 has the girls' track program sent an athlete to the state meet," said Cass City Coach Adam Dorland, adding, "This year there are two state qualifiers for the Red Hawks. The highlight of the day came from Madison Beckrow,

who tied her personal record and was regional champ in the pole vault, clearing a height of 9'6". She is currently tied for fourth place heading into the state meet. And Hailey Schmotzer was not going to be denied in the 100 meter hurdles. She took second place overall after just missing the cut last year. I couldn't be happier for the girls who get to go and experience the state meet for the first time. This is an awesome accomplishment and the hope is to turn the state meet into an expectation for the girls' track program."

Other medal winners for the Lady Red Hawks were the 3200 meter relay team of Riley Copeland, Layna Mathewson, Mary Muter and Marla Muter, who finished third, while the 400 meter relay team of Mathewson, Schmotzer, Beckrow and Brittany Hamilton placed sixth.

Individually, Copeland was fourth in the 3200 meter run, Sierra Spry fifth in the long jump and Madison Ware sixth in the pole vault.



**BAD AXE'S** Sam Hass and Cass City's Nick McArdle, right, battle in the 3200 meter run at the Division 3 Regional in Brown City.

## GTW all-conference honors earned at USA High School

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

As expected, the Caro men and Reese women snagged Greater Thumb West team titles at Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School last week, where all-conference honors were also earned at the 7-school gathering.

Yami Albrecht and Nathan Furst each won three events for the champs that finished with 188 points, while Bad Axe and USA rounded out the top three team spots with 125 and 69 points, respectively. Cass City, with a score of 46, finished in fifth.

"For the Red Hawks, three athletes earned all-conference praises," explained Cass City Coach Jon Zdrojewski, noting the event winners are dubbed as first team all-conference performers, runners-up are second team all-conference performers and third

place finishers earn honorable mention recognition.

Cass City's Nick McArdle finished the 3200 meter run as a second Team all-conference performer, joining Dylan Halpin as a second team all-conference performer in the high jump, while Justin Schaufele earned all-conference honorable mention in the long jump by taking third.

The remainder of the Red Hawk individual scoring for the meet came from Anthony Boscaglia earning fifth place in both the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash, while in the long jump Boscaglia placed fifth and Dylan Halpin fourth. Nick McArdle finished in fifth place in the 1600 meter run, Jacob Shantz finished in fourth place in the pole vault, Vaughn Severance took sixth in the high jump and Connor Herford finished in sixth place in the shot put.

In the relays, Cass City's 3200 meter relay team of McArdle, Brandon Witherspoon, Gabe Farver and Lucas Swiderski finished in fourth place with a new season best time for the team of 9:21 and the 400 meter relay team of Boscaglia, Zac Brunke, Shantz and Alie Kalakoh placed fifth setting a new season record of 49.63.

Turning to the women's field, Reese, Bad Axe and Cass City finished at the head of the team listing with scores of 136 3/4, 86 and 80 3/4 respectively.

"Overall, it was a great day for the Hawks as we had four league titles and numerous personal records. Two years ago the girls were last in the league. Last season they were fourth and now they are third, so the program is headed in the right direction," said Cass City Coach Adam Dorland.

Improving on performances were Please turn to page 10.

# Cass City edges EPBP, rolls past Caro in GTW baseball twin bill wars

After squeaking out narrow wins of 4-2 and 4-3 early in the week against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (EPBP), Cass City made quick work of disposing of visiting Caro Friday to remain in control of the Greater Thumb West title chase.

Kendall Anthes tossed a one-hit shutout in the opener against the Tigers, striking out 11 in the 9-0 decision.

Cass City broke open a scoreless tie with four runs in the third inning and three runs in the fourth.

Hayden Horne and Tristan Swiderski each doubled for the winners, while Zack Beecher and Kenton Wiseman split four RBIs.

In the nightcap, Cass City jumped out in front 5-0 and rode the arm of Kenton Wiseman to the 7-1 win.

Doubles by Beecher, Sandyn Cuthrell and Luke Stern highlighted Cass City's 11-hit attack. EPBP

Looking for payback after suffering a mercy rule defeat by Cass City at the Millington tournament

in early season action, host EPBP came up just short.

Despite 15 strike outs and zero walks by hurler Anthes in the opener, the host Lakers actually scored solo runs in the second and seventh innings – the first markers allow by Anthes, one earned, one unearned, on the season - before surrendering 4-2.

At the plate, Cass City's high powered offense was limited to three hits, all by Wiseman.

The Lakers gave Cass City all they could handle in the late game as the hosts' 2-0 early advantage wouldn't hold up.

Tied at 3-3, Landon Schenk's walk-off knock in the bottom of the seventh resulted in a 4-3 decision that kept Cass City's Greater Thumb West record unblemished.

Stern was awarded the win in relief of Wiseman on the hill, needing just nine pitches to record the final three outs.

Horne with a double and Collen Wrubel with a pair of singles led the Red Hawks in the batter's box



CASS CITY seniors on the Red Hawk softball team were honored after Friday's twin bill with Caro. From the left are, DeeDee Haley, Jalene Krol and Kacey Haire. Missing is Brittany Hamilton.

# Lady Hawks knock off EPBP and Caro

Cass City remained in the hunt for the Greater Thumb West softball crown with sweeps over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and Caro last week.

Although the Red Hawks trail league-leading USA by a game in the loss column heading into the final weeks of the campaign, Coach John Hacker is delighted with his team's showings of late.

Against visiting Caro Friday, the hosts scored in the bottom of the sixth inning to prevail 2-1 in the opener and then hammered out an 11-5 decision in the nightcap.

Meredith Moore put Caro on the scoreboard first when she came home on an RBI single by Ashlin Murphy in the first inning, only to see Cass City answer in the bottom of the frame when Macey White doubled and scored on an RBI knock by Hailey Beckrow.

Neither team threatened to break the game open until the sixth inning when Caro's Kaytlyn Kunse advanced to third, but was thrown out at the plate on a throw from shortstop Beckrow to end the scoring threat.

Then in the bottom of the sixth, Beckrow came up big again as she belted a one-out triple to get things started and then scored on Abbey Salcido's game-winning RBI single.

Abbey Halabis scattered six hits and fanned eight to earn pitching honors, while Murphy suffered

the hard knock loss. The Caro ace had eight Ks.

In the late affair, the hosts plated seven runs in the third and never looked back.

Dawson Klein handled the mound duties for Cass City and her complete game showing featured six strikeouts.

At the plate, the winners had Kacey Haire, Halabis, Beckrow, Salcido and Jalene Krol with two hits each, while Klein clubbed a home run.

For Caro, Kunse delivered multiple hits, including a 2-bagger. EPBP GAMES

Earlier in the week, Cass City avenged an early season tournament loss against the Lakers, with wins of 10-8 and 4-1, on Tuesday.

In game two, Cass City trailed 1-0 entering the fourth inning, when Cass City's Brittany Hamilton scored after hitting a double to even the score. Then in the fifth inning, runs by Halabis and Haire extended the lead to 3-1, while Krol ended the scoring in the contest in the sixth to complete the sweep.

In game one, the Lakers built a 4-2 early advantage, but the visitors rallied with five runs in the fifth frame to earn the GTW victory.

Beckrow enjoyed a big showing at the plate with three safeties and four RBIs.

# Williamson shines for USA

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the Cass City 4x800 meter relay team of Riley Copeland, Layna Mathewson, Marla Muter and Mary Muter taking their time to 10:50 from 11:06 and winning a league title. Hailey Schmotzer lowered her 100 meter hurdle time to 16.95, which earned her back-to-back league titles in the event and Madison Beckrow jumped 9' in the pole vault, which allowed her to be a league champion. Finally, Riley Copeland won her second league title of the day in winning the 3200 meter run and improving her time to 13:13.

"Overall, the girls showed a ton of grit throughout the meet and raised the expectation for Red Hawk girls' track," Dorland said.

All-conference honorable mention praises went to Cass City's 4x100 meter relay team of Layna Mathewson, Hailey Schmotzer, Madison Beckrow and Brittany Hamilton and to Mary Muter in the 800 meter run and Sierra Spry in the long jump, all who placed third.

Highlighting the women's action was a perfect showing by sophomore Grace Williamson of USA. She won the high jump, 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes.

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**CASS CITY Junior-Senior High School Director of Bands Laura Curtis recognized several seniors with awards during last week's annual Senior Honors Night. They are pictured above (from left): Jared Blattner, Louis Armstrong Jazz Award; Shane Hoppe, Tri-M Music Honor Society senior member; Curtis; Jalene Krol, Harold Ferguson Band Award and Tri-M Music Honor Society senior member; Kayla Koepf, John Philip Sousa Award and Tri-M Music Honor Society senior member; and Kjersti Herrmann, Patrick S. Gilmore Award and Tri-M Music Honor Society senior member.**

## Senior band students recognized

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Cass City Junior-Senior High School's top senior band students took the spotlight briefly during the district's annual Senior Honors Night last Wednesday.

Laura Curtis, director of bands, recognized five seniors, presenting the coveted Louis Armstrong Jazz Award to Jared Blattner, the Harold Ferguson Band Award to Jalene Krol, the John Philip Sousa Award to Kayla Koepf, and the

Patrick S. Gilmore Award to Kjersti Herrmann.

In addition, Curtis recognized Shane Hoppe, Krol, Koepf and Herrmann for their membership in the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

According to Curtis, the John Philip Sousa Award honors the district's "most deserving band member each year. This award recognizes superior musicianship, leadership dependability, loyalty and cooperation — the qualities directors strive to develop in all

students.

"The Harold Ferguson Band Award is a local award that honors top band students in our Cass City Band Program," she said. "This award recognizes students who work above and beyond what is required of them in music. They are kind and generous students who are helpful and extremely talented. This award has become a symbol of musical and personal excellence."

The Patrick S. Gilmore Award, meanwhile, honors outstanding high school band students and their achievements and commitment to the band, Curtis continued, adding the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award "highlights the excitement and appreciation students are developing for jazz. This award is presented to our most outstanding jazz performer each year."

Curtis noted the Tri-M Music Honor Society is an international program dedicated to the recognition of exceptional music students that meet the music, academic, leadership and character criteria asked of every Tri-M Member.

"Tri-M is a program of the National Association for Music Education, which is the largest arts education association in the world. The Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter 8070 at Cass City High School was founded this past fall of 2018, and the founding members hope to continue promoting music education to our community each year," she said.

## Envirothon champions

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about \$4,000. Our registration fees are paid for by Michigan Association of Conservation Districts, but we need to cover travel expenses yet," she added.

"We're thankful to the Tuscola Conservation District and POET Biorefining, Caro, for the opportunity to participate in the regional and state competitions," said Battel, who noted the group took 10 students to the state Envirothon.

Of those 10, five are on the winning high school team, dubbed the "Phightin' Phragmites" and comprised of Addy Battel, Pearl Daskam, Anna Hill, Kirstin Mika, Cody McArthur and Tabbytha Sanchez. The younger team, which took the name "Stinging Nettles", is composed of students Dori Battel, Evelyn Daskam, Royce Daskam, Seth Mika and Mariana Sanchez.

Envirothon is a national contest in which participants learn about environmental topics and are tested on their knowledge in various subjects.

"They were tested on everything from identifying a bird by its call, to measuring the diameter at breast height of a tree whose species they had to name, to recommending a tree-planting plan to conserve energy around a home," Battel explained.

"Envirothon is really about critical thinking skills; not only being able to identify an aquatic invertebrate, but (also) being able to infer the quality of the water it lives in based on its presence," she noted.

The local students' journey to the championship began in the fall when the Cass City Homeschoolers, a group of 25 to 30 families that home-school their children, created an environmental skills class to learn about energy, wildlife, agriculture, soils and geology, aquatic ecology and forestry, according to Battel. She pointed out that various professionals volunteered their time to help the students explore each area hands-on.

"We netted aquatic invertebrates in the Cass River with Brett Riser and textured soil in a farm field with Michael Daskam," she said, noting both men are with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service - Huron County. Riser is a fisheries biologist and Daskam, a district conservationist.

"We tracked mammals at a state game area with Steve Schaub and measured trees with forester Anne Collins of the Tuscola Conservation District. We learned about soil judging with Bob Battel of MSU Extension and explored invasive species with Meaghan Goss of Michigan Sea Grant. Brad Essenmacher from Thumb Electric Cooperative taught us about energy and renewables. Later trapper Trent Dorland taught us how to identify mammals by pelts and skulls."

This spring the teens focused on another part of the competition — developing a community outreach project, and they opted to partner with the village of Cass City and Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy to create nature trails in the forest at the rear of Cass City Recreation Park, which will include doubling the disc golf course under the leadership of Rotary Club of Cass City.

"We're excited to work together as a community to create a lasting way for Cass City families and tourists to experience nature and enhance their environmental literacy," Battel said. "The students are finishing up mapping the trails and conducting a flora and fauna survey. Next they'll develop educational and way finding signs for the trail, to be installed in the fall."

"It's especially exciting that the judges loved their community outreach project — working with the village and others to create nature trails at the park," Battel continued.

"Their whole goal is to improve environmental literacy. When people understand nature, get outdoors and experience it, they want to protect it. It's exciting that a group of teenagers is taken seriously by adults working on a real project that will have a lasting effect on Cass City. Community service is always nice, but it means a lot to the young people to know they're helping develop nature trails that they'll be able to bring their own kids to explore someday."

Individuals, businesses or organizations interested in helping support the local students' trip to national competition can learn more, or arrange to have the students present a program on the nature trails project and their experiences, by contacting Battel at (989) 872-4794.

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## Village pool opening delayed

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The 43-year old pool facility has been undergoing multiple repairs and upgrades. To start with, the pool needed a new finish, new filter, installation of new floor tile and new fencing.

After opening last May, village officials were forced to close the pool briefly after swimmers complained of getting scrapes on their feet. The pool was drained, cleaned and some minor repairs done so it was able to reopen for the 2018 season.

Some of the work completed last fall after the pool closed included stabilizing the pool by repairing and re-plastering the pool walls, removing and reconstructing the concrete pad around the facility, replacing the cement, and replacing the sand filter and other mechanical components.

Also planned are additional repairs to the pool building, locker room upgrades, and the addition of some new lifeguard equipment.

Although this year's opening day has been delayed, it is expected that there will still be plenty of time to enjoy Tuscola County's only outdoor municipal pool.

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All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to ask questions or to make comments as to the application. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 at any time prior to the public hearing.

A copy of the proposed ordinance, Article #16 is available for review at Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine St., Cass City, MI and Elkland Township Hall by appointment.

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## “Capturing kids’ hearts” in 2019-20

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visits to Bay City Western.

According to the Flippen Group website, the key is engagement with all students in the educational environment in an effort that ensures no student slips through the cracks.

“Many of our students today come to school wearing invisible backpacks. They carry with them unreasonable expectations, stress from home, hunger, abuse, loneliness. We all know, and the research proves, that these items weigh heavily on students and can greatly impede their educational progress,” Flippen Group officials explain.

“We also know that if teachers can create a relational connection to students, or in Flippen Group terms, ‘Capture Kids’ Hearts’, performance goes way up, and behaviors greatly improve because kids want to be in school.

“Students are not the only ones with invisible backpacks. Teachers, staff, and administrators all have challenges they face as well. Some carry stress, overwhelming responsibilities, or unreasonable expectations of students and other staff members,” the organization’s website states. “When the Flippen Group helps build a school culture that is relational and tends to the social-emotional needs of students and educators, it’s proven that campuses, districts, and entire communities can be transformed. Kids want to be in classrooms where teachers know how to connect with them and make them feel valued.”

As a result, officials say, participating schools see decreased discipline referrals and increased student achievement, attendance and graduation rates, and teacher satisfaction.

The local teachers who recently underwent training in Grand Rapids say experimenting with the Flippen Group approach has provided them with a great deal of optimism.

“The looks on the students’ faces every day, waiting for the handshake, is priceless,” teacher Adam Dorland commented.

Teacher Christina Swiderski agreed. “Starting with just a few changes, it was clear to see that the atmosphere in class was already starting to evolve,” she said. “I can’t wait to see what happens when the whole process is implemented.”

### Budget, bond updates

Turning to other matters during

the regular monthly meeting, the board heard brief updates on budgeting and upcoming construction projects.

A host of capital improvement projects are set to get underway in the district, starting with eight days of demolition work set to start June 10.

As for district finances, Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba reported she expects the Cass City Schools to end the current budget year (June 30) with no major revisions.

Zimba says she plans to build a projected loss of 20 students into the 2019-20 budget. Cass City has lost a number of students since the last official state count in February. But the district is also gearing up to graduate its smallest class in memory, and a larger class is anticipated in the coming year, “So, I’m not worried,” she said. Zimba noted school officials are projecting a conservative per-pupil state funding increase of \$180 in the next spending plan, based on the low end of proposed funding hikes under consideration in Lansing.

In a related matter, Zimba requested – and the board approved – an annual resolution to borrow funding to cover cash-flow needs until state aid payments resume in the fall. The district will be borrowing \$700,000, down from the \$1 million borrowed last year.

### In other business

In other business Monday, the

board:

\*Approved a plan to opt out of participation in the General Education Development (GED) program offered through the Tuscola Technology Center.

Under the program, students who are struggling academically can complete their GED while also attending classes at the tech center. The cost to the local district is \$3,000 to \$4,000, according to Hartel, who pointed out only half of the 10 Cass City students signed up for the program this year completed the program.

The plan now is to provide the GED program in-house, with those students still having the option to attend classes at the tech center, he said.

Chad Daniels, junior-senior high school principal, explained the plan will cost roughly \$15,000, which includes the hiring of a new math teacher in order to enable another staff member to staff the alternative education program.

\*Accepted “with regret” the resignation of veteran educator Sean Zawilinski, a high school history teacher who has been with the Cass City Public Schools for 31 years.

\*Recognized three Cass City students – senior Shane Hoppe and juniors Kris Nika and Logan Severance – who were part of a Tuscola Technology Center team that finished fourth in the nation in a recent cybersecurity competition.

## Village awards bids

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water, sewer and trash collections fees – the newly passed ordinance is designed to regulate private wells.

The minimum monthly charge for water is \$21.44 with a base of 1,667 gallons, while the sewer base charge is \$31.83 for 3,333 gallons per month, and Emterra trash collection fees are \$12.32 monthly.

“This is one part of my job that I don’t like,” Village Manger Debbie Powell said of the need for shut-off notices.

However, non-payment of those accounts has become an expensive proposition for the village, reaching six figures in the past. Previously, if customers did not pay their water bill, the unpaid balances were rolled over into their property taxes.

“The user of the services will now be responsible for payment,” said Powell, noting that before, landlords were held responsible for non-payment of water use by their renters, even though they may have not been aware that the bills had gone unpaid.

At the same, Powell pointed out, receiving a shut-off notice offers an advantage to residents who are struggling financially.

“You can’t apply for assistance (to help pay) for those services without first receiving a shut-off notice,” she explained.

Turning to the regulation of water wells, according to Ordinance 185, “no person or entity shall install, construct, develop, maintain or use a water well within the village except under certain conditions.”

The exceptions include a water well used solely for the purpose of construction site dewatering or for conducting activities under a plan approved and permits issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; or a well lawfully in existence at the time of the ordinance; or a water well for new development when a water main is not located within 200 feet of the property.

If a well is not permitted, the owner of any house, building, or property used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purchase will be required to install suitable plumbing – most likely by connecting to the village sewer lines – on their own dime.

### Bids awarded

Several motions were approved following a presentation of the village’s 2018 audit. The largest bid awarded on the night went to Astec Asphalt, Brown City, in the amount of \$345,070 for 2019 street improvements in the village.

The projects include Hunt Street, from Huron Street north to Brenda Drive, and Hill Street, from Church Street to Dale Street. Also included in the bid is chip-and-fog seal work for several other streets.

L&T Painting, Shelby Township, was hired for repairs to the water tower totaling \$84,000. The maintenance work includes vent modifications, power washing, spot cleaning and recoating the exterior surface, plus interior epoxy repairs, and adding “Cass City” lettering to one side.

A motion to purchase a trench box from Efficiency Production, Mason, for \$8,684 also passed. The trench box is a six-foot by six-foot box that the DPW crew can use when they must enter a hole to fix a water main or sewer main. The boxes reduce the risk of a hole collapsing without shoring and shielding products.

Finally, work at the municipal building and at the Helens Stevens Memorial Pool was approved.

SPACE Inc., Midland, was contracted for an amount up to \$23,000 for capital improvement to the municipal building, including carpeting, signage, furniture and painting, while Beaver Tile and Stone, Saginaw, will be paid \$8,257 to install 1,904 square feet of floor tile at the pool.

### In other business

In other business, officials noted the village of Cass City has officially withdrawn from the Tuscola Airport Authority. The agreement was approved at the May 9 meeting of Tuscola Area Airport Authority Board and became effective the next day.

The council voted 6-1 in favor of resigning from the airport authority during its March meeting after multiple discussions were held focusing on the value of membership versus cost.

Cass City was a founding member of the airport authority, established in 1993, along with the then-village of Caro, village of Kingston and the townships of Elkland and Almer. Cass City officials have already paid their annual membership fee — \$9,160 — for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

The council rejected a motion to resign from the authority last year on a vote of 5-2, but the measure easily passed during the March meeting. Trustee Jenny Zawilinski cast the lone “no” vote, saying she had mixed emotions about the decision.

Also, the council unanimously approved a motion to amend the village’s 2019 fee schedule, waiving field usage fees for boys baseball and girls softball leagues, which have invested in several major upgrades over the years.



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 Christopher Harp  
**College/Future Plans:**  
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**Sponsors:**  
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**Mason Hartsell\***  
**Parents:**  
 Cole Hartsell &  
 Stazha Zophia  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Employment  
**Sponsors:**  
 Cass City Oil & Gas  
 Kranz Funeral Home



**Lukas Hayes\***  
**Parents:**  
 Kelli Callahan &  
 David Hayes  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 University of Michigan  
**Sponsors:**  
 Thabet Funeral Home  
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**Kjersti Herrmann**  
**Parents:**  
 Sterling Herrmann &  
 Lori Sanchez  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Empire Beauty School  
**Sponsors:**  
 Northwood Modular Homes  
 Knights Insurance Agency



**Shane Hoppe\***  
**Parents:**  
 Michelle & Jeffrey Hoppe  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Michigan Tech  
**Sponsors:**  
 MFB - Reggie Ignash  
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**Henry Janik**  
**Parents:**  
 Larry Janik  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Employment  
**Sponsors:**  
 Osentoski Realty & Auction  
 Dr. Thomas, DDS



**Alexandria Jaster\*\***  
**Parents:**  
 Bobbi-Jo & Gary Jaster  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Delta College  
**Sponsors:**  
 Michigan Farm Bureau  
 Reggie Ignash Agency



**Alie Kalokoh**  
**Host Parents:**  
 Renea & Tom Claerhout  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Return to Sierra Leone  
**Sponsors:**  
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**David Kile**  
**Parent:**  
 Amanda Kile  
**College/Future Plans:**  
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**Sponsors:**  
 Curtis Garber  
 Thumb Cellular



**Kayla Koepf\*\***  
**Parents:**  
 Rachael & Clem Koepf  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Alma College  
**Sponsors:**  
 MFB - Reggie Ignash  
 Thabet Funeral Home



**Salutatorian**  
**Jalene Krol\***  
**Parents:**  
 Jamie & Joseph Krol  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Cornerstone University  
**Sponsors:**  
 Northwood  
 Modular Homes  
 Harris & Company



**Hayden Larkin\*\***  
**Parents:**  
 Tana & Scott Shrader  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 SVSU  
**Sponsors:**  
 Dr. Thomas, DDS  
 ATBD



**Sidney Lintner\***  
**Parents:**  
 Kristine & Francis Lintner  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Western Michigan  
 University  
**Sponsors:**  
 Dr. Nahernak, DDS  
 Agri-Valley Services

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**Congrats Zack!**


**Zack,**  
**We are so proud of you!**  
**Love, Mom & Dad**



**Congrats!**  
**Dylan & Lexi Crase**

*Keep reaching for the stars. We are so proud of you. Congrats!*


**Love Mom, Ben & Landyn**



**Congrats Layna!**  
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**Parent:**  
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**College/Future Plans:**  
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**Sponsors:**  
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 All Season Sales & Rent-All



**Harlie Mallory\***  
**Parents:**  
 Brooke & Darryl Mallory  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 U.S. Army  
**Sponsors:**  
 Quaker Maid  
 Kelly & Company Realty



**Iskhak Mamutov**  
**Host Parent:**  
 Gail Smith  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Return to Kyrgyzstan  
**Sponsors:**  
 Thumb Insurance Agency  
 Cass City Chronicle



**Layna Mathewson\***  
**Parents:**  
 Melissa & Jeffrey Mathewson  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Central Michigan University  
**Sponsors:**  
 Harris & Company  
 Kranz Funeral Home



**William Mathewson**  
**Parents:**  
 Amy & Delbert Mathewson  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 U.S. Army  
**Sponsors:**  
 Knights Insurance Agency  
 Cole Carbide



**Lilly Maxwell**  
**Grandparent:**  
 Delores Garety  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Mott Community College  
**Sponsors:**  
 Hills & Dales  
 General Hospital  
 Dr. Nahernak, DDS



**Serigne Mbodji**  
**Host Parents:**  
 Darcy & Paul Guello  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Return to Senegal  
**Sponsors:**  
 Michigan Farm Bureau  
 Reggie Ignash Agency



**Christian Mellendorf**  
**Parents:**  
 RuthAnn & Mike Mellendorf  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Employment  
**Sponsors:**  
 Kelly & Company Realty  
 Cole Carbide



**Brianna Mester**  
**Parents:**  
 Amanda & Jason Mester  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Delta College  
**Sponsors:**  
 MFB - Reggie Ignash  
 Independent Bank



**Rebecca Morrish\***  
**Parents:**  
 Irene & Max Morrish  
 Jackie & Frank Shively  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Michigan State University  
**Sponsors:**  
 Knights Insurance Agency  
 Thumb Bank & Trust



**Jarod Naegele\*\***  
**Parents:**  
 Jodi & Jeff Naegele  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Ferris State University  
**Sponsors:**  
 Schneeberger's Furniture  
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**Makena Nulph**  
**Parents:**  
 Kyra Farrell & Aaron Nulph  
 Johannes Fleuren  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Northwest State  
**Sponsors:**  
 McDonald's  
 Dr. Thomas, DDS



**Cole Osentoski**  
**Parents:**  
 Daniell & Chris Osentoski  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Delta College  
**Sponsors:**  
 Osentoski Realty & Auction  
 Cass City Oil & Gas



**Anthony Pawloski\*\***  
**Parents:**  
 Dede & Chris Pawloski  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Michigan Tech  
**Sponsors:**  
 Kelly & Company Realty  
 Bartnik Service



**Orsolya Pleban**  
**Host Parents:**  
 Barbara & Chris Graff  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Return to Hungry  
**Sponsors:**  
 Knights Insurance Agency  
 Kranz Funeral Home



**Parker Rosebrugh**  
**Parents:**  
 Deborah & Ray Rosebrugh  
 Brandi Beckner  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Apprenticeship  
**Sponsors:**  
 Knights Insurance Agency  
 All Pets  
 Veterinary Clinic

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Kacey Jane,  
 We are all so proud of you and what you have accomplished during your school years in Cass City. Keep reaching for your next set of goals, and enjoy every minute of it.

We love you! ~Mom & Dad

*Congrats Cole!*

Wishing the best future for you Coley, you always beat me playing Monopoly and Life. God will guide your path in the real game of Life.

Love you,  
 Grandma Lola

Thomas James Harp

Congrats & LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN

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**College/Future Plans:**  
 Delta College  
**Sponsors:**  
 Thumb Bank & Trust  
 Knights Insurance Agency



**Shahrom Saidahmadzod**  
**Host Parent:**  
 Bernadette Cain  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Return to Tajikistan  
**Sponsor:**  
 Cass City Chronicle



**Hailey Schmotzer\***  
**Parents:**  
 Shawn & Candi Schmotzer  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Central Michigan University  
**Sponsors:**  
 Kreeger & Deitering Family



**Kyle Schneeberger**  
**Parents:**  
 Jalaine Schneeberger  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Ohio Tech  
**Sponsors:**  
 Schneeberger's Furniture & Appliances



**Ghazi Shawish**  
**Host Parents:**  
 Renea & Tom Claerhout  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Return to Jordan  
**Sponsors:**  
 ATBD  
 McDonald's



**Stephanie Skiles**  
**Parents:**  
 Laurie & Jason Skiles  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Delta College  
**Sponsors:**  
 Hills & Dales  
 General Hospital



**Lucas Stern\***  
**Parents:**  
 Amy & Josh Stern  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Michigan State University  
**Sponsors:**  
 Rolling Hills Golf Course  
 MFB - Reggie Ignash



**Savina Terpe**  
**Host Parents:**  
 Darcy & Paul Guello  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Return to Germany  
**Sponsors:**  
 Healthcare at Home  
 Cass City Oil & Gas



**Taryn Thornton\*\***  
**Parents:**  
 Hope & Duncan Thornton  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 SVSU  
**Sponsors:**  
 Infinity Hair Salon  
 Dr. Thomas, DDS



**Tressa Warren**  
**Parents:**  
 Vicky Warren & Michael Clor  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Continue Education  
**Sponsors:**  
 Thumb Cellular  
 MFB-Reggie Ignash



**Race Woloshen\*\***  
**Parents:**  
 Ronald Woloshen  
**College/Future Plans:**  
 Michigan Tech  
**Sponsors:**  
 Copeland Insurance Agency



**Kelly Ziegler**  
**Parents:**  
 Kimberly & Al Dadacki  
 Charney & Scott Ziegler  
**College/Future Plans:**  
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