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Planners give Ben's green light; grocery could open in weeks

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

More than 4 ½ years after the owner of Erla's Food Center closed the doors to Cass City's only grocery store, officials say local residents will soon be able to do their grocery shopping in town once again — maybe in a matter of weeks.

The Cass City Planning Commission approved the site plan for what is expected to be called Ben's Fresh Neighborhood Market during a special meeting last week.

The new business will be housed inside the former Erla's Food Center building at 6233 Church St., which has been undergoing extensive renovations on and off for months.

About two dozen residents attended Tuesday's 35-minute meeting. In the end, the planning commission unanimously approved developer Jim Zyrowski's site plan for the new business, which will be part of Zy-

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Cass City ranked among nation's top third schools

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The latest U.S. News and World Report's annual Best High Schools rankings place Cass City Junior-Senior High School near the top among Thumb area schools based on factors measuring schools' success in serving students and preparing them for success.

The publication, considered a global authority in education rankings, last week released its 2019 Best High Schools list — a new, revamped edition of the rankings, providing the most comprehensive evaluation of America's public high schools ever produced by U.S. News, with more than 17,000 schools nationwide ranked numerically — up from last year's 2,700 schools.

"Our mission with the Best High Schools rankings has always been to educate families about the schools in their district," said Anita Narayan, managing editor of Education at U.S. News. "By evaluating more schools than ever before, the new edition expands that focus so all communities can see which schools in their area are successfully serving their students — including historically underserved populations."

In addition to expanded national rankings, U.S. News released expanded rankings for all eligible public high schools in each state, as well as the best charter schools and best magnet schools.

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Richards pleads in stabbing

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City man charged in the stabbing of an acquaintance in Cass City last summer has pleaded no contest to three felonies in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Cal Bradley Richards, 32, entered the pleas last week to charges of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder, which carries a penalty of up to life in prison or any term of years; and tam-

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CHILD ADVOCACY Center of Tuscola County Director Kathleen Sweeney is pictured above at the Caro-based facility with Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, who says the center has had a significant impact on the lives of young victims of sexual and serious physical abuse in the county, as well as on the ability of law enforcement officials and prosecutors to put perpetrators behind bars.

Wanted: superheroes to support county's youngest abuse victims

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Kathleen Sweeney is looking for a few good superheroes. You needn't possess super powers to apply — just a pair of running/walking shoes and a willingness to participate in a fundraiser that will benefit Tuscola County's youngest victims of sexual and physical abuse.

Sweeney is executive director of the Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County (CACTC), which will be hosting its sixth annual Superhero Run Friday, May 31, to raise funds to help support the CACTC.

"One Time, one Place, one Person: Superheroes Making a Difference" is the theme of the scenic 5K walk and run, which was moved up a week this year to coincide with the 30th annual Cars and Crafts Show in downtown Caro May 31-June 1, in order to offer everyone plenty of family-friendly activities (see details and registration informa-

tion in related story).

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non-profit. We have a few grants we have been awarded, but they seem to keep whittling down," she added.

The CACTC is one of 33 centers that are part of the Children's Advocacy Centers of

Superhero walk/run set May 31

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Michigan network, each providing a coordinated response to child abuse allegations and conducting forensic interviews with

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SUE NEMETH has been with the Kingston Community School District for 35 years, including 25 years as kitchen manager at Kingston Elementary School, here school officials estimate she has prepared roughly 1.3 million lunches over the course of her tenure.

Lunch lady

Sue Nemeth honored as Kingston Elementary's chief cook, bottle washer for the past 25 years

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You'll have to pardon Sue Nemeth if she looks a bit worn out by late afternoon. After all, she's in charge of serving up nearly 600 meals a day — not to mention a heaping helping of love — to youngsters at Kingston Elementary School.

And the numbers add up. After 25 years on the job, school officials figure Nemeth has served roughly 1.3 million lunches alone during her tenure in the cafeteria.

It's a milestone that was recently recognized by the Michigan Department of Education and the School Nutrition Association of Michigan, which presented her with a certificate recognizing her years of dedication.

Nemeth, who also goes by "the lunch lady," "Miss Sue" and — more formally — kitchen manager of the Kingston Elementary cafeteria, has actually been with the district full-time for 35 years, following in the footsteps of her parents.

Her mom was a secretary at the old high school for several years, and her father worked as a janitor/maintenance man for Kingston Community Schools.

"I just started part-time in janitorial — here and there when they needed me," she recalled.

That was in 1980. Later, she took on full-time work, wearing any number of hats. She ran copies for teachers, worked in kindergarten classrooms, supervised on the playground and, of course, spent time helping out in the cafeteria, where she was a ticket-taker (before computer technology took over) and table washer.

Nemeth got her first taste of cafeteria work as a youngster. "I worked in the cafeteria kitchen in the sixth grade. Back then we (students) were able to come in and help, and the lady I worked for — she was like a second mom," she said.

Nemeth later settled into the job of managing the cafeteria. And while she's single, she never

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Huron suspect nabbed in boat damage

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies have arrested a suspect in a nearly three-year-old case involving vandalism and theft totaling thousands of dollars.

"Back on June 12, 2016, our office investigated an incident that involved several thousand dollars of damage being done to a 1974 24-foot Sea Ray boat. This occurred in a shed on Verona Road in Port Austin Township," Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said last week.

"Boat owner Troy Kosinski of Port Austin reported that among

the numerous acts of destruction, several holes were drilled in the boat's hull, floor, engine and gas tank. Several hundred dollars of fishing equipment and a GPS were also taken.

"The total damage far outweighed the uninsured boat's value, making it a total loss," Hanson added, noting evidence was gathered at the scene and the owner offered a \$2,000 reward for information related to the crime.

"Approximately 60 days ago, information was received that a suspect had been talking about the incident to others, and our deputies followed up on it. In the

process, witnesses were identified and statements were given by them," the sheriff said.

Officers were able to secure a two-count felony warrant charging Travis M. Kosinski, 39, of Port Austin, with breaking and entering warrant with intent to cause damage, and larceny.

Hanson said Kosinski was subsequently arrested and booked into the Huron County Jail. He also appeared in Huron County District Court, where he was formally arraigned and then released after posting a \$500 bond.

His next court date has yet to be scheduled.

National, state school rankings released

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Narayan explained the 2019 rankings take a "holistic approach" to evaluating schools, looking at six factors: college readiness, reading and math proficiency, reading and math performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates.

She noted the college readiness evaluations were based on participation and performance on advanced placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams.

The individual state rankings list a total of 650 junior-senior high schools in Michigan.

Area school rankings

Cass City Junior-Senior High School was ranked at 198th overall in the state and finished in the top one-third of the national rankings at 5,540th out of the 17,245 schools reviewed across the nation. The report lists the district's AP exam participation rate at 17 percent and its graduation rate at 92 percent (based on an enrollment of 284). Nearly 40 percent of the junior-senior high school students are considered to be economically disadvantaged.

Among Tuscola County school districts, Unionville-Sebewaing Area was the only high school ranked higher than Cass City, finishing at 132nd.

Other county schools and their state rankings are: Akron-Fairgrove Junior-Senior High School (437th), Caro High School (209th), Kingston High School (374th), Mayville High School (listed among districts ranked 457th-650th), Millington High School (326th), Reese High School (284th) and Vassar Senior High School (listed among districts ranked 457th-650th).

Other upper Thumb districts recognized in the rankings were Uby Community High School (342nd), Marlette Junior-Senior High School (236th), Bad Axe High School (205th), Harbor Beach Community High School (248th), Laker High School (listed among districts ranked 457th-650th), Crosswell-Lexington High School (145th) and Sandusky Junior-Senior High School (244th).

Also in the Thumb region, Frankenmuth was listed near the top of the statewide rankings at 29th.

Cass City Junior-Senior High School previously earned national recognition as a top-performing school in the U.S. News and World Report's 2017 and 2018 Best High School reports, including a ranking of 120th in Michi-

gan last year.

However, the study's authors emphasized that this year's results cannot be compared to the previous years' rankings.

In short, explained Robert Morse, chief data strategist at U.S. News, the new methodology assigns weights to six factors and then produces an overall score on which the ranking is based – compared to the previous methodology, which involved a four-step process in which the final step used college readiness as the sole basis to determine a school's numerical rank.

"We enhanced the methodology to provide an even more comprehensive ranking that is easier to understand and, therefore, more useful to parents and educators," Morse said. "Now, each school's score correlates to its national percentile – a school with a score of 70 is in the 70th percentile and ranks higher than 70% of schools. Going forward, this methodology will allow for intuitive comparisons of a school's performance year after year."

The Best High Schools rankings are available on usnews.com and include data on a variety of factors, such as enrollment, student diversity, participation in free and reduced-price lunch programs, graduation rates and the results of state assessments.

More than scores

Cass City School officials indicated they're pleased with the local district's listing in the new Best High Schools rankings, which come in the wake of other reports pointing to Cass City's gains in improving academic achievement.

Last year, for example, the results of the SAT college entrance exam taken by last year's high school juniors – this year's seniors – revealed the Cass City High School Class of 2019 posted the highest composite score among all neighboring school districts in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

The district's younger students, meanwhile, topped both county and state average scores in nearly every subject and category on the standardized M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) exam.

"It always comes back to how we did locally among other schools in the area," commented Cass City Schools Supt. Jeff Hartel. He along with high school Principal Chad Daniels noted Cass City has consistently demonstrated significant academic achievement levels in various studies and school ranking reports.

"But this is about more than taking the tests; we're looking at the whole child, and some of (these reports) reflect that," Hartel said, adding that focus includes striving to ensure every student's nutritional needs are being met through its backpack and food service programs.

And, aside from targeting academic achievement, he explained, the Cass City Public Schools has integrated an aggressive career/college readiness program that includes a required Senior Seminar class – unique to Cass City – that covers topics ranging from independent living and personal finances to successfully navigating college life or directly entering the workforce.

The district employs a full-time nurse, social worker and dean of students (college and career guidance counselor) and offers older students special programming that exposes them to important issues such as suicide prevention and the dangers of sexting, he added.

That multi-faceted approach to preparing kids for life after high school graduation is why Hartel is quick to dispute suggestions that Cass City's educational focus is on teaching students to pass standardized exams.

The district is required to follow the Common Core curriculum, and if you're doing that well, you're going to do well on the M-STEP and the SAT testing, Hartel said.

Richards pleads

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pering with evidence and lying to a peace officer, each punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a maximum fine of \$5,000.

Richards has remained jailed since his arrest. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered following his pleas last week, his bond was continued at \$500,000 and he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

The case stems from a late-night confrontation that turned violent July 19 between Richards and another man. Richards allegedly stabbed the victim multiple times.

The assault took place just after 11 p.m. in the area of Pine and Brooker streets. Police said the confrontation took place in the street, and that the two men knew each other.

Richards felt the victim had allegedly taken something that belonged to him months prior to the assault, according to reports. Police said alcohol was involved in the confrontation, which escalated until Richards allegedly pulled out a small folding knife with a three-to four-inch blade and stabbed the victim multiple times in the upper torso – in front and behind.

The victim, identified only as a 37-year-old Cass City resident, was transported to a hospital where he underwent surgery and went on to recover from his wounds.

Richards' girlfriend, Ashley Elizabeth-Michelle Smith, 31, of Cass City, was also charged in the case in circuit court and has since been convicted and sentenced to 365 days the county jail.

Smith, who pleaded no contest to two counts of lying to a peace officer conducting a violent crime investigation, was also placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,026.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Editor

It's vital to stay on top of vaccinations

The worst measles outbreak in 25 years in the United States has national and state health officials again urging families to protect themselves by ensuring their immunizations are up-to-date.

Between Jan. 1 and April 26, more than 704 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 22 states, including Michigan – the largest number of cases reported in the nation since 1994 and since measles was declared eliminated in 2000, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Routine childhood immunizations protect children from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases by the age of two. During the recent National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials reminded Michiganders to make sure their children are fully vaccinated on time for the best possible protection from these serious diseases.

Vaccination is one of the most successful and cost-effective public health achievements. Globally, vaccinations prevent two to three million deaths each year.

Measles is a very contagious disease caused by a virus. It spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Measles starts with fever. Soon after, it causes a cough, runny nose and red eyes. Then a rash of tiny, red spots breaks out. It starts at the head and spreads to the rest of the body.

Measles can be prevented with MMR vaccine. The vaccine protects against three diseases: measles, mumps, and rubella. The CDC recommends children get two doses of MMR vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12 through 15 months of age, and the second dose at four through six years of age. Teens and adults should also be up-to-date on their MMR vaccination.

The MMR vaccine is very safe and effective. Two doses of MMR vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles; one dose is about 93% effective.

CDC officials say measles outbreaks are typically the result of an increase in the number of travelers who get measles abroad and bring it into the U.S. (measles is still common in many parts of the world, including some countries in Europe, Asia, the Pacific and Africa), and/or pockets of low-vaccination coverage that allow the disease to make a resurgence.

The majority of people who get the measles were unvaccinated.

This year's outbreak includes 43 confirmed cases in Michigan as of mid-April – the most cases in a year since 1991.

“Now more than ever, it is important to make sure Michiganders, especially children, are up-to-date on all recommended immunizations,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. “Vaccines are safe and effective, and the best way to protect yourself against diseases like measles, hepatitis A, whooping cough and influenza.”

In an effort to help parents protect their children from serious vaccine-preventable diseases, MDHHS participates in the I Vaccinate campaign. I Vaccinate provides the facts parents need to make informed decisions about vaccinations. For more information about immunizations and the I Vaccinate campaign, visit IVaccinate.org.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

The real truth behind Godzilla



As I write this column, the scene from the 1992 movie, “A Few Good Men”, by Rob Reiner plays in my mind.

It's the scene where Col. Nathan R. Jessep (played by Jack Nicholson) shouts, “You can't handle the truth!”

Back when I started being a journalist, I always had a mini-Godzilla close by. At first my scaly green buddy sat beside my typewriter when I used to write on a card-table in a hallway in the old farmhouse that was a makeshift office.

As my career expanded to include freelance writing for nine newspapers and two radio stations, I upgraded to a drop-leaf table and an office chair from a garage sale in the corner of the guest bedroom. My Godzilla was by my computer.

In the 1990s when I became a staff writer, “Zilla”, as I started to call him, also made the transition to sit on top of my office computer.

Even now that I'm semi-retired and back to being a freelance journalist, Zilla is still close by.

Over the years, I've been asked many, many times why I had a toy Godzilla on my desk. My standard response was just that I like his movies, which was partly true. I've seen every Godzilla movie ever made, several times.

The truth — if you can handle the truth — is that Zilla was part of a college writing assignment, and he was part of my kids' childhoods. My two sons were also big Godzilla fans when they were little.

As part of a writing assignment back when I was attending Jordan College when it was in Cass City, the teacher had us each write down on slips of paper a who, a what, a where and a when to put in bowls. Each student had to draw a slip of paper from each of the four categories. The Who I drew was a “boy named Davey.” The What I drew said Godzilla. For the Where category, the slip said woods, and the when was the 1950s.

From that jumble of clues, I wrote a short story about a boy named Davey who went hunting in the woods with his dog. The boy ended up accidentally shooting himself. As the boy waited to die, he talked to his dog about his memories, the love for his mother, how sorry he was for doing such a stupid thing as shooting himself. As the boy reminisced, he told his dog about how he and his mother would say to each other, “love you like Godzilla,” which also was a saying with my family to say how much we loved each other because we all loved Godzilla.

Anyway, in the story, the dog stayed by the kid's side long after his master had passed away. It took a search party several days to find the boy and his dog. As soon as the search party finds Davey, the dog dies also to protect his boy so he doesn't fall from the clouds when he is an angel (I know; sappy, right?).

The story got the attention of my creative writing teacher, who said I was very talented but that only a very few writers can make a living writing short stories or books. She directed me towards being a freelance writer for newspapers.

Also, the night before I had to have a C-section for my youngest son, there was a Godzilla marathon on television. As I watched Godzilla's son, Godzuki, try to breathe fire but could only blow smoke rings, I

cried big time because I was an expectant mother. As the late commentator Paul Harvey would say, that's “the rest of the story.”



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

This year the local Lion's Club collected \$1,492.71 during their recent annual White Cane Fundraiser. The money donated during the 2-day drive – held at the corner of Main and Seeger streets - is used for programs that assist blind and other visually impaired people in Michigan. Cass City Lions have raised more than \$11,000 in the past year to support numerous projects such as Eversight Michigan (eye bank), Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Bear Lake Camp as well as eye exams and eye care for local residents in need. In addition to eye care, funds are used to support local projects, scholarships to high school seniors and numerous local activities, according to Lion's Club Treasurer Eric Brown, adding, More than 80 years ago, Lions Clubs began using white canes with a red band to assist the blind in achieving independent mobility. Today, a white cane universally acknowledges that the bearer is blind. White Cane Laws are enacted in every state and in many other countries, providing blind persons a legal right-of-way when traffic is present.

Pheasant hunters soon may be finding and harvesting more pheasants afield in the state, thanks to a Michigan Pheasant Hunting Initiative that will involve the release of rooster pheasants over the next two seasons in state game areas across the southern Lower Peninsula.

The areas selected for those releases include the Minden City State Game Area in Sanilac County.

The Michigan Legislature passed Public Act 618 of 2018, which appropriated \$260,000 from the general fund to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a pheasant release program during the fall of 2019 and 2020.

“This legislation was made possible through the partnership of the Michigan Pheasant Hunters Initiative and Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC),” explained Amy Trotter, executive director of MUCC.

“Releasing pheasants on state game areas was widely supported among our membership through our grassroots resolution process and was one of the recommendations made by the blue-ribbon advisory group charged with the responsibility to examine the uses of southern Michigan state game areas. The group recommended elevating small game hunting as a management output for state game areas.”

The pheasant releases will be divided into two periods: October-November and December.

“A limited number of roosters will be released at each site throughout the pheasant hunting season in an effort to reinvigorate pheasant hunting in Michigan,” said Al Stewart, DNR upland game bird specialist. “In addition to increased hunting opportunities, folks will have the chance to put a delicious meal on their table.”

Stewart said that the initiative partners hope hunters take advantage of these additional pheasant hunting opportunities in the southeastern and southwestern regions of the state, and that includes exposing a new generation of hunters to the thrill of Michigan pheasant hunting.

The pheasant releases are happening in partnership with the Michigan Association of Gamebird Breeders and Hunting Preserves. Association members will release birds on a weekly basis at designated game areas.

“We are pleased to have the opportunity to partner with the Michigan DNR on this project,” said Lyle Jaworski, president of the Michigan Association of Gamebird Breeders and Hunting Preserves. “One of the goals of the hunting preserves and gamebird breeders is to help maintain and expand pheasant hunting in Michigan.”

Pheasant hunting in Michigan is opened for male pheasants only with a two-bird daily bag limit. In zones two and three (Lower Peninsula), pheasant hunting is open Oct. 20 through Nov. 14 and in select portions of Zone Three Dec. 1 through Jan. 1. In select areas of Zone One (Upper Peninsula), pheasant hunting is open Oct. 10-31.

Pheasant hunters will need a free pheasant/sharp-tailed grouse endorsement on their hunting license. Anyone hunting pheasants will need this endorsement except those hunting pheasant only on hunting preserves.

This free endorsement will help to identify the number of pheasant and sharp-tailed grouse hunters in Michigan. It also will allow the DNR to survey a sample of these hunters to get their input about the management of this important bird species, as well as on possible changes for the 2020 release strategy.

Sportsmen can learn more about small game hunting opportunities in Michigan by visiting the website Michigan.gov/Hunting.

Letters to the Editor

Nice Twice volunteers closing door on project

Editor,

In 2009, Dolly Misch and Linda Derfny started “Nice Twice”, a small service project to provide young women with the opportunity of obtaining suits for job interviews. With donations of gently-used clothing from the community, they worked out of a room at the United Methodist church.

The inventory grew and, within a year, they outgrew the space. Jim Kranz offered several rooms at the back of the former funeral home building downtown where Nice Twice continued. When Linda left town after retiring from the Cass City Public Schools, I agreed to help out in her place.

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Thursday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 11

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

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

- Crafty Ladies Group, 1-4 p.m., Common Grounds (next to Revive). Bring a crafting project to work on. Call 989-551-7803 for more information.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.
- Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gageton.
- Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Saturday:

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

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

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

Second Monday:

- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
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Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Sunday:

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

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Third Tuesday:

- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121

- Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

Third Wednesday:

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

Third Thursday:

- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.

- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

- Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Third Friday:

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

Third Saturday:

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

Fourth Monday:

- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).

- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

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

Fourth Wednesday:

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

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

Last Wednesday:

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

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Thumb school officials mulling over state snow day legislation

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Although Michigan lawmakers recently approved legislation forgiving an additional four missed snow days, Jan. 29 through Feb. 1, Thumb school officials are not rushing to further revise their calendars.

One of the reasons for the delay is the fact that House Bill 4206 still needs Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's signature. Another stems from calendar adjustments already implemented by school officials in most area districts.

"I don't get too excited about news like this. If and when Gov. Whitmer signs the bill, I will have a discussion with my board of education before making any final decisions on the direction the district will take," said Owen-Gage School Supt. Terri Falkenberg.

Owen-Gage Schools racked up 14 missed days due to snow storms and icy roads.

Under Michigan law, school districts are allowed six canceled days due to circumstances beyond their control such as severe storms, fires, illness outbreak, power outages and water or sewer failure. Districts can also petition the state for three additional days, but they must show a need for extra time along with the inability to reschedule missed days later in the school year.

Although Falkenberg requested and was approved for those additional days, that was not enough to meet state requirements – the district was still five days short in meeting the minimum number of

hours and days required by the state for instruction.

At this point, Owen-Gage's last day of school will be June 14, according to Falkenberg, who noted the last day would have been set even later if the state had not approved a waiver last year to start classes three days before Labor Day.

Previously, schools were required to start the school year after Labor Day.

"I like the overall intention of the bill — it was not our fault that so many days were cancelled due to severe weather — but I have concerns about hourly employees losing out on wages when these days are forgiven," said Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel. "We will look at other ways for hourly employees to make up some or all of these wages if at all possible."

The Cass City Public Schools has missed 13 days because of the weather this year.

Rather than wait to the end of the school year, local school officials started making adjustments in February to help offset missed days. Instead of having Feb. 18 off as scheduled, it was used as a full day of classes. And, although there was no school scheduled for May 24, the plan approved back in February changed those plans by scheduling a half-day of classes.

That might change now depending on what the state does.

Hartel also has concerns about losing so many instructional days.

"Will all the curriculum get taught by teachers and mastered by students? If not, what is missed and what affects will it have on fu-

ture learning?" he questioned. "We will do what the state allows us to do and move on and hope for milder weather next winter."

Kingston School Supt. Matt Drake is also taking a wait-and-see approach.

"I don't know where the 'four days' comes from. I thought it was going to be three or two days," said Drake, who previously sent letters out to district residents outlining two different scenarios.

"In one scenario, we made up four days — without forgiveness for the state of emergency days. In another (scenario), we made up two days taking into account forgiveness for two state of emergency days," Drake explained.

"I will wait and see what finally happens. We have been watching this situation since January," he said. "I did not have a plan for four forgiveness days."

The Kingston School District missed 13 days because of the weather.

Drake says he's grateful for having been able to start the 2018-19 school year before Labor Day.

"Kingston was scheduled to get out of school on June 7 this year, but if we have to go an extra week, it will put us back to where we had gotten out of school historically," he noted.

Students in the Ubyly Community School District missed 10 days because of the weather this past winter.

State law requires school districts to provide at least 1,098 hours of instruction per year during a minimum of 180 days of classes.

Victim in fatal traffic crash identified

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies last week identified the victim in a single-vehicle traffic crash south of Cass City as 22-year-old Logan Raymond of Cass City.

The accident was reported at about 6 a.m. Monday, April 29, on Cemetery Road near Shabbona Road in Novesta Township.

Sheriff's department investigators determined that Raymond was driving northbound on North Cemetery Road when he lost control of his vehicle, which entered

the east ditch and struck a downed tree, coming to rest on its side.

Raymond was a 2015 Cass City High School graduate. His funeral services were held Friday at the Novesta Church of Christ.

A complete obituary appears in this issue of the Chronicle.

Deputies seeking driver who fled after crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sheriff's deputies are looking for the driver of a pickup truck who fled the scene of a two-vehicle crash Sunday night in Tuscola County's Arbela Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent reported officers responded to the corner of Bray and Barnes roads at 6:42 p.m.

"They found two vehicles overturned near the intersection. A 60-year-old female driver from Mount Morris was seriously injured," Skrent said. "She had been alone in her Ford Ranger truck, traveling southbound on Bray and was struck by a driver in a Chevy Silverado that had failed to yield at the intersection of Barnes Road while traveling westbound."

Witnesses reported the driver of the Silverado helped the woman

out of her vehicle and then fled into the field.

"The Tuscola County K-9 was called and tracked the suspect over a mile, finding some drops of blood along the way," Skrent said. "However, the track was lost in water. Other attempts were made to find the driver but failed. Follow-up is being conducted on the crash and the report will be turned over to the prosecutor's office for review and charges."

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Justin L. Fountain, 41, Mayville, was sentenced to 23 months to seven years in prison following his pleas of no contest to five counts of using a computer to commit a crime and six counts of accosting a child for immoral purposes between Sept. 1 and Sept. 28 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$938.

*Calvin A. Keeley, 35, Saginaw, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, following his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Jan. 7 in Denmark Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on probation for 24 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Joshua W. Cook, 36, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of no contest to receiving and concealing stolen firearms and possession of a firearm by a felon between

May 19 and May 29 in Vassar 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 \$1,326.

*Randy E. Dibble, 67, Deford, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following his conviction on 10 counts of possession of a firearm by a felon and one count of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Nov. 3 in Kingston Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time and probation, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,688.

*Shane L. Trisch, 44, Caro, received a three-month delayed sentence following his conviction on a charge of possession of marijuana or synthetic equivalent, second offense, Nov. 3 in Fremont Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling 758.

*James A. Leeseberg, 50, Mikado, pleaded no contest to two counts of fleeing and eluding a police officer and one count each of assaulting, resisting or ob-

structing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor March 3, 2018, in Denmark Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$200,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Stephen T. List, 21, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering – entry without breaking – with intent to commit larceny Sept. 14-16 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was set at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jerry J. Erla, 34, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, second offense, July 2 in Caro.

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

*Zachary S. Ellis, 24, Vassar, was sentenced to seven days in jail following his pleas of no contest to two counts of unlawful use of a motor vehicle Aug. 21 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$875.

Reporter's notebook

Our mothers are amazing, right?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Life is full of disappointment; lost opportunities, broken relationships, poor decisions, plans that never pan out, even hard work that doesn't pay off in the end. And people — people can be the biggest disappointment of all.

But not mothers.

I'm 57, but I still marvel when I recall my own childhood. My mom's willingness to sacrifice for her children seemed to know no bounds, and with all she had to do, somehow mom always found time for each of her children. She also had this scary knack for always knowing when I had gotten into mischief. It was a gift matched only by an endless supply of forgiveness.

Her presence, alone, was enough to make me feel secure, regardless of the craziness this world can throw at a kid. Even when she wasn't feeling very secure herself — and there were many of those times, including a cancer diagnosis and a broken marriage — mom never let on that there was anything to worry about.

I've been married for more than 37 years now, but my wife, Deb, also never ceases to amaze me as a mother.

When our kids were young, she was always on top of immunizations and doctor's appointments, parent-teacher conferences, school fundraisers, band concerts (dates, times, places) and trips. Meals were prepared before and after she worked a full-time job, not to mention laundry, grocery shopping, clothes shopping, etc. Seemed like she was also always reminding me of my appointments, and on and on and on.

The kids grew up knowing that, if they had a need — anything from a last-minute sewing repair to a ride to a friend's — mom would be there. What they probably didn't know is how often Deb would do without so their needs (and mine) would be met.

That's the way good moms are, you know? They never hesitate to sacrifice for the good of their children.

By always being there, Deb offered our daughters a wonderful example of how to be good moms, too.

They grew up with a mother who was a master at multitasking — carrying on a conversation while simultaneously keeping an eye on dinner, settling an argument between two siblings while reading to a third youngster. Funny how moms never appear to seem bored even after reading a child's favorite book to them for the gazillionth time.

Same goes for grandmothers, who also don't seem to mind helping a youngster putting the same giant puzzle together time after time.

Of course, Deb is still the consummate mom. Sure, her days of fixing school lunches and picking out school clothes for the kids are long gone, but she's still always there for them, whether that means forking out a few bucks, helping them look for an apartment or simply being on-call 24/7, phone in hand, when they need a little advice or simply a word of encouragement.

It seems inadequate to set aside just one day to recognize mothers, especially when the moms in our lives deserve to be honored — at least in some small way — just about every day.

And we should, not because of all they do, but because of who they are.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2014)

For Cass City resident Lena Maleck, family and friends are some of the most important things in life. Maleck, who has lived in Cass City all her life, has three children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She loves to treat her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with something special when they come to visit, and go outside and play with them. "My children and my family, they are my priority," she said. "I try to have a care package waiting for them when they visit." Because her children do not live in the area, Maleck doesn't get to see her family all the time, but it is nice when she does. For Mother's Day, one of her sons visited and took her out to eat in town. During the summer, one of Maleck's favorite hobbies is to spend time outside. Among the activities she enjoys is working in her yard. "One of my favorite things to do is go and take care of my lawn," she said. "I don't have a garden, but I like to go and mow the grass." Maleck said she loves living in Cass City, and would not change a thing about it. She said it is a safe and friendly town, and a nice place to live. "I've been in it so long, I like it just the way it is," she said.

10 YEARS AGO (2009)

Stephen Roemer has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for April. During his high school career, Roemer has been a member of the basketball team for 2 years, the baseball team in his junior year and the golf team all 4 years. He was also a member of the Owen-Gage bands, including pep and marching band, during the first 3 years.

It was no surprise the Cass City golf team won its 4th Greater Thumb West Jamboree Friday at Scenic Golf and Country Club. Nobody, however, would have thought it would be Red Hawk Aaron Bader leading the way with a dandy round of 38 to post medalist honors on the Pigeon course. "Aaron posted his first score in the 30s in a league meet," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski. Adding, "The team is scoring very well and this is the time of year we need that with districts and regionals only a couple of weeks away."

Charles H. Volz, CFP, a financial representative with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, has qualified for the organization's prestigious Summit Circle for 2008 achievements. In order to qualify for the Summit Circle, Volz demonstrated outstanding sales and service to members. Volz, of Cass City, is with Thrivent Financial's Michigan Regional Financial Office, and serves Lutherans and their family members in the surrounding communities by providing financial guidance and solutions to help them achieve their financial goals. Fewer than 200 of Thrivent Financial's 2,600 financial representatives qualified for the Summit Circle. Volz has been with Thrivent Financial and its predecessor organizations for 16 years and has been recognized for his performance 12 times.

25 YEARS AGO (1994)

Kenneth Micklash, 11, of Cass City, made the Dean's Honor List for the fall term 1993 at the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

Jeffery Bader, of Decker, has been named recipient of the "Student Employee of the Year - Honorable Mention" award at Spring Arbor College. Bader is a senior at the college, majoring in Christian ministries. He is the son of Robert and Shirley Bader of Decker. To qualify for this award, student employees are evaluated for their reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism and

uniqueness of contribution.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hill entertained at a birthday dinner in honor of their son Adam's 7th birthday Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hill and family of Ruth, Mrs. Marjorie Patterson Kellin of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Schroder of Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer.

Mrs. Allen Farrelly entered Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City Monday.

35 YEARS AGO (1984)

Emma Pauline Witkovsky, daughter of Karl and Donna Witkovsky of Cass City, was born May 3 at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe. She weighed seven pounds and one ounce and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witkovsky of Caro and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Berry of Goldsboro, N.C. Her great-grandmother is Mrs. Zetta Witkovsky of Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Campbell of Wayne were Friday overnight guests of Mrs. John Dubey in Bay Port and spent the week end with Sara Campbell and Harry Edwards. Other Saturday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Campbell.

Irene Murphy of Port Austin and Reynold Tschirhart spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin and family in Lake Orion. Other Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Bukowski. The occasion was in honor of Laura Deachin, who took her First Holy Communion at the 8 o'clock mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lake Orion Sunday.

Persistence paid off for Eddie Hauch of Fenton, who sold 240 candy bars, the most of any student at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School. Eddie's great-uncle is Earl Markel of Cass City. His parents are Ed and Jolene Hauch. The candy bar sale was sponsored by the Tomek-Eastern Parent Teacher Organization, with proceeds used to buy playground equipment.

40 YEARS AGO (1979)

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Whittenberg went to New Boston Sunday. They brought back her father, Theo Hendrick, who had spent two weeks with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwell Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keller of Snover and Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Stine announce the engagement of their children, Roxanne Keller and Ivan Stine. Roxanne is a 1977 graduate of Ubyly High School and is employed at General Cable in Cass City. Ivan is a 1976 graduate of Cass City High School and is employed at Cass City Crop Service. A Nov. 24 wedding is planned.

Suzanne Little was the recipient of the Harold Ferguson Memorial Award from band director Thomas Clair during the "Evening With the Arts" program Monday evening at Cass City High School. She was selected as the outstanding senior band member by her fellow band members. A piccolo player, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Little of Kelly Road.

50 YEARS AGO (1969)

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McComb of Detroit and Mrs. Glen McClure arrived home Sunday evening from a three-week trip to California. They left April 12 and attended the wedding of Paul McComb and Miss Lauren Wagner in Chicago. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manley McComb of Caro. They spent a week at LeMoore, Calif., visiting Jerry McComb and family and while there visited Disneyland. Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McComb, serving in the U.S. Naval Air Force. They also visited their brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Crawford in Arizona.

An early Mother's Day gathering for Mrs. Lawrence Buehrly and Mrs. Dale Buehrly was enjoyed by the family Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buehrly, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buehrly and children, Don Buehrly and Miss Esther Buehrly had dinner at Frankenmuth.

A Decker man placed in pony races Sunday, May 4, at Emmett sponsored by the Blue Water Pony Trotting Association Milton Erard, Decker, won the 3rd division with "Dusty" who is owned by Erard Animal Research Farm. Driven by Bryce Erard, "Dusty" placed first in Children's Race "B."

75 YEARS AGO (1944)

One of the loveliest weddings of the year was the one uniting in marriage, Miss Isabel M. Bradshaw, daughter of Mrs. S. A. Bradshaw and the late Dr. Bradshaw, of Cass City, and Lt. Patrick R. Whelan, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Whelan, of Tobyhanna, Pa. The wedding took place Saturday evening, May 6, at Camp Grant, Ill., in the post chapel which was fittingly decorated with baskets of flowers and candelabra. Only close relatives and a few friends of the couple attended the rites. The double ring service was used with Chaplain Schneider officiating.

A program, honoring Mrs. Chester Graham, incoming president of the East Central district of the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs, was given Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Walter Schell by the Cass City Woman's Study club. About 60 were in attendance. Mrs. M. E. Vender gave a fine talk on "Japanese relocation Work" and music was presented by Miss Marilyn Pomoroy of Caro, a student of piano under Mrs. Lucy Lee of Cass City. Mrs. A. J. Knapp, with a few well-chosen words, presented Mrs. Graham with a gift from the club. Mrs. Graham responded in a fitting manner.

First Lt. Harry B. Wentworth, who has been stationed at Willow Run, telephoned his aunt, Mrs. Wm. Patch, Monday that he was leaving at midnight for Fort Worth, Texas. His new address is 1st Lt. Harry B. Wentworth, A. F. E. R. C., Texas and Pacific Bldg., Fort Worth, Texas.

100 YEARS AGO (1919)

Earl Pringle has safely arrived from overseas and so was fortunately not engaged in any battles, the armistice being signed four days before his regiment arrived. Mrs. Pringle was formerly Miss Mary Lewis of this place. Their home since Mr. Pringle's return will be in Detroit.

Arthur Randall of Lansing, who has recently returned from overseas, came Monday to visit his sister, Mrs. John Spurgeon, and brother, Chas. Randall, and other relatives.

At 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Mrs. Matt Parker thought that their incubator which is in a small room at the rear of the Parker farm residence 1½ miles west of town needed more heat and she turned up the flame of the incubator lamp. At six o'clock, she detected a peculiar smell and soon found it issued from the incubator room. She found everything in the room covered with soot and the lamp all ablaze. She promptly threw the lamp out of doors where it exploded. Two hundred two little chicks were found sprawling in the incubator, looking more dead than alive. Mrs. Parker succeeded in resuscitating the little fellows and all are enjoying the happiness of chickenhood.

M. F. Rittenhouse had a birthday Monday and in celebration of that event invited twenty friends to an automobile ride to Ubyly in the evening. He supplied conveyances and they all responded enjoying upon their arrival there a few hours of dancing and a generous supply of refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee.

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Child advocacy center easing trauma for youngest victims

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victims of child sexual and serious physical abuse, all referred by law enforcement agencies, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services officials or the county prosecutor's office.

In the Thumb, Sanilac County also has a child advocacy center. Huron County does not, but the Tuscola County center has shared its services and resources over the years.

The advocacy center in Tuscola County opened its doors in March 2013, and by December of that year, had conducted forensic interviews with 135 children. In 2014, that number rose to 223.

And business continues to be brisk. In fact, Sweeney describes the numbers as staggering. As the center's only certified forensic interviewer, she conducts all of the interviews — a total of nearly 280 last year, most with victims ages three to 17, and this year's count has already topped 100 children and youth so far.

Studies have shown that one in 10 kids will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday.

The average age of abuse victims in Tuscola County is eight, according to Sweeney, an educator who has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in early childhood education. She has also undergone ex-

tensive training in forensic interviewing through the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), as well as in working with those with special needs.

Sweeney explained the CACTC was established with the goal of serving as a place of hope for young victims from Tuscola County, most of whom have been abused sexually and might not otherwise say anything about the crimes committed against them — without intervention, she noted, 75 percent of child victims generally will not disclose such information until they're adults.

In a nutshell, the CACTC, located in Caro, provides a safe, child-friendly place for kids to make difficult but truthful disclosures one time, in one place, to one specially-trained person.

The center provides a "coordinated response" to child abuse allegations in the form of a multi-disciplinary team consisting of prosecutors, law enforcement representatives, a victim advocate, Child Protective Service workers and mental health service providers.

Sweeney and Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene say child advocacy centers have changed the face of dealing with child sexual abuse, both in terms of reducing trauma to the victims and in quickly apprehending the predators responsible for these crimes.

Before child advocacy centers, young victims were expected to repeat their stories to different professionals over the course of weeks or months, resulting in an uncoordinated response that left the child and their family feeling alone, confused and further traumatized, and making it difficult for investigators to obtain a clear picture of what happened.

In contrast, child advocacy centers utilize a specially-designed process that spares the child the unnecessary pain and trauma of traveling to intimidating offices and retelling their story over and over again, Sweeney said. She explained the centers are designed to be a child-friendly place where a child can feel safe talking about what happened to them. There, the youngster is interviewed one-on-one, giving their statement once while members of the center's multidisciplinary team observe the interview out of sight utilizing technology such as a close-circuit video feed.

In some cases, the victim may not be allowed to return home, and the center staff is prepared to provide them with clothing and various "comfort items" to ease the trauma of being removed from their familiar surroundings in order to protect them.

In Tuscola County, Reene pointed out, Sweeney shoulders a great deal of responsibility as not only the center's director, but also the lone forensic interviewer. She's also in charge of providing free informational presentations in the county's public elementary schools in an effort to promote awareness of sexual and physical abuse and their symptoms among students, educators and parents.

Sweeney's work as a forensic interviewer is complex and involves a great deal of attention to detail. "When you talk about an interview, it's a very time-consuming process," Reene said, adding the interview itself is preceded and

followed by additional discussions of each individual case. "There's no cookie-cutter approach to the interviews."

The center's work has had a significant impact on the investigation and prosecution of perpetrators, Reene said, because the end result has been a reduction in the time it takes to secure and corroborate information. And time is of the essence.

"Anytime you have a case of this sort, if the investigation doesn't move along quickly, evidence is lost," he said. "If we don't move the investigation along, there's always the opportunity for the perpetrator to commit more crimes" and/or flee the jurisdiction.

"The ultimate objective is to make sure the child is safe, and make sure we do everything correctly," Reene added.

Beyond investigation, child advocacy centers provide support and treatment to child survivors of abuse. Statewide last year, the centers provided therapy to more than 3,000 children and referrals to community partners for 4,700 more kids.

Before Tuscola County established its own child advocacy center, victims along with representatives of all the agencies involved in their cases were forced to travel to a facility in Lapeer, which soon found itself inundated with victims from Tuscola County. The distance added to the cost and time necessary to resolve those cases and get local victims the assistance they need.

Which is why every dollar raised to keep the local advocacy center open for business is money well spent, Reene said.

"This center is the biggest change (law enforcement has seen). It's had the greatest impact and done the most good," he added. "It gets the child to a safe environment, and then you have accountability for the perpetrators, and as a result, fewer victims."

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Superhero walk/run May 31

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The walk/run will kick off at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Harvest Coffee and Deli at 157 N. State St. Awards will be presented to the overall and master winners, with medals presented to the top three finishers in each of several age groups, ranging from 12 and under to 60-plus. There will also be a costume contest for those 14 and under and 15 and older.

The registration fees for participants 13 and older (kids 12 and under participate free) is \$25 by May 20 and \$30 if paid between May 21 and race day. Registration can be completed online at <https://childadvocacycentersuperherorun.itsyourrace.com/register> or by sending a check payable to CAC of Tuscola County along with a registration form to: Superhero Run, CAC of Tuscola County, P.O. Box 47, 429 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723.

Sweeney noted sponsors are especially needed for the fundraiser, because their generosity largely accounts for the funding used to help cover operating expenses for the child advocacy center, which plays a unique role in the apprehension of criminals who sexually and physically abuse children and at the same time provides support for Tuscola County's youngest victims.

Sponsorships include gold (\$500), silver (\$250) and bronze levels (\$100), but donations in any amount are welcome. Individuals and groups interested in sponsoring the 5K walk and run are asked to contact Sweeney by Monday, May 20, at (810) 610-8071 or via email at tuscolacac@aol.com.

Planners approve Ben's site plan

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rowski's Thumb-based Ben's Supercenter store chain. The local planning board previously approved a site plan that included zoning adjustments related to Zyrowski's proposal to incorporate a drive-through for an in-store branch of Frankenmuth Credit Union. However, Zyrowski says the credit union has since opted not to be part of the new store.

Planning commission Chairman Russ Biefer said residents raised some questions during the special meeting, but there were no significant concerns related to Zyrowski's proposed store design.

"It actually looked pretty good," Biefer added. "The plans looked nice, and it's going to be a really nice facility."

Biefer said the project has been delayed due to an issue with Detroit Edison, but that utility officials and Zyrowski have worked that out and the renovations have been given the green light to proceed.

Zyrowski indicated work on the store could be completed as early as mid-June.

"That's what we're planning on," he commented following the meeting. "We're definitely happy with that (site plan approval) and we're looking forward to getting this done. We're going to be going full-bore now."

Zyrowski, owner of the Ben's Supercenter stores in Marlette and Brown City, purchased the former Erla's building in the fall of 2015 and has been in the process of renovating and upgrading the 20,581-square-foot structure for the past year.

He has acknowledged the project has taken longer to complete than expected, largely due to the age of the building, which was constructed in 1948 and renovated in 1993. Work crews have virtually gutted the building's interior, replacing everything from the floors to the plumbing throughout the structure.

When renovations are completed, the store will actually yield one-third more space than when Erla's was open because the area previously devoted to meat processing will now be used for the grocery and specialty sections of the new business, according to Zyrowski, who has estimated his investment in the project at roughly \$2 million.

Aside from a full line of groceries, the new business will feature a full-service deli offering chicken along with other lunch and dinner entrees — a bakery and sitting area to drink coffee, a hardware section and pharmacy.

News briefs

Kingston's Sue Nemeth honored

Daley lauds snow day bill

LANSING — State Sen. Kevin Daley (R-Lum) Thursday voted in favor of legislation that would give flexibility to schools that missed more than the nine allotted snow days during this winter's harsh weather. The State School Aid Act requires each district to provide at least 180 days and 1,098 hours of pupil instruction. The first six days or the equivalent number of hours that students are not in the classroom due to snow days or other weather or natural emergencies are waived and included as hours of instruction. Schools are also currently allowed to request credit for up to three more snow days with state superintendent approval. House Bill 4206 amends the act to allow schools, for 2018-19 only, to request that the Department of Education approve up to four more days when school was not in session if those days occurred during a governor-declared state of emergency (Jan. 29 through Feb. 1).

Donate care items for youth

CASS CITY — Officials with Thumb Area Companions have launched a drive in an effort to help local youth avoid feeling insecure about their personal care during the summer months, when personal care items may be limited at home. The group is collecting donations of shampoo/conditioner (any size), soap/body wash, combs/brushes, toothpaste/toothbrushes, and deodorant. Donations may be dropped off at Copeland Insurance Agency, Angel's Hair Studio, Health Care at Home, Knight Insurance Agency, the Cass City Municipal Building, Thumb Area Psychological Services and McDonald's. The items will be distributed to students only Thursday, June 6, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Common Grounds (next to Revive Ministries), 6400 Main St., Cass City. More information is available by contacting Chris Turner at (989) 551-2678 or Dawn Woidan at (989) 872-2855.

Food, finances workshop set

CARO — The Tuscola County Veterans Affairs Office has partnered with the Tuscola Technology Center to present a Food and Finances Financial Literacy Workshop Wednesday, May 15, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro. The workshop will focus on finances and financial planning, with participants learning tips on how to better manage their money. Topics will include understanding take-home pay/income, establishing a realistic budget, living within means/being a conscious consumer, credit card use and balancing a checkbook. The event will include food, door prizes and giveaways. Residents can register for the event by calling (989) 673-8148 or sending an email to vets@tchd.us. Those planning to attend are asked to register by Wednesday, May 8.

Ugly improvements planned

UBLY — Lighting, street and park improvements are being planned for the village of Ugly. The village will be working with DTE to take out old posts and hanging lights and replace them with new "cobra-head" poles and LED lighting. The estimated cost of the project is \$21,240. The energy savings from the changes is expected to pay back the cost in a little over a year and a half. Also on the improvement agenda are streets, and village officials have determined there are five local streets that need attention first. Slated for upgrades in 2020 are: Franklin Street, from Clem Street to Hamilton Street; Hurford Drive, from Schrader Street west; Murphy Street, from Main Street to Hamilton Street; Bingham Street, from Garfield to the end; and Pike Street, from Union Street to Hund Street.

Cooking for crowds coming up

CASS CITY -- Michigan State University Extension will host its net "Cooking for Crowds" class Tuesday, May 21, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library. The class is designed for organizations or groups that prepare food for the public, and covers topics such as planning, purchasing, storage, preparation and serving food properly to avoid food-borne illnesses. The cost is \$10 per participant which includes a 115-page course manual. Pre-registration is requested and can be completed by calling MSU Extension - Huron County at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602).

Blood drives slated in Thumb

THUMB — The American Red Cross needs donors to give blood and platelets throughout the year, including May, designated Trauma Awareness Month. To accommodate busy schedules, residents can make appointments to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Upcoming blood drives in the Thumb include events set for Monday, May 13, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Ugly Heights, 2409 E. Atwater, Ugly, and from noon to 5:45 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 503 State St. Caro.

Free fishing weekend in June

MICHIGAN — There's no shortage of recreational opportunities to explore in the Great Lakes State, and there's no better time than the annual free fishing weekends. The 2019 Summer Free Fishing Weekend will be Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9. As part of the free fishing weekend, all fishing license fees are waived for two days, with residents and out-of-state visitors invited to enjoy fishing in both inland and Great Lakes' waters for all species of fish during their respective open seasons. All state fishing regulations remain in effect.

Boating safety class Thursday

TUSCOLA COUNTY — Michigan summers bring a wide variety of opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, including boating season. Michigan Law requires a boating certificate for those who were born after Dec. 31, 1978, and those 14-years or older are required to have a boater's safety certificate to legally operate a personal water craft. The Tuscola County Sheriff's Marine Division will host a free boater safety class from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Richville Conservation Club, 3270 W. Sanilac Rd. (M-46), which is located between Sheridan and Washburn roads. The class is free and a free lunch will be provided. More information is available by calling the sheriff's department at (989) 673-8161.

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lacks when it comes to being surrounded by children. "I'm married to my job, pretty much. When someone asks me how many kids I have, I say, 'Around 300,'" she joked. Her school days start early. "I'm here by 6, and a lot of days, I'm still here at 3. Some days it will be longer," said Nemeth, who begins the morning by opening the kitchen, starting coffee for the staff and preparing the day's list of things-to-do for herself and her staff of three. "I do the menus and I do the ordering, inventory — just sort of manager stuff. "We feed 336 for breakfast," Nemeth noted, adding the number includes kids from the Cardinal Center (daycare) and Head Start programs along with students in grades kindergarten through sixth. "We average around 255 for lunch. We do sack lunches for field trips, too." Nemeth said her job has changed significantly over the years. Gone are the days when menus and shopping lists were scribbled down in a notebook, which has been replaced by computer logs containing records of what has been served to how many kids, leftover amounts, inventory lists, orders for food distributors, staffing, etc. Nemeth, who has undergone training to keep up with skills such as records production and workplace management, says the cafeteria also undergoes a state audit (inspection) every three years. The business of nutrition has also evolved, with state and federal guidelines forcing school officials to closely monitor their offerings with an eye on reducing fat and salt in meals. It's a challenge for cafeteria crews everywhere, acknowledged Nemeth, who says she strives to mix up her menu — introducing different fruits and vegetables, for example — and at the same time continue to offer some old favorites, such as reduced-fat pizza with whole grain crusts. The key, of course, is providing nutritious foods that taste good and will be accepted by the kids. However, "it's hard to make them eat healthier here if they don't at home," she added, noting student favorites, aside from pizza, include chicken nuggets, chicken tenders with mashed potatoes, and submarine sandwiches,

which are also a hit with the staff. Although it can be a grind, especially for someone who has been on the job for many years, Nemeth says she isn't ready to hang up her apron just yet. "I'm kind of starting to look at it — retirement. I'll be 61 next fall and I think about it at 5:30 when I roll out of bed," she said. "But...I don't see it real soon." For now, Nemeth still enjoys sharing the load with her co-workers, and looks forward to seeing the youngsters in her charge at mealtimes. "Seeing the kids coming through the line, especially when it's something they like, and they're excited," she said. "We love seeing the kids every day, interacting with them and getting to know their names." Nemeth is the sort of employee whose quiet contributions make a real difference year in and year out, according to Kingston School Supt. Matt Drake. "She's just a very positive person in the community," he said of the Kingston native, a former medical first responder with Kingston Fire and Rescue for 28 years before retiring about 18 months ago, and an active member of the Kingston Lions Club since the early 1990's, currently serving as treasurer. Drake added, "She cares about the kids and she's a real asset to the community."



NEMETH, PICTURED above with Kingston School Supt. Matt Drake, was recently honored by the Michigan Department of Education and the School Nutrition Association of Michigan for her quarter century of service to the district.

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Village of Cass City - Ordinance No. 186

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF CERTAIN VILLAGE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

The Village of Cass City ordains the approval to

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter VII, Section 4 of 1895 P.A. 3, as amended by 1974 PA 67 and 1998 PA254 and 1998 PA 255 (M.C.L. 67.4, M.S.A.A. 5.1288), the council of the Village of Cass City determines to make a private sale of the real property described on the terms and conditions herein set forth to Richard Patera, as purchaser.

2. Acceptance of Preliminary Agreement. The written offer to purchase dated January 9, 2019 and signed by the purchaser is accepted and the village president and village clerk are authorized and directed to sign the preliminary agreement on behalf of the village and to take the necessary steps to perform the obligations of the village. The officers and their successors in office are further authorized to sign contracts and deeds of conveyance as may be required pursuant to the preliminary agreement upon fulfillment of the preliminary agreement. The earnest money paid by the purchaser shall be deposited by the village treasurer for the account of the village pending closing of this sale.

3. **Description of Land.** The land hereby authorized to be sold is described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING IN AND A PART OF THE WEST ½ OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 4, T13N-R11E, NOVESTA TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN. DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH ¼ CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE S02°37'01" E PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH-SOUTH ¼ LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 877.96 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE CASS RIVER; THENCE S86°29'22"W ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF THE CASS RIVER, 159.01 FEET TO THE NORTH-SOUTH ¼ LINE OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE N02°37'01"W ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH ¼ LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 875.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS PARCEL CONTAINS 3.2 ACRES OF LAND, SUBJECT TO EASEMENT, RESTRICTION, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY RECORD.

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and more particularly described on attached Exhibit "1" which is incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, the Cass City Village Council entered into a purchase agreement with Rich Patera (hereinafter "Purchaser") to sell the above-referenced property to the Purchaser for \$27,285.00 and intends on closing for the sale of the property to occur on or before **May 31, 2019**; and

WHEREAS, being duly informed and advised, the Cass City Village Council has decided to authorize **Deboria Powell**, Village Manager, to attend the closing and execute the warranty deed and any other documents to complete the closing on behalf of the Village of Cass City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass City Village Council hereby makes a record of its decision to authorize the Village of Cass City's sale of the above-referenced property to Rich Patera for \$27,285.00, and for the closing to occur on or before May 31, 2019. The Cass City Village Council further hereby makes a record of its decision to authorize Deboria Powell, Village Manager, to attend the closing and execute the warranty deed and any other documents to complete the closing on behalf of the Village of Cass City.

A resolution to adopt Ordinance # 186, amending the Village of Cass City Code of Ordinances:

was offered by Trustee Piskowski and supported by Trustee Ball.

AYES: Delamarter, Ball, Herron, Kirn, Leeson, Piskowski, Zawilinski

NAYS: None

ORDINANCE # 186 declared adopted / not adopted.

After publication, this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Dan Delamarter
President, Village of Cass City

Attested by:
Nanette Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Cass City

Androl, Fritz top O-G class

By Tom Montgomery
Editor

Owen-Gage School officials recently announced the top seniors in the district's Class of 2019.

They are Jade A. Androl, daughter of Eric and Samantha Hunt, valedictorian, and Megan M. Fritz, daughter of Randy and Debbie Fritz, salutatorian.

Androl, who will graduate with a cumulative grand point average of 4.0, was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) in her sophomore year and currently serves as the chapter's treasurer. She's been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year and has been on the honor roll throughout high school.

Androl has been the president of her class and a member of student council in her freshman, junior and senior years, and represented Owen-Gage as a Huron County Youth Advisory Council member through her high school career. She has also been a cheerleader and a member of the band all four years, participating in the Tri-County Honors Band each year.

Androl has been a homecoming representative and was a queen candidate in her senior year. She has been a member of the yearbook staff since her sophomore year, as well as a member of the PAC (Post-secondary Action

Council) Squad. She served as the PAC Squad vice-president last year and this year serves as president. As a junior, she was on the prom committee.

For the past two years, Androl has been dual-enrolled through Mid-Michigan Community College.

She has participated and volunteered at many church, school and community events, including Thumb Area Community Theatre, vacation Bible school, blood drives, Lions' Club breakfasts, elementary school events and tutoring, and senior citizens' luncheons.

After graduation she will attend Central Michigan University, majoring in biology with plans to continue her education as a pre-med student.

Fritz graduates with a near-perfect grade point average of 3.98. She has been very active in sports throughout her high school career, playing basketball and softball all four years, volleyball the past three years, and running cross-country her freshman year. She was a cheerleader each year and has been a member of the band throughout her high school career.

As a sophomore, Fritz was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the NHS, and as a senior served as the chapter's historian/publicist.

Fritz has been on the honor roll each year as well as a member of

the 3.0 Honors Club. She has held the following offices during high school: class representative to the student council (freshman), class secretary (sophomore), class vice-president (junior), and student council treasurer (senior). As a freshman, Fritz was a class representative for homecoming and as a senior, she was elected homecoming queen.

Fritz has been a member of the yearbook staff since her sophomore year, served on the prom committee last year and was also named prom princess. She has also been involved in the Youth Advisory Council, Post-Secondary Action Council and the Innovative Vehicle Design Team.

Fritz has attended the Huron Area Technical Center for the past two years, enrolled in the architecture, engineering and design program as a junior, and in the cosmetology program as a senior.

Fritz has volunteered for a host of school and community events, including Lions' Club breakfasts, blood drives, senior citizens' luncheons, Lunch with Santa at the Caseville Eagles Club, planting flowers in Elkton, running the scoreboard for junior high sporting events at Owen-Gage, and helping with several elementary events throughout high school.

Her future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University in the fall to pursue a career in business.



Jade Androl



Megan Fritz

Library to host author Hodges May 18

Rawson Memorial District Library officials recently announced Michael Hodges, author of "Building the Modern World: Albert Kahn in Detroit", will pay a special visit to the Cass City library for an afternoon of first-rate storytelling, book signing and question-and-answer session with guests.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, starting at 1 p.m.

Industrial architect Albert Kahn was a giant in Detroit's heroic age, the visionary who invented the humane "daylight factories" that helped birth both modern manufacturing and modern architecture.

Hodges' program will review Kahn's local legacy, his vigorous defense of Diego Rivera's "Detroit Industry" murals against attack, and his role in helping the Soviets beat the Nazis in 1941-42.

Hodges, the fine arts writer for The Detroit News, is visiting Rawson Memorial District Library in conjunction with the Library of Michigan's 2019 Michigan Notable Authors Tour. His book focused on Kahn's legacy — his second illustrated work on architecture — was recently honored by the Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, as well as being named a "notable book" by the Library of Michigan. His first book

was entitled "Michigan's Historic Railroad Stations".

This year, 20 authors whose works were chosen as 2019 Michigan Notable Books selections will visit 50 libraries throughout the state.

"It's a literary treat to have Michael Hodges in our community, sharing his captivating work with our friends and neighbors in such an open, accessible way," said Kate Van Auken, director of Rawson Memorial District Library. "Michigan is home to some of the best stories and storytellers found anywhere in the country. An author of his caliber here, in our library, will make it an afternoon to remember."

"Again this year, Michigan Notable Books delves into wonderfully diverse topics and offers something of interest for just about everyone," said state Librarian Randy Riley. "The tour offers the opportunity for book enthusiasts in many corners of the state to join in the conversation about what constitutes great writing and to hear from some of the Great Lake region's most beloved authors."

Riley noted the Michigan Notable Books project is designed to promote reading and raise awareness of Michigan's literary heritage, with the program annually

selecting the most outstanding books published in that year — titles that reflect the state's diverse ethnic, historical, literary and cultural experience.

Rawson Memorial District Library has been serving Cass City and the surrounding townships for more than 100 years. The library's mission is to provide quality materials and services that fulfill educational, informative, cultural and recreational needs for the entire community in a welcoming atmosphere.

More information, including details regarding Hodges' upcoming visit, are available by calling the library at (989) 872-2856 or by visiting the library's website at www.rawsonlibrary.org. Rawson Memorial District Library also has a Facebook page.



A SELECT group of students representing the North Central Thumb League schools was recently honored at a luncheon in Sandusky featuring guest speaker Mark Uyl, Michigan High School Athletic Association executive director. The students, recognized for their grade point averages and SAT scores, included Owen-Gage students (from left) Carlee Rievert, Jade Androl and Megan Fritz.

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Cass City women's track team wins for first time since 2016

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Competing with a rare full roster, the Cass City women's track team finished as the runner up in the small school division, and fourth overall, at Friday's Reese Rocket Invitational.

Croswell-Lexington was the easy winner with a score of 319, and was followed in the team standings by Reese with 203 points and Bad Axe with 140.

"This was the first meet in over a month we're full strength and we were able to win three events," said Cass City Coach Adam Dorland.

Leading the way for the Lady Red Hawks – they tallied a team score of 122 – at the 12-school event was Madison Beckrow, Hailey Schmotzer and Sierra Spry.

It was no surprise that Beckrow won the pole vault with a jump of 9' and Schmotzer won the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.68. But, a pleasant surprise was turned in by sophomore Spry in the long jump as she bested the competition by jumping 15'2".

Other individual medal winners for Cass City were Madison Ware, who finished fourth in the pole vault, Schmotzer fourth in the 300 meter hurdles and Riley Copeland

sixth in the 3200 meter run.

Also bringing home medals on the day was the Red Hawk 3200 meter relay team of Copeland, Layna Mathewson, Mary Muter and Marla Muter that finished third with a time of 11:34.

UBLY INVITE

At the Uibly Invite, held earlier in the week on Tuesday, Cass City earned a share of the title with 89 points.

"The girls earned a share of first place in the 6-team invitational. We tied with Harbor Beach for the invite title, which marks the first girls track title at any event since 2016," Dorland said, adding, "We were still without our best hurdler and this invite doesn't host the pole vault which is one of our team strengths. Everyone helped in the win and I couldn't be more proud of our squad."

Rounding out the team scores were Uibly (84), Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (82), Bad Axe (70) and Kingston (66).

Finishing in the top three spots individually for Cass City was Copeland with the Hawks' only first place finish in the 3200 meter run, while runner-up finishes were posted by Spry in the long jump and Haven Bouverette in the shot

put. Third place showings went to Beckrow in the 100 meter dash and Abby Essex in the shot put.

Cass City also had third place finishes in a pair of relays awarded to the 3200 meter relay team of Copeland, Layna Mathewson, Mary Muter and Marla Muter and to the 400 meter relay team of Beckrow, Mathewson, Bouverette and Raeven Periso.

For Uibly, Isle Roggenbuck was a double winner shining in the field events, where she won the shot put and discus, while Lily Kieliszewski was second in the 400 meters, Haili Gusa second in the 800 and 1600 meters, and Alexiss Guigar second in the 100 meter hurdles and third in the 300 meter hurdles.

The Bearcats also won the 400 meter relay. Running legs were Guigar, Dajnae Leipprandt, Kieliszewski and Gusa, while the 1600 meter team of Kieliszewski, Guigar, Leipprandt and Tess Grifka was second to the tape.

For Kingston, Anna Ahern was best in the high jump, while teammate Isabel Hurd was runner up in the event, Emily Warrington was third in the 3200 meter, Danielle Crisman was third in the 100 meter hurdles and second in the 300 meter hurdles, and Lily Lyons was third in the long jump.



RED HAWK Madison Beckrow sprints to the finish line in the 100 meter dash at the Reese invite.



FRESHMAN Dylan Halpin clears 5' 6" to record second place points in the high jump Friday.

Hawk men hand in lackluster showing at Reese Invitational

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

A disappointing showing Friday at the Reese Rocket Invitational Friday had the Cass City Red Hawk track team finish 9th in the field of 12 teams. However, Coach Jon Zdrojewski's thinclads did bring home a half dozen medals from the mega meet.

"The weather finally cooperated and it was only a little cold, but no rain and lighter winds. Medals were awarded to the top six finishers in each individual event and the top three finishers in the relays," said Zdrojewski.

Sophomore Nick McArdle had a great meet, according to Zdrojewski, setting two new personal records on his way to earning a pair of medals. He finished second in the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:30 and third in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:54.

Freshman Dylan Halpin continues to be a standout in the field events and took second in the high jump with a leap of 5' 6" and added fourth place points in the

long jump for the Red Hawks, where he established a new personal record (PR) mark by over a foot at 18' 10.5".

Sophomore Brandon Witherspoon set a new personal best record in the 800 meter run of 2:16.25 on his way to a fifth place finish. The final medal was awarded to junior Justin Schaufele in the long jump as he took fifth place.

Several Hawks turned in new personal record marks, but failed to bring home medals. They were: freshman Connor Herford in the shot put at 37'10", senior Alie Kalokoh in the 300 hurdles at 47.47 and Witherspoon in the 1600 meter run at 5:13.16.

Croswell-Lexington, who won the girls' field, added the boys' title with a score of 192.66, while Mayville was the runner up with 184 points and Hamady finished third with 168. Cass City posted 80 points.

UBLY INVITE

Bad Axe held off runners up Cass City and Uibly Tuesday to win the Bearcats' 6-school invite. The

Hatchets recorded a winning score of 119, while the Hawks and host Bearcats finished with 104 points. Kingston was next in the team standings (90), while Harbor Beach (58) and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (17) completed the rankings.

Cass City had a trio of first place performances, but it was the Red Hawks' showing in the long jump that impressed their veteran mentor most.

"Sophomore Anthony Boscaglia won the 200 meter dash in his first running of the event this season, setting a new PR of 25.03 and freshman Dylan Halpin won the high jump (5' 8")," Zdrojewski said, adding, "In the long jump Cass City easily dominated with junior Justin Schaufele taking second (17" 10.25"), Dylan Halpin taking third with a new PR of 17'10" and Anthony Boscaglia taking fourth (17" 8.50")."

Cass City also had good showings in the distance races. McArdle finished in second place in the 3200 meter run and third in the 1600 meter run, with junior Drew Markel finishing right behind McArdle in both events.

"We also had a new PR set by freshman Hugh Walker, taking sixth place in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:21," noted Zdrojewski.

For Uibly, Levi Peruski was an individual double winner, taking both hurdle races, while Josh Brandel was best in the 400 meter run with a winning time of 54.17, Colin Oberski was third in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, and Dylan Hagen was third in the shot put and high jump.

The Bearcat 800 and 1600 meter relay team – consisting of Oberski, Logan Mueller, Cole Hagen and Dylan Hagen – was second in both events as was the Uibly 3200 meter relay team that had Zachary Garner, Brandel, Peruski and Ethan Rayl running legs.

For Kingston, Andrew Tucker won the shot put and Quinn Bocard won the discus and placed second in the shot put to highlight the day. The Cardinals also had Michael McNeil third in the 800 meter run.

Kingston's best finish in the relays was recorded in the 3200 meter race as Brennan Boyl, McNeil, Rayl and Moran Green came in third.



JUNIOR Kendall Anthes has delivered on the mound for Cass City. See story page 10.

Cass City Jr./Sr. High School 2019 Spring Sports Schedule



BOYS' BASEBALL (VARSITY)

W-L **15-1**

DATE	OPPONENT
4/4	CC vs. Imlay City: W 12-0 W 13-1
4/9	CC vs. Marlette: W 10-0 W 8-3
4/12	CC vs. Memphis: W 15-2 L 13-3
4/13	CC vs. Mayville: W 15-0 CC vs. Reese: W 4-0 CC vs. Lakers: W 12-0
4/23	CC vs. Sandusky: W 8-0 W 7-0
4/25	CC vs. Vassar: W 10-0 W 11-2
4/30	CC vs. Bad Axe: W 6-1 W 6-2
5/2	CC vs. USA: W 2-0 Game 2: Postponed
5/6	Brown City
5/9	Harbor Beach
5/13	EPBP Lakers
5/17	Caro
5/20	Deckerville (no JV)
5/22	Reese
5/29-6/1	Districts @ Lakers - time to be announced

All games begin at 4 p.m. unless noted

GIRLS' SOFTBALL (VARSITY)

W-L **12-4**

DATE	OPPONENT
4/9	CC vs. Marlette: W 15-0 W 20-1
4/12	CC vs. Memphis: W 1-0 W 18-1 W 15-10
4/13	CC vs. Millington: L 7-4 CC vs. Sandusky: W 15-0 CC vs. Lakers: L 7-8
4/22	CC vs. Vassar: W 14-4 W 13-2
4/23	CC vs. Sandusky: W 12-9 W 17-2
4/30	CC vs. Bad Axe: W 16-3 W 7-6
5/2	CC vs. USA: L 15-4 L 9-3
5/6	Brown City
5/9	Harbor Beach (no JV)
5/11	Hemlock Tourney
5/13	EPBP Lakers
5/17	Caro
5/20	Deckerville (no JV)
5/22	Reese
5/29-6/1	Districts @ Lakers - time to be announced

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TRACK

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

GOLF

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

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JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

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

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Notice of Ordinance No. 184 for the Village of Cass City

Village of Cass City, MI
Ordinance No. 184
AN ORDINANCE TO
AMEND
THE VILLAGE OF CASS
CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II,
(Blight), SECTION 16-35.1 -
16-35.14

ENTITLED "ANTI-BLIGHT
ORDINANCE,
VACANT, ABANDONED,
AND FORECLOSED
PROPERTIES,
BUILDING REGULATION,
AS FOLLOWS.

The Village of Cass City ordains.....
Chapter 16 – Environment, Article II – Blight, Section(s) 16-35.1 – 16-35.14– Anti Blight

Section 16-35 -
VACANT,
ABANDONED, AND
FORECLOSED PROPERTIES,
BUILDING
REGULATION

Sec. 16-35.1 Purpose

Vacant, Abandoned, and Foreclosed Properties have a negative impact on surrounding properties and neighborhoods. Owners of such properties should be held accountable for the condition of same, because properties which are not maintained constitute a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare, create blight and nuisances, and lower property values and neighborhood integrity.

Sec. 16-35.2 Scope

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all residential, commercial and industrial properties and structures in the Village of Cass City, regardless of condition, including all vacant land in the Village of Cass City.

Sec. 16-35.3 Definitions

a. "Abandoned Vacant Property" means vacant property as defined in this article that has been vacant for 30 days or more and meets any of the following criteria

1. Provides a location for loitering, vagrancy, unauthorized entry or other criminal activity;
2. Has one or more broken windows, or two or more windows boarded up, for more than 30 days;
3. Has utilities disconnected or not in use;
4. Is not maintained in compliance with village codes and ordinances, including without limitation, Michigan Residential Building Code, International Property Maintenance Code and the Fire Prevention Code.
5. Has taxes in arrears for a period of time exceeding 365 days;
6. Is only partially completed, is not fit for human occupancy and there are no active building permits on the property that will result in restoration of the premises to a safe and habitable condition.

b. "Borrower" means a borrower under a mortgage, who grants a lien or interest in property to a trustee as security for the payment of a debt.

c. "Building" means a structure with a roof supported by columns or walls to serve as a shelter or enclosure.

d. "Construction Code" is defined as the State of Michigan Construction Code Act, Public Act No. 230 (MCL 125.1501 et seq.), adopted under Section 6.1 of this Code of Ordinances.

e. "Foreclosure" means the process by which a mortgage is enforced against a parcel of real property through sale or offering for sale to satisfy the debt of the borrower.

f. "Harborage" is defined as a shelter, harbor.

g. "Lender" means a person, firm or corporation holding a mortgage on a property.

h. "Mortgage" means a recorded lien or interest in a real property to secure payment of a loan.

i. "Owner" is defined as one who has the right to possess, use, and convey something, i.e. the owner, occupant or successor to title by foreclosure, sheriff's sale or by court order.

j. "Possessory Lender" means a person, firm, or corporation that has foreclosed a mortgage on a property but may not have legal or equitable title.

k. "Property Maintenance Code" is defined as the International Property Maintenance Code adopted under Section 6.1 of this Code.

l. "Rodent" is defined as any of an order (Rodentia) of relatively small gnawing mammals (as a mouse, a rat, a squirrel or a beaver) that have in the upper jaw a single pair of incisors with a chisel-shaped edge; also, a small mammal (as a rabbit or a shrew).

m. "Safety and Maintenance Inspection" means a visual inspection to check the minimum requirements as set forth in the International Property Maintenance Code, 2006 or its successor Code, for sanitary maintenance, life safety, other obvious hazards and code violations.

n. "Structure" means anything constructed or erected the use of which requires location on or attachment to the ground and includes buildings.

o. "Vacant property" is defined as a lot, building, or structure that is not legally or currently occupied. Vacant property does not mean property that is temporarily unoccupied while the residents are away on vacation, personal matters or business, or is not intended by the owner to be left vacant.

Sec. 16-35.4 Registration of vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed property.

a. An owner of vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed property in the Village shall be responsible for registering that property with the Village Police Department by complying with the affidavit and registration and inspection fee requirements in this article. In the event the owner shall fail or refuse to register the property, the lender or possessory lender shall be responsible for compliance with this provision.

b. Vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed property shall be registered within 30 days of the vacancy or 10 days of the inspection described in section 35.5.

Sec. 16-35.5 Registration affidavit

Owners, lenders and/or possessory lenders who are required to register property pursuant to this article shall do so by submitting a copy of a driver's license and an affidavit containing the information specified in this section. The affidavit may be provided by an agent provided the agent's written authorization from the owner, lender, or possessory lender is submitted with the affidavit. The affidavit must be signed and dated by the owner(s), lender(s) and/or possessory lender(s) required to register property or the authorized agent and must set forth the following information:

1. The name(s) and owner(s) of the property.
2. The name(s) of lender(s) and/or possessory lender(s) for the property.
3. A mailing address where mail may be sent that will be acknowledged as received by the owner. If certified mail/return receipt requested is sent to the address and the mail is returned marked "refused" or "unclaimed" or if ordinary mail sent to the address is returned for whatever reason, then such occurrence shall be prima facie proof that the owner has failed to comply with this requirement.
4. The name of an individual or legal entity responsible for the care and control of the property. Such individual may be the owner, or may be someone other than the owner with whom he/she has contracted.
5. A current address, telephone number, facsimile number and email address where communications may be sent that will be acknowledged as received by the individual responsible for the care and control of the property. If certified mail/return receipt requested is sent to the address and the mail is returned marked refused or unclaimed, or if ordinary mail sent to the address is returned for whatever reason, then such occurrence shall be prima facie proof that the owner has failed to comply with this requirement.

Sec. 16-35.6 Registration, inspection and other fees.

All fees applicable to this article shall be set by resolution of the Village Council. Registration and inspection fees shall be paid at the time of submitting the registration affidavit. There shall also be a fee for the filing of any additional or new owner's affidavit, with such fee being set by resolution of the village's board. For properties that are not registered within the required time, an additional fee for the added cost of the expenses in having to determine ownership, which may include, but is not limited to, title searches, shall be assessed and immediately payable. All unpaid fees shall be charged against the real property upon which the structure is located and shall be lien upon such property in accordance with the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code, or any successor code.

Sec. 16-35.7 Requirement to keep information current.
If at any time the information contained in the affidavit is no longer valid, the property owner, lender or possessory lender has 10 days to file a new affidavit containing current information. There shall be no fee to update a registered owner's current information.

Sec. 16-35.8 Safety and maintenance inspections.

a. If the foreclosed upon vacant or abandoned property includes vacant or unoccupied buildings, the owner of that property is responsible for immediately obtaining and paying for the village's "safety and maintenance inspection" (as defined herein) of the building and property, obtaining necessary permits, making required repairs and obtaining inspections from the village annually thereafter until the building(s) is lawfully occupied, to ensure the building(s) are safe, secured and well maintained. The owner shall demonstrate that all water, sewer, electrical, gas, HVAC and plumbing systems, exterior finishes and walls, concrete surfaces, accessory buildings and structures, swimming pools and spas, roofing, structural systems, foundation, drainage systems, gutters, doors, windows, driveways, sidewalks are sound, operational or properly disconnected.

Sec. 16-35.9 Property constituting a public nuisance, maintenance and security requirements.

a. It is declared a public nuisance for any owner to cause, permit, or maintain any property condition contrary to the provisions of this section. The owner, entity, individual or authorized agent responsible for the care and control of the property must adhere to the vacant property maintenance requirements as contained in this section. The owner, entity, individual or authorized agent responsible for the care and control of the property shall perform bi-monthly inspections of the property to assure compliance with the requirements of this section. In case of emergency and/or exigent circumstances, the owner, entity, individual or authorized agent responsible for the care and control of the property shall allow access to the property by the Village staff or agent, for the purpose of inspection.

b. If, at the time of the safety and maintenance inspection, the inspector deems that the electrical, plumbing or mechanical systems pose health or safety hazards and require additional inspection by the licensed code official in that discipline, the owner shall be responsible to obtain and pay for that required inspection.

c. If an owner fails or refuses to complete the inspections required by the subsection (a) of this section, the possessory lender shall be obligated to complete the inspection upon foreclosure of the property. Additionally, any lender who holds a mortgage on a property located within the village shall obtain and pay for the inspection pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the extent permitted by law or under that mortgage, of the property that is the security for the mortgage, upon default by the borrower, within five days after either the filing of a complaint for foreclosure (if foreclosure is by judicial action) or publishing a notice of foreclosure (if foreclosure is by advertisement).

Sec. 16-35.10 Fire damaged property.

If a building is fire damaged, the owner or possessory lender has 90 days from the date of the fire to apply for a permit to start construction or demolition. Additional 90-day extensions may be granted by the Village provided the owner(s), lender(s) or possessory lender(s) submits a written request to the Village prior to the expiration of the current 90-day

period, wherein said written request sets forth facts and information demonstrating substantial progress towards completing repairs. Failure to do so will result in the property being deemed vacant and/or abandoned and subject to the requirements of this article.

b. Vacant property shall be kept free of the following:

1. Weeds or grass more than six (6) inches high,

2. Vegetation growth between sidewalk and/or driveway flags or from cracks in the pavement,

3. Dry brush, dead vegetation, trash, junk, debris, building materials, rodent harborage, accumulated snow on sidewalks and driveways,

4. Any accumulation of newspapers, circulars, flyers, and notices (except those required by federal, state or local law),

5. Discarded items including, but not limited to, furniture, clothing, large and small appliances, printed material, signage, containers, equipment, construction materials, and

6. Any illegal outside storage of vehicles.

c. Vacant property shall comply with the minimum-security fencing, barrier and maintenance requirements of the Construction Code and the Property Maintenance Code.

d. Vacant property shall be maintained free of graffiti, tagging or similar markings by removal or painting over with an exterior grade paint that matches the color of the exterior structure.

e. Vacant property shall be landscaped and properly maintained. Landscaping includes, but is not limited to, grass, ground covers, bushes, shrubs, hedges or similar plantings, decorative rock or bark designed and maintained in an appropriate manner. Landscaping does not include weeds, gravel, broken concrete, asphalt, decomposed materials, plastic sheeting, indoor-outdoor carpet, or any similar material. Maintenance includes, but is not limited to, regular watering, irrigation, cutting, pruning and mowing of landscaping and removal of all trimmings.

f. Pools, spas and other water feature located on vacant property shall be kept in working order or winterized to ensure that the water remains clear and free of pollutants and debris, or drained and kept dry and free of debris, and must comply with the minimum-security fencing, barrier and maintenance requirements of the Construction Code and the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code, or its successor code.

g. Vacant property shall be maintained in a secure manner so as not to be accessible to unauthorized persons. Secure manner includes, but is not limited to, the closure and locking of windows, doors (walk-through, sliding and garage), gates and any other opening of such size that it may allow a child to access the interior of the property and/or structure(s). Broken windows must be repaired or replaced within fourteen (14) days. Boarding up of open or broken windows is prohibited except as a temporary measure for no longer than fourteen (14) days.

h. Utilities at vacant property must be properly disconnected or if remained connected, maintained in proper working order.

i. Building appurtenances at vacant property must be securely attached so as not to cause a blighting condition, including, but not limited to, gutters, downspouts, shutters, railings, guards, steps, awnings, canopies, signs, light fixtures, and fire-escapes.

j. Detached signs and lighting systems at vacant property shall be structurally sound, and maintained so as not to cause a blighting condition.

k. Vacant property fencing and retaining wall shall be maintained structurally sound. Any fence or wall with broken or hanging components shall be repaired, straightened, or removed.

l. Perishables shall be removed from the interior of the structures located on vacant property.

Sec. 16-35.11 Right of entry.

If the owner, lender or possessory lender has failed to secure the property, the Village may seek an administrative search warrant in order to permit entry upon the property to secure the property. Such will necessarily include the authority to conduct inspections to ensure the absence of emergency or hazardous health and safety conditions within the structure. All administrative expenses associated with the issuance of the search warrant shall be recoverable and assessed against any owner(s), lender(s) or possessory lender(s) of the property jointly and severally.

Sec. 16-35.12 Re-occupancy.

A vacant building or structure on abandoned or foreclosed property shall not be occupied until all violations have been corrected in accordance with the violation or correction notices issued and a certificate of re-occupancy has been issued by the village building official. All mechanical, electrical, plumbing and structural systems shall be certified by a licensed contractor as being in good repair, the provisions of the Construction Code or 2006 International Property Maintenance Code, or its successor, complied with and all blight removed.

Sec. 16-35.13 Penalty.

Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a penalty not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 90 days, or both such fines and imprisonment.

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A Motion to Adopt Village of Cass City, MI Ordinance No. 184, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II, (Blight), SECTION(S) 16-35.1 - 16-35.14 ENTITLED, "ANTI-BLIGHT ORDINANCE, VACANT, ABANDONED, AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES, BUILDING REGULATION ORDINANCE,

Was offered by Trustee Piaskowski and supported by Trustee Leeson
Ayes: Delamarter, Ball, Herron, Kim, Leeson, Piaskowski, Zawilinski
Nays: None
Resolution: Approved

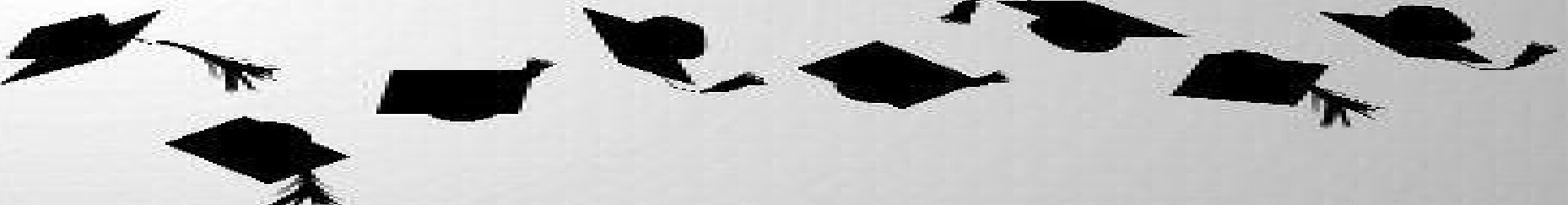
Dan Delamarter, President
Village of Cass City

Nanette Walsh, Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Cass City

Introduction and First Reading: March 25, 2019
Second Reading: April 29, 2019
Public Hearing and Request for Adoption: April 29, 2019
Adopted: April 29, 2019
Effective: Upon adoption by the Cass City Village Council, this ordinance shall become effective 30 days later.

CERTIFICATION
I, the undersigned duly appointed Village Clerk of the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the above ordinance, or a summary thereof, was published in Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in the Village on May 8, 2019, and that such ordinance was entered with the Ordinance Book of the Village on May 8, 2019.

Dated: May 8, 2019.
Nanette Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer,
Village of Cass City



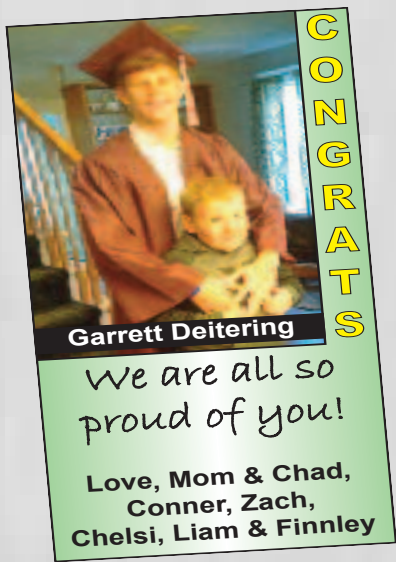
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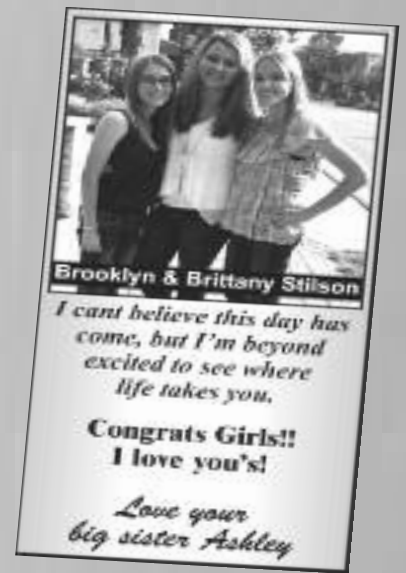
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Worship Service 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Phil Burkett • www.casscitymc.org
Associate Pastor: Joel Schwendinger

Cass City United Methodist Church
872-3422 - 5100 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
www.casscityumc.org
Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Bob Demyanovich

Community Baptist Church
(Independent Fundamental)
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4088
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
• Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Nathan Whipple

Deford Community Church
1392 N. Kingston Rd. • 872-4055
(1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.)
Sundays - 10 a.m. • Wednesdays - 7 p.m.
Pastor: David Cooper
DefordCommunityChurch.org

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
• 872-5060
• Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
• Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies • Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould - Like us on Facebook!

First Baptist Church
(Independent, Fundamental) Barrier Free
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-3155
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Teen Club 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Christian Wright
Website: www.fbccc.us

First Presbyterian Church
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6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400
Worship Service 10:45 a.m. • Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham
Exercise Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.
After School Adventure (K-6)
Call for winter schedule.

Fraser Presbyterian Church
3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400
• Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
• Coffee hour following worship
Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Steve Bagnall
www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com

Living Word Worship Center
Pentecostal - Church of God
6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4637
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Family Training Hour: Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Jephtha Bryant

Mizpah Missionary Church
4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Group 6:30-8 p.m.
Wednesday Kids' Club 6:30-8 p.m.
Pastor Dale Bullock 989-872-2828

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2nd Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Associate Minister: Austin Keller at Uibly &
Student Minister: Don Mecomber
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Mass: Saturday 4:00 p.m. Nov. 1 - Mar. 31
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Apr. 1 - Oct. 31
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Priest: Fr. Adam Maher

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Church of Cass City
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Obituaries

Logan Raymond

Logan Albert James Raymond, 22, of Cass City, passed away expectedly on Monday, April 29, 2019 from injuries sustained in an auto accident. He was born March 3, 1997 in Tawas City.

Logan graduated with the class of 2015 from Cass City High School. He recently began a job as a pourer for Blue Diamond Steel Casting in Pigeon. Logan enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding his dirt bike and motorcycle. Most important to Logan was spending time with his friends and family and loving life.



Logan is survived by his parents: Erik (Rochelle) Raymond of Bad Axe and Jennifer Hartwick of Bad Axe; siblings: Chelste (Jordan) Papp of Cass City, Gabrielle (Devyn) Spicer of Bad Axe, Olyviya Hartwick of Bad Axe, Dakota Hulbert of Kinde, Zachary Krueger of Sebewaing, Alicia Krueger of Bad Axe and Madison Krueger of Bad Axe; nieces: Adeline Papp and Paisley-Ann Hulbert; nephew, Braxton Spicer; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Also left to remember Logan are his grandparents: Darryl and Linda Metzger of Fairgrove and Denise Ernsberger of Pinconning; great-grandparents: Mona Raymond of Pinconning, Terry (Sheila) Prill of Bad Axe, Stephen Parnicky of East Tawas and James and Pat Metzger of Turner; aunts: Corie (John) Williams, Dannielle Crispin and Megan Metzger; uncles: Don (Melissa) Patch, Ryan Raymond and Joshua Ernsberger; heartbeats: Cody Kluger (Alicia Crouch); girlfriend: Shelby Noppenberger.

Logan was preceded in death by his grandpa, Rick Ernsberger; great-grandma, Marsha Parnicky; great-grandpa, Albert Raymond; niece, Lettie Spicer.

A funeral service was held Friday, May 3, in Novesta Church of Christ with Brad Speirs officiating.

Memorials may be made to Kranz Funeral Home for the benefit of the family.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and photos with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Legal Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 16, 2019:

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

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 12, 2011
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$62,190.25

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 56 rods South of Northwest corner of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 7 East; thence East 39 rods; thence North 12 rods; thence West 39 rods to Section line; thence South on Section line 12 rods to place of beginning.

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

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

Date of notice: April 17, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.

1381777

4-17-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 23, 2019:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Edward R. Yoe and Sheila Yoe, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Washington Mutual Bank, FA
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
Date of Mortgage: August 20,

Date of Mortgage Recording:

September 28, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$105,782.93

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The West 310.00 feet of the East half of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 34, Town 13 North, Range 11 East.

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

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

Date of notice: April 24, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.

1382401

4-24-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): David Holtsberry and Lori A. Holtsberry, husband and wife as joint tenants
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ditech Financial LLC
Date of Mortgage: December 8, 2003

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 18, 2004
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$27,613.58

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the East 35 acres of the East 1/2 of the Southwest quarter of Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence North 16 rods, thence East 8 Rods, thence South 16 rods, thence West 8 rods to the place of beginning

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with

MCLA 600.3241a.

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

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: April 24, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.

1382811

4-24-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Suzanne M. Manriquez, a married woman and Mario T. Manriquez, her husband
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC
Date of Mortgage: July 9, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 18, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$56,663.50

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 347 feet West of the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, thence North 20 rods, thence West 181 feet, thence South 20 rods, thence East 181 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Date of notice: April 24, 2019
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4-24-4

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HOUSEHOLD GARAGE SALE - 6201 Dale St., Cass City (across from Hills & Dales Hospital) too much to mention. May 9 & 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. 14-5-8-1

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FOR RENT - Cass City Apartments, an elderly community (elderly being defined as 62 years of age or disabled of any age) located in Cass City, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 bedroom Apartments. Units of barrier free design may also be available. Rent based on income, starting at \$499. For affordable housing call (989) 872-2009. Free Heat & Water! Pet Friendly! \$0 Security Deposit (limited time only) "This institution is an equal opportunity provider" TDD/TTY #711"
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11-4-17-6

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11-5-8-4

HELP WANTED - The Fowler Center for Outdoor Learning/ Year round camp for individuals with disabilities. Immediate Openings: **Maintenance Supervisor:** F.T. year round 40/wk + Medical/PTO/\$12; Responsible for grounds, buildings, equipment. Supervise seasonal staff/volunteers; **Dietary Supervisor:** 40/wk seasonal thru Sept. potential part-time after/ \$12; Schedule staff, supervise cooks, order supplies, menus, comply with regulatory agencies. **P.T. Cooks:** Year round hours vary \$10.54/hr, Prep meals, special diets, inventory, cleanliness; **P.T. Dietary Aids:** Year round hours vary \$10/hr, Counseling Staff/details on website www.thefowlercenter.org. Call Kyle - 313-418-8385/989-673-2050 x111.
11-5-8-2

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Med collections top 300 pounds

by Mary Drier
For the Chronicle

Law enforcement officials say residents dropped off more than 300 pounds of old and/or unused prescription medications during a recent bi-annual "take-back day" event.

Twice a year the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) partners with police agencies, including the Michigan State Police (MSP), to collect unwanted/expired medication. The effort is in addition to the drug collection receptacles available at a host of law enforcement offices throughout the year.

During the recent DEA-MSP event, residents in the MSP Third District dropped off roughly 144 pounds of medications, including

nine pounds at the Caro post, 43.4 pounds at the Flint post, 20 pounds at the West Branch post, 48 pounds at the Lapeer post and 24 pounds at the Tri-City post.

In Sanilac County, law enforcement agencies collected 160.1 pounds of unused prescription medication.

The Sanilac County Drug Task Force alone collected 113.5 pounds. Also participating were the Sanilac County Sheriff Department (22 pounds), Marlette police (18 pounds), Croswell police (26.5 pounds) and Peck police (2.1 pounds).

In Huron County, "We had 28 people bring in 20 pounds of pills," Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported, adding, "The service has been very popular here since we started doing it in 2011."

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs that are no longer needed, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

All of the medications collected are turned over to the DEA for safe disposal.

Aside from the twice-a-year collections, drop-off boxes have been installed at several law enforcement agencies, including the Cass City Police Department (village municipal building), which is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Other Tuscola County locations include the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, 420 Court St., Caro (24-hour drop-off receptacle. Call 989-673-8161 for more information); MSP Caro Post, 1485 Cleaver Rd., Caro, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (for more information, call 989-673-2156); and the Kingston Village Police Department, 3655 Ross St., Kingston, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (call 989-683-2680 for more information).

The following is a list of places that have drop-off boxes in Sanilac County: the village of Peck office at 30 E Lapeer Rd. Peck; Marlette City Hall, 6725 Airport Rd, Marlette; Croswell City Hall, 100 N. Howard Ave, Croswell; and the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department lobby.



A CONTINGENT of Tuscola County officials, including Sheriff Glen Skrent and circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, along with List Psychological therapist Kim Kern recently met with representatives of other sheriff's offices from the Great Lakes area – including departments from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana and Ohio — at the supreme court building in Columbus, Ohio, to discuss the effects the opioid crisis is having on rural counties. The federal Bureau of Justice, USDA, National Association of Counties and the National Sheriff's Association sponsored the workshop. Tuscola County was the only Michigan county represented at the conference, according to Skrent, who noted local officials will be seeking grant opportunities offered by federal agencies to help fight the opioid problem. (Photo courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department).

40 attend historical workshop

The fifth annual Thumb Regional Historical Workshop was held April 24 at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown.

There were 40 people in attendance representing 16 historical societies in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

The day began with information on grant writing, presented by Mackenzie Price Sundblad, executive director of the Huron County Community Foundation; Melissa Anderson, executive director of the Sanilac County Community Foundation; and John Hunter, executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

This first-time joint effort provided invaluable information to all who are seeking funding opportunities.

Michael Green, director of Digital Media at Matrix Digital Media, then shared his past experience, organizational skills and use of new media equipment in presenting tips related to conducting oral interviews in preserving local family stories and other local experiences.

Carl Osentoski, executive director of the Huron and Sanilac County Economic Development Corporation offices, discussed the use of co-working space and mini-grants and professional grants available.

Following lunch, representatives of Clear Ideas of Sandusky demonstrated the ease of using Facebook and other social media sites to better promote activities at each location.

Each society was given an opportunity to share information on their upcoming events, new historical reference tools, and updates on their displays.

Anyone interested in attending next year's event is asked to contact Rose Putnam at (989) 444-9574.

Letters to the Editor

Nice Twice closing up shop

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winter coats, shoes, purses, and jewelry, which were offered to anyone in need at no cost.

Dolly left the group due to health issues, but the endeavor continued. In late 2015, when Frankenmuth Credit Union came to Cass City, the clothing closet moved to the Hair Benders building on Garfield Avenue, thanks to the gracious invitation of Patty Peruski, where it continued to serve the women of our area.

In April, the owners of the building asked us to vacate by May 30. After searching for a new space with no success, I have decided to liquidate the inventory. Much of the clothing has already been donated to area women's shelters, food pantries, Tuscola Tech Center, funeral homes and Cass City High School's newly-formed necessities shop for students.

If anyone else is in need, please call Connie at (989) 872-4667 before May 18, when final disbursement of clothing will be completed.

I appreciate Jim Kranz, Patty Peruski and to the community for their generous donations and support.

Most sincerely,
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